

APRIL 11, 2019
POSTPONED FROM APRIL 8, 2019
BELLS BOARD MEETING

Aldermen present: Bob Pigue, Scotty Runions, Lee Overton, Dabney Long and Eric Jordan. Mayor Joe M. Williams, presided. Alicia Pigue, Recorder.

Others present: Sukhttk Boparai, Erin Schweitzer, Kelsey Schweitzer, Chief Jenkins and Junior Jordan.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and Alderman Dabney Long gave invocation.

Mayor Williams presented the minutes of March board meeting. Alderman Eric Jordan moved to accept the minutes as written. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented the financials through March 2019.

Mayor Williams presented Ordinance no 04112019 **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLS PROVIDING THAT THE MUNICIPAL CODE BE AMENDED BY DELETING SECTION 8-205 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING INSTEAD A NEW SECTION 8-205; RELATING TO THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF BEER”**. Alderman Scotty Runions moved to adopt the Ordinance as amended on its first reading with 500 feet written in to be the distance between a church and the establishment receiving the Beer License for On-Premises Consumption. Alderman Eric Jordan seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with the following results: Alderman Eric Jordan, “Aye”; Alderman Dabney Long, “Aye”; Alderman Lee Overton, “Aye”; Alderman Scotty Runions, “Aye”; Alderman Bob Pigue, “Nay”. Motion carried.

Sukhttk Boparai, owner of Gas USA, asked that the City amend the Ordinance to include sale of beer on Sundays. Alderman Scotty Runions moved to have Mayor Williams look into steps to take for sales on Sundays. Alderman Lee Overton seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with the following results: Alderman Eric Jordan, “Aye”; Alderman Dabney Long, “Aye”; Alderman Lee Overton, “Aye”; Alderman Scotty Runions, “Aye”; Alderman Bob Pigue, “Nay”. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented the Board with four bids for the demolition of three downtown buildings:

- M & H Demo= \$79,000
- Crocker Construction Co, Inc=\$99,200
- Still Evans Contractors, Inc.= \$130,270

- Volunteer Bridge Construction, Inc= \$171,800

Upon review and approval of the lowest bidder by A2H, Alderman Eric Jordan moved to award the bid to M & H Demo and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all contracts associated with the award. Alderman Dabney Long seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with all Aldermen present and All Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented the Board members with information from the Next Step Foundation.

Mayor Williams presented a new budget, timeline schedule and building layout for the Build the Bells Theater Project. The total budget of the project along with the demo and the Architect fees, Engineering fees and Grant writing fees are estimated to be \$1,277,147.11. The total Grant Revenue, Arts Council contributions and \$25,000 from the City of Bells are estimated to be \$1,189,000 leaving a deficit of approximately \$88,147.11. Mayor Williams advised that the City has a zero percent loan available through Gibson Electric Membership Corporation to borrow the necessary money over a ten year period. Alderman Eric Jordan moved to approve the building layout and further moved to approve the budget pending bid process. Alderman Lee Overton seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with the following results: Alderman Eric Jordan, "Aye"; Alderman Dabney Long, "Aye"; Alderman Lee Overton, "Aye"; Alderman Scotty Runions, "Nay"; Alderman Bob Pigue, "Aye". Motion carried.

City Superintendent Junior Jordan disclosed that Environmental Bacteria, the company we have been buying bacteria from for the City's Lagoon System, is selling their company to him. Mr. Jordan further explained that he would be making and selling the bacteria to a company the City already does business with named G&C. Mr. Jordan suggested that in order to avoid a conflict of interest that his current Street Supervisor Roy Haynes start monitoring the Lagoon and issue the work order and purchase order for this product whenever he sees it necessary. Alderman Scotty Runions moved to begin buying the product from G & C Supply Company whenever Environmental Bacterial sold the business. Alderman Dabney Long seconded the motion. Thereupon, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with all Aldermen present and the following results: Alderman Eric Jordan, "Pass"; Alderman Dabney Long, "Aye"; Alderman Lee Overton, "Aye"; Alderman Scotty Runions, "Aye"; Alderman Bob Pigue, "Aye". The Aye's having the vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried. Mayor Williams disagrees with this decision.

Mayor Williams presented the Board with the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year End Budget and Ordinance No 05132019 **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLS, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020"** Alderman Bob Pigue moved to approve the Ordinance on its first reading and same be made a part of the minutes of this meeting in its entirety. Alderman Eric Jordan seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with all Aldermen present and All Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented the Board with Resolution No 04082019 **“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLS APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR NON-PROFIT AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020.”** Alderman Scotty Runions moved to adopt the resolution. Alderman Bob Pigue seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Bob Pigue discussed LED lit Stop Signs.

Mayor Williams announced that the Board would now meet in closed session for a personnel issue.

Closed meeting is kept in confidential file.

Being no further business Alderman Scotty Runions moved the meeting adjourn. Alderman Eric Jordan seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

JOE M WILLIAMS, MAYOR

ALICIA PIGUE, RECORDER