

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING  
MAY 23, 2016

Aldermen present: Bob Pigue, John Pigue, Dabney Long and Eric Jordan. Mayor Joe M. Williams, presided. Alicia Pigue, Recorder.

Others present: Martha Edmonds, Zack Stephenson, Keith Vandiver, Pate Randall, Travis Vance, Frankie McCord, Timothy McCord, Junior Jordan, Melissa Posey and Alex Howard.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and Alderman Bob Pigue gave invocation.

Members of the Boy Scouts presented themselves to the Board. Members present were Timothy McCord, Zack Stephenson and Alex Howard.

Ms. Martha Edmonds discussed overgrown grass, abandoned cars and homes. She also discussed the brush in the Bellevue Cemetery and knocked over stones.

Mayor Williams discussed Trey Butler's insurance situation. Currently Officer Butler only is insured himself on the City's insurance plan. Mayor Williams discussed offering Officer Butler \$350.50 per month to pay for his wife and children's insurance plan through her work. This still saves the City of Bells \$2,031.72 per year as opposed to having Officer Butler on the City Plan. Alderman Bob Pigue moved to offer the insurance as presented. Alderman Eric Jordan seconded the motion. Alderman Bob Pigue, "Aye", Alderman John Pigue, "Aye", Alderman Dabney Long, "Pass", Alderman Eric Jordan, "Aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Williams discussed Officer Kevin Ligon working at Gadsden Police Department.

Keith Vandiver with the Crockett County Dixie Youth League addressed to the Board about Ball fields and funding.

Mayor Williams discussed employee raise options. Alderman Bob Pigue moved to give each employee a 35 cent per hour increase. Alderman John Pigue seconded the motion. Alderman Bob Pigue, "Aye", Alderman John Pigue, "Aye", Alderman Dabney Long, "Nay", Alderman Eric Jordan, "Nay". With a tie in place the Mayor voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Williams discussed the Arts Council and the City's role in donating to the theater.

Mayor Williams moved to rescind his vote from the previous motion concerning 35 cent per hour increase for City employees.

Alderman Eric Jordan moved to donate \$5,000 to the Crockett County Arts Council for the revamping of the Downtown Theater. Alderman John Pigue seconded the motion. Alderman Bob Pigue, "Pass", Alderman John Pigue, "Aye", Alderman Dabney Long, "Aye", Alderman Eric Jordan, "Aye". Motion carried.

Alderman Dabney Long moved to give each City employee a 50 cent per hour increase in wages. Alderman Eric Jordan seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Eric Jordan moved to adopt **Ordinance No 05232016** “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLS, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**” with changes as follows:

- \$5,000 donation to Save the Bells Theater
- 50 cent per hour employee raise
- Keep \$5,000 donation to the Dixie Youth
- Add 1.00 rate increase on base Sewer rate
- Add 1.00 rate increase on base Water rate

He further moved to adopt the amended budget, **Ordinance No 05232016AM**, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 06222015 OF THE CITY OF BELLS, TENNESSEE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 THRU JUNE 30, 2015.**”

Alderman John Pigue seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

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

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JOE M. WILLIAMS, MAYOR

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ALICIA PIGUE, RECORDER