

BELLS BOARD MEETING AUGUST 13, 2018

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

Others present: Chief Jernigan, Junior Jordan, Chief Jenkins, Adam November, Patrick Bratcher, Charlie Moore, Nancy Canada, Trey Butler, Jere Kail, Sarah Conley, Billy Brimm, Jose Luis Vargas, Lue Verne Martin and Richard Chapina.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and gave the floor to Adam November with TLM and Patrick Bratcher with APEX. Mr. November stated that the previous three tests that were to be performed on the brick that were recommended to get a better idea of the lifespan and stability of the Bells Theater were not going to be able to be performed. He further stated that Intek, the company that was to do the testing, would need to take a considerable amount of the brick from the Theater structure and move it to Pennsylvania. The commute for the brick specimen would likely interfere with the test results. Mrs. Sarah Conley stated her disappointment in TLM in both timeliness and knowledge of the brick testing. Mr. November and Mr. Bratcher recommended that the City use CML to do a "Prism" test in lieu of the three tests that were previously recommended. Alderman Eric Jordan moved to move forward with the Prism test as recommended by Mr. November and Mr. Bratcher. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. Mayor Williams called for the vote with all Aldermen being present and all Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams opened up the public hearing for Mr. Richard Chapina as a petition and complaint have been officially filed on the property Mr. Chapina owns on Depot Street "OLD LEGION HUT". Mr. Chapina gave his testimony and upon review Alderman Scotty Runions moved to give Mr. Chapina 60 days to have the unfit structure removed or to have it fit for human occupation. He further moved that the City move forward with condemning the property if Mr. Chapina does not follow through with the set out protocol. Alderman Eric Jordan seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams opened up the second public hearing for Mr. Jose Luis Vargas as a petition and complaint have been officially filed on two pieces of property Mr. Vargas owns on Front Street, known as "OLD GIN OFFICE AND CONCRETE BLOCK SHELL WITH TREES GROWING INSIDE". Mr. Vargas gave his testimony and upon further review Alderman Scotty Runions moved to give Mr. Vargas 60 days to have the unfit structure removed or to have it fit for human occupation. He further moved that the City move forward with condemning the property if Mr. Vargas does not follow through with the set out protocol. Alderman Bob Pigue seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Eric Jordan moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Alderman Lee Overton seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented Ordinance No 07092018 **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 07102017 OF THE CITY OF BELLS, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018”**. Alderman Eric Jordan moved to adopt the Ordinance on its second and final reading and same be made apart of the minutes of this meeting in its entirety. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with all Aldermen present and all Aldermen voting, Aye. Motion carried.

Chief Jenkins presented Houston Trey Butler for re-hire as a Certified Police Officer. Alderman Bob Pigue moved to offer Mr. Butler \$16.50 per hour and a 90 day probation period with an option for Chief Jenkins to extend to a year and also waive the 60 day waiting period for health insurance as Mr. Butler is a rehire. He further moved to raise Officer Jay Green’s hourly salary from \$16.01 to \$16.50 per hour. 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 financial information and updated that all the Spring Paving jobs had been completed.

Alderman Dabney Long discussed Andrew Walker Park and the Community Picnic held there by the Bells Community Association. She stated that this year’s Picnic was to be held on September 8, 2018 and that the Bells Community Association was requesting a donation from the City of Bells. Alderman Bob Pigue moved to donate \$500 to the Bells Community Association for the Community Picnic at Andrew Walker Park. He further moved that the City provide Porta Potties and Golf Carts for the event. Alderman Eric Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with the following results: Bob Pigue, “Aye”, Scotty Runions, “Aye”; Lee Overton, “Aye”; Dabney Long, “Abstain”; Eric Jordan, “Aye”. The Ayes having the vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

JOE M WILLIAMS, MAYOR

ALICIA PIGUE, RECORDER