

TOWN OF BELL
BELL TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Derek Sanders.

Invocation – Flag

Led by Derek Sanders

B. Oath of Office

Attorney Lang performed the swearing in of the newly elected officials for the Town of Bell.

Council member, Tommy Brown, Council member, Derek Sanders, Council member Kenny Bass and Town Clerk, Michelle Rose.

C. Consent Items

1. Adoption of January 12, 2017 Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Kenny Bass. Motion carried.

2. Approval December 8, 2016 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Gary Blankenship. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Expenditures for November and December 2016

A motion was made to approve the expenditures for November and December 2016 by Mike Moore and seconded by Kenny Bass. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Financial Statements for November and December 2016

A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Gary Blankenship. Motion carried.

C. Scheduled Reports and Citizen Request

Stephanie Douglas- Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce

Mrs. Douglas was present to introduce herself as the new Director of the Gilchrist Co. Chamber.

D. Other Agencies

E. Business

1. David Lang, Jr. – Town Attorney

2. Thomas Brown – Town Mayor

3. Dan Cavanah - Town Manager

Strickland road project has gone out for bid. Bids will be opened on February 2, 2017 at 1:00 at Town Hall.

4. Michelle Rose - Town Clerk

Invited the Town of Bell to join the Gilchrist Chamber of Commerce. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Kenny Bass to pay the \$30 member fee to join the Chamber.

5. Derek Sanders – Council President

6. Michael Moore – Council Vice President

Inquired about the crosswalk at 129 and Akins BBQ. Gilchrist Commissioner, Todd Gray stated that he would check with Administrator Bobby Crosby on updates and possible grants that may be available. Councilman Moore also asked if the Council could get a written report from Animal Control on how many animals are being caught or handled each month in the Town of Bell.

Mr. Moore also would like to see a report from Code Enforcement, Tim Powell.

Councilman Moore asked if the Town could get an ad in the paper thanking the people for donations for the lighting ceremony.

Depot/ City Hall is also in need of some clean up around the landscape. Possibly pulling up some of the old crosssties.

7. Kenny Bass – Council Member
8. Chris Sandlin - Council Member
Absent
9. Gary Blankenship – Council Member

F. Old Business

G. New Business

Open the floor for nomination for President and Vice President of the Town Council.

Kenny Bass nominated Derek Sanders for President, Mike Moore seconded, motion carried unanimously. Kenny Bass nominated Mike Moore for Vice President, seconded by Gary Blankenship. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Bass made a motion to retain David Lang as the Town of Bell attorney for 2017, Gary Blankenship seconded. Motion carried.

H. Review of Future Agenda Items

Depot Restoration

Date and time of Christmas Parade

I. Public Comments

J. Adjourn

Kenny Bass made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Moore. Motion carried.

Prepared by:

Michelle Rose, Town Clerk