

TOWN OF BELL

BELL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. – Historic Train Depot Town Hall

Town Council Meeting

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Derek Sanders

Invocation – Flag

Led by Derek Sanders

B. Consent Items

1. Adoption of March 10, 2016 Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Gary Blankenship and seconded by Kenny Bass. Motion carried.

2. Approval of February 11, 2016 Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Kenny Bass and seconded by Gary Blankenship. Motion carried.

Approval of February 25, 2016 Workshop Minutes

Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes was made by Kenny Bass and seconded by Gary Blankenship. Motion carried.

Approval of February 25, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes was made by Gary Blankenship and seconded by Kenny Bass. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Expenditures for February 2016

A motion to approve the Expenditures was made by Gary Blankenship and seconded by Kenny Bass. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Financial Statements for February 2016

Motion to approve the Financial Statements was made by Gary Blankenship and seconded by Kenny Bass. Motion carried.

C. Scheduled Reports and Citizen Request

D. Other Agencies

E. Business

1. David Lang, Jr. – Town Attorney

Advised board on meeting with the Tax Collector on Ad Valorem taxes imposing of 3 mil. for 2015-2016. Sent a letter to the State to allow them to continue to collect 3 mil. The Council did not have a unanimous vote on the 3 mil because of the illness of Mrs. Murray at the time.

Attorney Lang also spoke with Mr. Stressling and asked him to contact Dan concerning the updates on the Depot and what the cost would be.

2. Thomas Brown – Town Mayor

No business

3. Dan Cavanah - Town Manager

Gave the info to the council on a sports utility vehicle. The council decided to get some prices from State contracts.

4. Michelle Rose - Town Clerk

No business

5. Derek Sanders – Council President

Addressed the issue of the Drumline that practices at the park on Sundays. Citizens are complaining

About not being able to use the basketball courts. The park is on a first come first serve basis. Tracy Sanders was present to complain about the noise.

Justin Morin and Ryan Miller from Unity Percussion was present to discuss with the council what the drumline does and that is does consist of members from this area. They said they had permission to use the park. They also stated that they practice at BHS on Friday and Saturday, but were told they can not practice there on Sunday because they were not affiliated with the school. Dan stated that we can not turn them away or discriminate against anyone using the park. Derek Stated that he would contact Superintendent Rob Rankin and find out as to why they can not use the school on Sunday.

6. Michael Moore – Council Vice President

Absent

7. Kenny Bass – Council Member

No Business

8. Chris Sandlin - Council Member

No business

9 Gary Blankenship – Council Member

Gary asked the council about purchasing a sports utility vehicle. The council requested that Dan look into state contracts and pricing and bring back information to the next meeting.

F. Old Business – Bank Loan/Building Repairs/ADA Compliance

Dan stated that the bank loan is renewed and the balance rolled over. The payment is approximately \$77 a month on interest only.

Mr. Stressling will be contacting Dan on the depot repairs and ADA compliance.

G. New Business

H. Review of Future Agenda Items

Tracy Sanders asked if the council can go over and review and possibly amend some of the Bell Park rules.

I. Public Comments

J. Adjourn

Prepared by:

Michelle Rose, Town Clerk