

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
Regular Meeting  
8 October 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A.** The Dandridge Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in a regular session at the Dandridge Police Department/Public Works Building in Dandridge, Tennessee on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.
- B.** Mayor GEORGE GANTTE was present and presiding. Mayor GANTTE called the meeting to order immediately following the Beer Board Meeting.

**II. ROLL CALL**

- A.** A roll call of the BMA was conducted with the following members responding:

- Mayor GEORGE GANTTE
- Alderman MIKE CHAMBERS
- Alderman JEFF DEPEW
- Alderman JESSICA ELDER
- Vice-Mayor TODD KESTERSON
- Alderman MARIANNE REESE

ABSENT: Alderman MIKE NELSON

- B.** A quorum being present, the following business was conducted and entered on the record:

The Pledge and Invocation was led by DWMF Superintendent Mike Norton.

**III. READING OF THE MINUTES**

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting as written.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously, and was so ordered.

**IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- **Thomas Spence** (705 John Shults Way) – *Having water issues, iron, pressure release valve, excessive water bill. A pressure release valve has not solved pressure issues. Have discussed issues with both Newport Utility and DWMF. Request info regarding iron/lead content in water. (DWMF Superintendent Mike Norton responded that such information is reported yearly via the Consumer Confidence Report.) There are 70 lbs. of pressure at the meter. Mr. Spence would like an adjustment on his excessive water bill and reimbursement for plumbing supplies/labor. Also request a study on the water. DWMF Superintendent Mike Norton reported that the home was an LMI home and a pressure reducer was initially installed with a one-year warranty (Mr. Spence stated he was never told there was a one-year warranty). Mayor GANTTE responded that the DWMF will check the meter for accuracy and will find the lead/iron content of the water at last report. Mr. Norton reported that no other issues have been reported in the area.*

**V. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None presented.

**VI. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR**

None presented.

**VII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER**

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$1,644,848.98	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 54,235.25
			<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$296,579.94

**VIII. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- **Resolution No. 19/20-06** Approving the Regional Planning Area for the Town of Dandridge and the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Town of Dandridge Regional Planning Commission

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Resolution No.19/20-06.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously, and was so ordered.

- **Resolution No. 19/20-07** Declaring the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee, a Gun Sanctuary Town

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Resolution No.19/20-07.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously, and was so ordered.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

None presented.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- Sponsorship Request (\$1,000) – Dandridge Ministerial Association/Dandridge Holiday Concert/Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra (Tuesday, December 10, 2019)

*Alderman CHAMBERS suggests that the DMA present a sponsorship request at budget time for the next fiscal year for consideration.*

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the \$1,000 sponsorship request.

A roll call was asked for and the BMA responded as follows:

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE		
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman ELDER	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE
Vice-Mayor KESTERSON	AYE		

On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, and was so ordered.

- Grant Contract Approval – TN Dept of Safety & Homeland Security/Dandridge PD (DUI Enforcement), \$15,000

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the grant contract.

A roll call was asked for and the BMA responded as follows:

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE		
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman ELDER	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE
Vice-Mayor KESTERSON	AYE		

On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, and was so ordered.

## XI. MISCELLANEOUS

**Bethany Hopkins** (Director Dandridge Memorial Library) – gave a library report (current statistics, over 19,000 patrons, 24,000 items, 13,590 visits in the past year, 26,090 physical items were checked out, 11,752 digital items were checked out via the TN Reads program, borrowed 637 items from other libraries, loaned 649 items to other libraries, 2,930 computer uses, 2,614 devices connected to Wi-Fi, 1,528 people attended 143 programs) Some compromise/complaints that the library receives: noise levels (with no meeting rooms), parking, handicap accessibility. In early phases of discussing the possibility of a new building. A survey will be distributed to patrons soon via water bills to gather opinions about what people want out of the library. Hopes the Town of Dandridge will help in the future in acquiring more space. Structural issues of the current building have not been addressed.

**Derrick Collins** (Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce) – thanked BMA for support with Retail Strategies service agreement (currently in discovery phase, gathering information on custom trade area analysis, data analytics, etc). Invited all to the Lakeside of the Smokes Balloon Fest. Grand opening celebration will be held on Friday morning from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

DWMF Superintendent **Mike Norton** – forwarded a digital copy of Newport Utility Districts water quality report (lead was listed as 1.05, which is acceptable). Reported that numerous conversations have been had with Mr. Spence in the past. Pressure valves were placed on LMI customers only, not the whole Swannsylvania system. The meter in question has been checked in the past, but will check again. DWMF follows the State of TN EPA standards for water.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, that the meeting of October 8, 2019 be adjourned.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously, and was so ordered.

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George Gantte, Mayor  
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ATTEST:

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Cathy Dixon Town Recorder