

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
9 June 2020**

Per Executive Order No. 16 issued by Governor Bill Lee on March 20, 2020, the provisions of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act were suspended, to the extent necessary, to allow governing bodies to meet and conduct essential business by electronic means, as opposed to in person at the same location. The Town of Dandridge Board of Mayor and Aldermen determined that meeting electronically was necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of Dandridge and Jefferson County, due to COVID-19.

The June 9th meeting was accessible to BMA, the media, and the public by electronic means via a video conference meeting via Zoom.

Public access to the meeting was limited as there was no physical location for the meeting in order to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare.

*To join the meeting by computer, simply use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84094203570> (this may require a quick download of the zoom application to your computer)
To join the meeting by phone, simply dial the following number: 929-436-2866.
Follow the prompts, entering your meeting ID, followed by the # symbol.
Meeting ID: 840 9420 3570#*

I. PUBLIC HEARING

- **Ordinance No.19/20-09** Amending Title 20 Chapter 6 Section 604 of the Dandridge Municipal Code (Dock – Activities Prohibited)
No comments
- **Ordinance No.19/20-10** FY19/20 Budget Amendment
No comments
- **Ordinance No.19/20-11** Amending Title 1 Chapter 1 Section 118 of the Dandridge Municipal Code (Salary of Mayor and Aldermen)
No comments
- **Ordinance No.20/21-01** FY20/21 Budget
Mayor Gantte proposed the property tax rate be dropped from 0.9138 to 0.91

II. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The Dandridge Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in a regular session via a video conference meeting via Zoom in Dandridge, Tennessee on Tuesday, the 9th day of June 2020.
- B. Mayor GEORGE GANTTE was present and presiding and called the meeting to order.

III. 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 MIKE NELSON
- Alderman MARIANNE REESE

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

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting as written.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Dandridge First United Methodist Church (Tracy Wilson) – Request to Use Town Hall Stage

Request use of the stage behind Town Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. beginning June 23rd – first/second week of August for outdoor worship service (mostly music, little bit of speaking). A liability policy will be presented to the town. No town resources will be needed and area will be cleaned after each use.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to suspend the rules and add the above item to the agenda.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the use of the stage area for the First United Methodist Church as requested.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

VI. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

VII. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

- Mayor Gantte reported that he, the Town Administrator, and the Building Inspector had met with a developer concerning a campground in Dandridge.
- Mayor Gantte also met with the police department to let them know that the BMA does support the department and appreciates the service they give to the town.
- A day was spent with the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Board during their interview process of President/CEO.
- Mayor Gantte asked for consensus on moving forward with Music on the Town plans.
 - Alderman Chambers – hope to move forward
 - Alderman Depew – if at all possible, wants it to go on
 - Alderman Elder – would really like to have it, if all possible
 - Vice-Mayor Kesterson – good with going ahead
 - Alderman Nelson – feel the same with previous comments
 - Alderman Reese – agrees with other comments

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$2,152,758.26	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 41,096.64
			<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$339,111.21

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Final Reading of **Ordinance No.19/20-09** Amending Title 20 Chapter 6 Section 604 of the Dandridge Municipal Code (Dock – Activities Prohibited)

This ordinance adds to the dock activities prohibited, #16 "No more than two(2) fishing poles are allowed on the dock per TWRA fishing license holder."

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Ordinance No.19/20-09 on final reading.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Final Reading of **Ordinance No.19/20-10** FY19/20 Budget Amendment

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Ordinance No.19/20-10 on final reading.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Final Reading of Ordinance No.19/20-11 Amending Title 1 Chapter 1 Section 118 of the Dandridge Municipal Code (Salary of Mayor and Aldermen)

This ordinance increases the salary of the aldermen from \$150/month to \$250/month (effective December 2020). The mayor's salary remains the same at \$1,350/month.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve Ordinance No.19/20-11 on final reading.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Final Reading of Ordinance No.20/21-01 FY20/21 Budget

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman ELDER, to approve Ordinance No.20/21-01 on final reading as amended by changing the property tax rate from 0.9138 to 0.91.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Resolution No.19/20-11 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,000, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, ESTABLISHING THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman ELDER, to approve Resolution No. 19/20-11.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

X. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Change Order #1 – Phase IV Waterline Replacement Project

This change order will increase the contract price an additional \$3,242.00 due to an increase in 6" directional bore of Academy Circle to an 8" bore.

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve change order #1.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- DWMF Sewage Pump Station Rehab #3

Brann and Whittemore, Inc. equipment offer, at a cost of \$55,322 =
2 – Shinmaywa Pumps (model 4CNXH437), 50 hp, 1750 rpm, 460/3, submersible sewage pumps
2 – 4" base elbows
2 – Upper guide rail brackets
2 – Lift chains
1 – NEMA 3R duplex pump control panel with VFD's transducer level control, stainless steel enclosure

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the purchase of materials for the sewage pump station rehab project.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Exit 417 ARC Water System Improvements Bid

This item will roll to the next regular scheduled meeting agenda.

- Grant Contract Approval (DVFD Equipment and Training Grant Program for Personal Protective Equipment (air packs & bottles), \$17,818.19, 100% grant)

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

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Discussion and Consideration to Purchase a Demo Set of Extrication Equipment

Cost = \$28,920, \$20,000 will be utilized via budget savings and \$8,920 transferred from the donation account.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to purchase the demo set for \$28,920.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- DVFD Request to Sell Fireworks as a Fundraiser

Will spend \$9,999.99 from the donation account to purchase fireworks. Fireworks will be sold from Station 2, June 30th – July 4th.

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the purchase & sale of fireworks.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Event Request: Modern Woodman's Movie on the Town (*Hocus Pocus*) (Saturday, October 10th, 7:00 p.m.)

To be held behind Town Hall.

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman ELDER, to approve the movie on the town event.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Request to Reschedule June Jubilee (October 24th, OctoberFest)

Reschedule from June 20th to October 24th due to COVID19 pandemic.

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the change of date request to October.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

- Dandridge Town Administrator Employment Agreement

6% salary increase

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to keep the current Town Administrator (Matt Rudder) to include a 6% raise and give authority to the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the town.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman NELSON	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.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

- Town Administrator Matt Rudder thanked BMA for continued confidence in his contract renewal.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman ELDER, that the meeting of June 9, 2020 be adjourned.

It was the consensus of the BMA to adjourn the meeting.

George Gantte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Dixon Town Recorder

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