

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
11 February 2016**

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 Thursday, the 11th day of February 2016.
- 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 by Town Recorder Cathy Dixon, with the following members responding:

- Mayor GEORGE GANTTE
- Alderman MIKE CHAMBERS
- Alderman PAM FARRAR
- Alderman TODD KESTERSON
- Alderman KEN THORNHILL

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor MIKE NELSON
Alderman DAVID JONES

- 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 CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting as written.

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

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

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

None presented.

VI. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

- Mayor Gantte reported that a citizen had brought to his attention that there was a fire truck on GovDeals.com for sale, a 2005 114' Ladder truck, with basket, bid is currently at \$60,000, still certified for use, located outside of St. Johns, SC (near Charleston). Fire Chief Andy Riley does have concerns with the length of the truck, as the truck would be very close to maneuver (turning radius) around downtown. A 107' long truck had previously been test driven in the downtown area and there was difficulty turning the 107' truck. The VFD is in favor of

purchasing a used truck ladder truck versus a new ladder truck, but is not top priority equipment wise at this point. A new engine is top priority due to the age of the existing engine. Town Administrator Melissa Peagler reported that other comparable trucks were selling for \$300,000-\$600,000. It could be a good purchase if the ladder truck could be purchased for \$100,000. If then, the truck could not be utilized to full capacity, it could then be sold. In depth discussions have been held about recommending the purchase of a new fire engine. Purchasing a ladder truck would not replace the need for a new engine. Considering the purchase of a ladder truck would add a new component of what could be done with the fire department.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$1,008,745.86	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 36,080.05
	<u>Money Market Balance:</u>	\$ -0-	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$159,878.35

VIII. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution No.15/16-08** to Approve a New Drug Free Workplace Policy and Incorporate it Into the Personnel Handbook

It came on a motion by Alderman FARRAR, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Resolution No.15/16-08.

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

- Review of **Resolution No.15/16-09** Adopting a Plan of Service by the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee for Approximately .75 acres of Annexed Property at 719 Video Drive

No action taken, review only.

- Review of **Resolution No.15/16-10** To Annex Approximately .75 acres of Annexed Property at 719 Video Drive to Incorporate Within the Corporate Boundaries of the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee

No action taken, review only.

- **Resolution No.15/16-11** Amend Personnel Handbook – Social Media Policy

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve Resolution No.15/16-11.

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

- First Reading of **Ordinance No.15/16-07** To Amend the Dandridge Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map to Zone .75 acres of Annexed Property at 719 Video Drive

It came on a motion by Alderman FARRAR, seconded by Alderman THORNHILL, to approve Ordinance No.15/16-07 on first reading.

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

Mayor GANTTE	AYE		
Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman FARRAR	AYE	Alderman THORNHILL	AYE

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

- First Reading of **Ordinance No.15/16-08** to Amend the 2015/2016 Budget

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Ordinance No.15/16-08 on first reading.

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

Mayor GANTTE	AYE		
Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman FARRAR	AYE	Alderman THORNHILL	AYE

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

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Approval Field Use Guidelines for the Field of Dreams

NOTICE: *The Park Committee reserves the right to reject any event based on scheduling conflicts, condition of fields, weather, etc. **ADD:** Public Works Department Supervisor or designee reserves the right to cancel play on the day of use if the weather or field conditions warrant.*

It came on a motion by Alderman THORNHILL, seconded by Alderman FARRAR, to accept the guidelines as amended above.

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

- Approval of KUB Waterline Extension Estimated Final Change Order

Recommend Change Order No.4, but only recommending 25 days be added to the previously approved calendar days (15 days are TDOT days and the other 10 are stop work days).

Recommend Change Order No. 5, only Items # 1 & 2, with no additional days.

It came on a motion by Alderman FARRAR, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the change orders with the above recommendations.

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

Mayor GANTTE	AYE		
Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman FARRAR	AYE	Alderman THORNHILL	AYE

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

- Approval of Items for Surplus

The following is a list of the surplus items we have inventoried to date:

- 1) 21" Snapper self-propelled push lawnmower
- 2) Metal desk
- 3) Wood desk
- 4) 5 speakers

- 5) (4) 7.50-16' wheels/tires
- 6) 27 chairs
- 7) 2 chair holder & movers
- 8) 1 Philips 19" TV
- 9) 1 Sylvania 25" TV
- 10) 1 TV stand on wheels
- 11) 2 Love Seats
- 12) 1 Chair
- 13) 1 Table
- 14) 5 6ft tables
- 15) 6 8ft tables
- 16) 1 10 ton Jack
- 17) 1 2 ton Jack
- 18) 2 60" Gravely lawnmowers (1 blown, 1 bad oil leak)
- 19) 1 3 point hitch sprayer, 55 gallon, wing sprayer, no pump
- 20) 1 air compressor, 1966 Karguard
- 21) 2 International Dump trucks with snow plows & salt spreaders
- 22) 1 6640 Ford tractor with 18ft reach and mower
- 23) 1 15ft Bush hog batwing
- 24) 1 Western salt spreader (12hp Briggs motor)
- 25) 1 Campbell-Hansfield (4hp, 13 gal compressor)
- 26) 2 Hunter fan lights
- 27) Misc. lights
- 28) 8 used computers and monitors
- 29) 1 copy machine
- 30) 1 pull behind sweeper (Steiner Tuf Model LS340)

Some larger items may be placed on GovDeals.com for sale.

It came on a motion by Alderman THORNHILL, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the items on the surplus list.

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

Mayor GANTTE	AYE	
Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON AYE
Alderman FARRAR	AYE	Alderman THORNHILL AYE

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

- Special Events Approval –
 - May 3-6 BASS Nation Eastern Regional Championship
 - May 18-21 BASS The Bass Pro Shop Open
 - June 10-11 Lakeside of the Smokies Olympic Distance Triathlon
 - June 18 June Jubilee
 - July 3 Shakin the Lake
 - August 13 Native American POW WOW
 - October 1-2 Bass Pro Shops Big Bass Tour
 - October 27-30 Morristown Marine Team Trail, Skeeter/Yamaha Series

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the events.

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

- Approval of the FY 14/15 Audit Report

It came on a motion by Alderman THORNHILL, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to accept the FY14/15 audit report.

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

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

- Town Administrator Melissa Peagler –
 - Received FEMA payment (\$11,000)
 - Has received an official signed agreement from TWRA and TVA has started the 26A permit. Part of the grant involves TVA completing the work for the 26A permit which consists of approximately \$5,000 worth of in-kind engineering costs plus \$10,000 in cash. This now allows the process to begin, to get funding in place, and start to proceed with the dock for the water front.
 - The BMA Visioning Retreat is currently scheduled for February 27th. Due to conflicts, the retreat was rescheduled for Saturday, March 5th, 8:00-12:00.
 - Home Grant – applications have been picked up, going through the scoring process (via hired consultant), applicants being contacted. Approximately 13 applications were received. Will initially start with four houses, re-advertise for more applications. Scoring will be done through February, hope to come before BMA in April with a list of those selected.
- Chief of Police Carson Williams reported that a beer sting was held on February 10th. One business was cited for selling to a minor (Zoomerz Exxon).
- Purchase of a Ladder/Bucket Truck for the Volunteer Fire Department from GovDeals.com

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

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

Mayor GANTTE	AYE		
Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman FARRAR	AYE	Alderman THORNHILL	AYE

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

Concerns include the turning radius in downtown, complicated truck to utilize, drivers will have to be trained. Such a truck normally runs in the range of \$300,000-\$600,000. GovDeals.com requires a 10% buyers fee/premium. It was suggested to pay and send a professional to view/inspect the truck along with the Town's fleet mechanic. Pros and Cons of such a purchase were considered. Such a purchase will not affect the ISO rating. Purchasing such a truck could allow local motels to have additional floors, however there are fire suppression water issues at the 417 interchange area. It would cost the town approximately \$500,000 in improvements to solve the water pressure issue in that area so future developers will not have to spend additional money for water upgrades/pump systems for sprinkler systems. DWMF Superintendent Mike Norton stated he wasn't aware of any issues in the past as motels in the area provide their own fire suppression.

(also see above comments in Business Presented by the Mayor)

It came on a motion by Alderman THORNHILL, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to give the Town Administrator the approval to purchase up to \$100,000 a 2005 ladder truck that is currently in St. Johns, SC and to include buyer's premium.

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

Mayor GANTTE	AYE		
Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman FARRAR	AYE	Alderman THORNHILL	AYE

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman THORNHILL, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, that the meeting of February 11, 2016 be adjourned.

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

George Gantte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Dixon, Town Recorder
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