

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
8 May 2018**

I. PUBLIC HEARING

- **Ordinance No.17/18-07** Amending the Zoning Map from an R-1 (Low Density Residential District) to a B-2 (General Commercial District), W. Hwy 25/70, Map 68O, Group A, Parcel 6

No comments

- **Ordinance No.17/18-08** to Adopt by Reference State Traffic Offenses and Rules of the Road

No comments

II. 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 8th day of May 2018.

B. Mayor GEORGE GANTTE was present and presiding. Mayor GANTTE called the meeting to order immediately following the Beer Board Meeting.

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 MARIANNE REESE

ABSENT: Alderman MIKE NELSON (arrives at 7:05)

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.

Alderman NELSON arrives.

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting as written.

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

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Jessica Page, Executive Director Boys & Girls Club of Dumplin Valley – Request funding from Town of Dandridge to assist with personnel. Expanding the Dandridge facility with a Lowe’s renovation grant.
- Alderman Depew welcomed new downtown business, Dandridge Mercantile.

- Alderman Depew also reported on the recent TN Bass Nation fishing tournament state championship combined with the Bass Nation Collegiate state championship. The new dock worked well with the tournament.

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

None presented.

VII. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

- Mayor Gantte reported that Town Administrator Melissa Peagler had submitted a letter of resignation effective June 22, 2018 due to family members health concerns. Ms. Peagler has accepted a position with Beaufort County South Carolina that begins July 9, 2018.

Mayor Gantte has discussed the open Town Administrator position with Matt Rudder (Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator) and Mr. Rudder would be willing to accept the position of Town Administrator if the BMA so chooses.

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to suspend the rules and add the following item to the agenda:

Appointment of Town Administrator Matt Rudder effective June 23, 2018

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

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

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

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to appoint Matt Rudder as Town Administrator upon the last day of the current Town Administrator which will be June 23, 2018.

Mayor Gantte requested that he, Matt and Town Attorney Jill Talley be allowed to present a contract at next month's meeting for approval.

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

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

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

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$1,423,994.95	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 44,172.99
	<u>DWMF:</u>	\$1,650,173.00	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$338,348.95

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution No.17/18-19** to Amend the Wastewater E-1 Pump Maintenance Program

Amended to raise the E-1 pump program participants to a \$30 per month increase instead of a 10% increase in cost that helps to cover the cost replacing the pump if it goes out.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve Resolution No.17/18-19.

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

- **Resolution No.17/18-20** to Amend the Shady Grove Customer Refund Policy

Current Town of Dandridge citizens who are Shady Grove customers are reimbursed by DWMF the difference in water rates. This resolution would no longer reimburse the difference in water rates.

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve Resolution No.17/18-20.

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

- **Resolution No.17/18-21** to Amend the Cutoff for Non-Payment Policy

Current industrial and commercial water customers have previously been granted a courtesy 2-month payment period if their water bill has not been paid in the first month. This resolution will now enforce the same cutoff schedule for industrial/commercial customers as the same as residential customers.

Alderman Chambers requested that commercial customers be notified of the change in the cutoff schedule.

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Resolution No.17/18-21.

On a voice vote, the motion passed 6-1, with Alderman DEPEW voting NO, and was so ordered.

- Final Reading of **Ordinance No.17/18-07** Amending the Zoning Map from an R-1 (Low Density Residential District) to a B-2 (General Commercial District), W. Hwy 25/70, Map 680, Group A, Parcel 6

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Ordinance No.17/18-07 on final reading.

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

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

On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, with Alderman DEPEW abstaining, and was so ordered.

- Final Reading of **Ordinance No.17/18-08** to Adopt by Reference State Traffic Offenses and Rules of the Road

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Ordinance No.17/18-08 on final reading.

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

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

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

- First Reading of **Ordinance No.17/18-10** Revising the Water & Sewer Rates of the Town of Dandridge

This will reflect a 15% increase in rates.

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Ordinance No.17/18-10 on first reading.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Vice-Mayor KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	NO	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Alderman ELDER	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

On a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-1, with Alderman DEPEW voting NO, and was so ordered.

- First Reading of **Ordinance No.18/19-01** Adopting the Annual Budget for the FY Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Ordinance No.18/19-01 on first reading.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	NO	Vice-Mayor KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Alderman ELDER	NO	Alderman REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

On a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-2, with Aldermen CHAMBERS & ELDER voting NO, and was so ordered.

X. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment to BMA WS Committee (Lisa Ramsey & Pam Dockery terms expired in March)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to reappoint Lisa Ramsey and to appoint Kelly Farrar to replace Pam Dockery on the Work Session Committee.

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

- Approval of Contract Between the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation and Town of Dandridge (for the provision of routine maintenance of state routes)

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to accept the contract.

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

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

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

- Point Resort Lease Modification

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to table this item for further discussion/negotiation.

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

- Permission for Property Use at Swift Way

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman REESE, to authorize the Town Administrator and Town Attorney to devise an easement contract/agreement for the property use.

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

- Use Agreement (Town of Dandridge and The Crossings Church) – 6-month agreement

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman ELDER, to renew the use agreement with the Crossings Church.

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

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

- Town Administrator Melissa Peagler reported that combining the public works and water department was reviewed and found that would be considerably involved with duties and on-call status with few financial savings. Requested that the Public Works job description and employment ad be placed for filling. Public Works Superintendent Gregg Gann will retire effective June 30, 2018.

Collegiate Bass tournament (approx.. 560 boats) is coming up for the weekend on Cherokee Lake.

Triathlon is coming up on Saturday.

- DWMF Superintendent Mike Norton reported that Main Street is blocked at Subway/DUMC for water line replacement for approximately one week. Monthly progress meetings are being held on the water line replacement project.
- Vice-Mayor Todd Kesterson asked on status of sidewalk repairs. Cuts/damages made via water line replacements will be repaired by the company replacing the water lines.
- Vice-Mayor Todd Kesterson also remarked that a request needs to be placed for the non-working security light on Swift Way to be changed to a LED light. Also asked if the additional light close to the walking path at

LeSport Sac's upper gravel lot could be changed over to a LED light and turned to the walking path. It will be determined that the specific lights are town lights.

- Vice-Mayor Todd Kesterson asked that the town look at options in regards to the walking trail section that has been blocked at the Senior Citizens building area in order that the walking trail can be opened in that area. The building inspector will review the easement and proceed from there.
- Alderman Mike Nelson reported that four cameras have been installed at the new dock.
- Alderman Mike Nelson complimented the public works department on the recent work on Dumplin Valley Road.
- Mayor George Gantte thanked the public works department, Cathy Carter and all other individuals who put flowers out in downtown. Also thanked Modern Woodmen for their support in the flower project.
- Congratulations were in order to Lee Brooks, newly hired Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer in passing his first certification test.
- Finance Director Matt Rudder reported the first Farmers Market was held the past weekend. Produce is a little slow coming in but was still a successful market.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, that the meeting of May 8, 2018 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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