

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
Regular Meeting  
14 January 2020**

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.
- 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
- Alderman MARIANNE REESE

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor TODD KESTERSON  
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 a member of the JCHS Youth Leadership class and DWMF Superintendent Mike Norton.

**III. READING OF THE MINUTES**

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the November 12, 2019 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**

- The Mayor, Town Administrator, and Chief of Police met with the DCS Commissioner Nichols regarding issues at Mountain View/True Cor. A new deputy to the commissioner has been appointed (Dave McGriff).
- Bethany, Dandridge Memorial Library – Presented a quarterly newsletter. Working on a new website for the town library system. A budget amendment has passed County Budget Committee that will allow a new position at the library that will work 9 hrs. per week. In process of getting new sign in front of the library. Would like to get a few extra parking spots (TDOT is looking in to it). Alderman DEPEW congratulated Bethany in accomplishing the state certification as a public library manager.

- Town Administrator, Matt Rudder – Circle Drive Wall Update – The wall is in the town’s right-of-way. Challenge is that a portion of the wall belongs to the town and the upper portion belongs to another property owner. Wall is approximately 50’ in length and 4 ½’ tall. Repair quotes have been challenging. Any wall over 4’ has to be engineered. If the wall is re-structured at 4’ tall, then a hand rail will be required. Waiting on an official quote for someone to put the wall as was. Mayor GANTTE requested a recommendation be presented in 90 days on how to proceed. Historic Planning Commission has requested that the wall be put as the way it was.

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

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$1,872,891.60	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 40,532.16
			<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$284,472.20

**VIII. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- **Resolution No.19/20-09** Honoring Billie Jean Chambers

*This item will be rolled to the next regular scheduled meeting.*

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

None presented.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- Grant Contract Approval – CDBG Sewer System Improvements, Grant = \$370,984, Match = \$120,416, Total Project = \$491,400

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

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE
Alderman ELDER	AYE		

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

- Grant Acceptance – Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund, Grant = \$35,000, DVFD Emergency Response Command Vehicle, \$15,000 from donation account to complete project

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman ELDER, to accept the \$35,000 grant and include \$15,000 from the donation account of the DVFD.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE
Alderman ELDER	AYE		

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

- Bid Approval – DVFD SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus)

*2 bids received:*

<i>G&amp; W Diesel Services, Inc. (EVS)</i>	<i>\$186,144</i>
<i>Mid-South Emergency Equipment</i>	<i>\$193,312 (bid was rejected as not signed)</i>

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to accept the bid from G&W Diesel Services in the amount of \$186,144.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE
Alderman ELDER	AYE		

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

- 2020 Music on the Town

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve artist contracts currently received for the 2020 MOTT.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE
Alderman ELDER	AYE		

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

- Parade Permit Approval – MLK CJEF (Citizens for Justice Equality and Fairness), January 20, 2020, 10:45 – 4:30 (from dike to Courthouse)

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the parade permit.

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

- Appointment to Historic Planning Commission – Rick Farrar’s term expires 2/1/20

*This item will be rolled to the next regular scheduled meeting.*

- June Jubilee

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve June 20, 2020 as the date for June Jubilee.

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

## **XI. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Mayor Gante thanked the DVFD for the hospitality in their recent appreciation dinner.
- Grading work has begun in the new restroom area at the new dock.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, that the meeting of January 14, 2020 be adjourned.

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

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George Gante, Mayor  
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ATTEST:

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Cathy Dixon Town Recorder