

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
12 January 2021**

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 January 12th 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/81201693341?pwd=dHA1Zmt5L0hETWcyb3U1TnlvYUtmZz09>

(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: 812 0169 3341# Passcode: 733180

I. 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 12th day of January 2021.
- B.** Mayor GEORGE GANTTE was present and presiding and called the meeting to order.

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
 - Vice-Mayor JESSICA ELDER
 - Alderman TODD KESTERSON
 - Alderman MIKE NELSON

ABSENT: Alderman MARIANNE REESE

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

III. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting as written.

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

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| Alderman CHAMBERS | AYE | Alderman KESTERSON | AYE |
| Alderman DEPEW | AYE | Alderman NELSON | ABSTAIN |
| Vice-Mayor ELDER | AYE | Mayor GANTTE | AYE |

On a roll call 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

- Point Resort – Refinance of Existing Debt

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

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

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

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

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the BMA, to sign the documentation necessary for refinance of the Point Resort debt note.

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

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

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

- Mayor Gantte, Town Administrator Matt Rudder, and a Holrob representative met with Retail Strategies concerning retail development around the I40 417 area. Ideas were shared and interest in promoting the area.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

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| <u>Bank Balance:</u> | <u>BMA Acct:</u> | \$2,589,258.73 | <u>Drug Fund Balance:</u> | \$ 27,567.44 |
| | | | <u>DVFD Balance:</u> | \$281,478.42 |

VIII. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- First Reading of **Ordinance No. 20/21-05** Amending the “Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge” a Component of the “Zoning Ordinance” from a R-3, High Density Residential District to a B-4 Residential & Commercial Resort District (331 Goose Creek Road, Map 67, Parcel 51)

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve Ordinance No.20/21-05 on first reading.

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

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

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

- First Reading of **Ordinance No. 20/21-06** Amending the “Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge” a Component of the “Zoning Ordinance” from a B-3, Interstate Commercial District to a B-4 Residential & Commercial Resort District (274 Goose Creek Road, Map 57, Parcels 77 & 77.01)

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to approve Ordinance No.20/21-06 on first reading.

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

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

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

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Review of Plan of Services for Annexation Request (236 Gaut Road, Map 67, Parcel 49)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to recommend to Planning Commission to move forward on the annexation request.

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

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

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

- Bid Approval – Cardiovascular Exercise Equipment

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| <i>3 Bids received:</i> | <i>BSN Sports</i> | <i>\$11,468</i> |
| | <i>Legend Fitness</i> | <i>\$16,460</i> |
| | <i>Promaxima Manufacturing</i> | <i>\$17,324 (bid rejected, not signed)</i> |

Equipment will be purchased with \$15,000 grant funds from the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation Fund. It is recommended to award the bid to Legend Fitness for a total amount of \$18,800 (\$15,000 from grant funding and \$3,800 from fund balance). BSN Sports did not include freight and installation costs per bid specifications. BSN Sports also provided bids on a lower grade of commercial equipment. Legend Fitness equipment is of higher heavy quality product and will last longer. Current original equipment was also purchased from Legend Fitness that also includes a service agreement.

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to accept the bid from Legend Fitness in the amount of \$18,800.

Older equipment will be surplusd.

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

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

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

- DVFD Purchase of Truck off of State Contract (via Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund Grant)

A rapid response vehicle will be purchased utilizing \$50,000 grant funds to be used towards extrication equipment (\$25,937.55) and the vehicle (\$24,062.45). Request to purchase a 2021 GMC Sierra 2500 from Wilson County Motors off of state contract at a total purchase price of \$34,189.20 (\$10,126 will be used from donation account).

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to purchase the vehicle on state contract through Wilson County Motors.

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

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

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

- Discussion & Consideration to Utilize the DVFD Donation Account to Purchase and Equip a Rapid Response Vehicle

Request a total of \$30,500 to fund the remaining portion of the vehicle purchase and to equip the vehicle. \$10,126 will be used to complete the purchase of the above Rapid Response Vehicle leaving \$20,374 to equip the vehicle with a camper top, bed slide system, and emergency response equipment. Utilize \$20,500 from donation account to finish project.

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to equipment the rapid response vehicle from the donation fund.

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

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

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

- Discussion & Consideration to Rent the Football Field at the FOD for a “Bluegrass Festival for Veterans”

Requested via host Anthony Bales, for Saturday April 24, 2021.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to table this item until the February meeting to see how the current COVID19 pandemic is.

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

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

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

- 2021 Music on the Town Series

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to go ahead and book 6 bands/nights for MOTT, with their contract to include a clause that the event may be canceled if the current pandemic continues with no cancellation fee if possible. Notice would be given 60 days before the event and giving the band the option to reschedule for next year.

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

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

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

XI. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- FODAC Chris Shockley:
 - Have purchased and installing cameras that will allow live streaming of the basketball games due to limited attendance because of the current pandemic guidelines.

- Basketball games start Tuesday, 1/19/21.
- On Sunday, 2/7/21, Rae Hutchins will be honored as the Jefferson County Adult Honoree for the 2020 Governors Star Award
- DWMF Mike Norton:
 - Hart Road concrete tank is complete and to be filled within the week and tested.
 - Boring will commence on the 417 water lines tomorrow
 - Replacing water lines
 - Working on sewer pump stations and to the point of replacing the second one at the creek.
- Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau:
 - Engineering plans on the dock restrooms are almost complete and bid documents will be prepared
 - Old Dandridge Elementary school architects/engineers were in town last week. Plans may be ready by the end of the month and the project should start this spring.
 - Inspections have been good, December was slow, should pick back up in February
- Fire Chief Andy Riley:
 - Monthly/Quarterly/Year End & County Commissioners reports were all submitted and included in packets. There was a 9% decrease in call volume versus the previous year.
 - The AFG grant has opened and will re-apply in hopes of replacing the old Ford four speed manual brush truck (\$200,000) and additional equipment (nozzles, hoses, etc)
 - Will also be re-applying for Walmart grants (\$1,000-\$5,000)
 - Mayor Gantte suggested that a Fire House Subs grant be applied for
 - The fire boat is repaired and back in service
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley:
 - Recreation Dept employees have helped out with garbage/recycle collections during the holidays
 - There was an accident at the I40 417 area that took out a considerable amount of guardrail.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

None presented.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, that the meeting of January 12, 2021 be adjourned.

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

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

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

George Gantte, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cathy Dixon Town Recorder

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