

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
Regular Meeting  
14 July 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 July 14<sup>th</sup> 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/83770886166> (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: 837 7088 6166#*

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.
- 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
- Alderman JESSICA ELDER
- Vice-Mayor TODD KESTERSON
- Alderman MIKE NELSON (joined the meeting at 6:25)
- 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 ELDER, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting as written.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

**IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None presented.

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

None presented.

**VI. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor GANTTE reported on the meeting that he and the Town Administrator had on Monday morning with Retail Strategies that gave an annual update. It was reported that there could be retail businesses interested in Dandridge. A recent report will be provided to BMA that gives details and statistics over the past year.

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

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$2,158,559.67	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 41,096.64
			<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$306,313.37

**VIII. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- First Reading of **Ordinance No. 20/21-02** Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge, TN a Component of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN from a B-2 General Commercial District to a R-2 High Density Residential District (763 E. Meeting Street, Map 69, Parcel 8.01)

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to accept Ordinance No.20/21-02 on first reading.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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. 20/21-01** Authorizing the Town of Dandridge to Participate in Public Entity Partners “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program

*\$3,000 grant, 50/50 match, will be used for turnout gear for the VFD.*

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to accept Resolution No.20/21-01.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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. 20/21-02** Adopting the Jefferson County Multijurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and Authorizing the Office of Emergency Management to Submit the Plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Resolution No.20/21-02.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

None presented.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- Exit 417 ARC Water System Improvements Bid

<i>5 Bids received:</i>	<i>HL Construction</i>	<i>\$540,996.25</i>
	<i>Edwards Grading</i>	<i>\$647,504.00</i>
	<i>Findley Construction</i>	<i>\$649,365.00</i>
	<i>Merkel Brothers Construction</i>	<i>\$731,699.00</i>
	<i>Classic City Mechanical</i>	<i>\$742,668.50</i>

*Consider adding supplemental language to the contract that authorizes the Town Administrator in consultation with the Mayor to approve each minor individual change orders under \$10,000 without prior authorization from BMA. Change orders will then be presented to BMA at their next regular scheduled meeting.*

*This project involves a water tank to be located at the current Hart Road water tank site.*

*This bid will include 12" water line across the highway near the interstate to help alleviate low water pressure in that area*

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman ELDER, to accept the low bid from HL Construction in the amount of \$540,996.25, with supplemental language added to the contract that will authorize the Town Administrator, in consultation with the Mayor, to execute individual change orders up to \$10,000 without prior approval from BMA.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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 Phase II Bid – Water Storage Tank

<i>3 Bids received:</i>	<i>Crom, LLC</i>	<i>\$470,052.00</i>
	<i>Precon Corporation</i>	<i>\$530,850.00</i>
	<i>Southeastern Tank, Inc.</i>	<i>\$544,500.00</i>

*The ARC grant will provide \$400,000 funding for the project (60/40 split).*

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman REESE, to award the bid to Crom, LLC in the amount of \$470,052, with supplemental language added to the contract that will authorize the Town

Administrator, in consultation with the Mayor, to execute individual change orders up to \$10,000 without prior approval from BMA.

*Alderman MIKE NELSON joins the meeting.*

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 of the 2020 Music on the Town Series

*If the MOTT series is held, the following recommendations, due to Covid19, will be:*

- *No food vendors (social distancing line for food will be extreme and food vendors would have to follow TN pledge specifically for them, town does not have resources to ensure vendors follow the pledge)*
- *No MOTT merchandise to be sold (limits contact with public)*
- *Town will not provide seating accommodations (added exposure to town employees)*
- *Required face coverings for attendees that sit on lower level behind Town Hall (not for those who sit on the dike)*

*Very concerned with controlling social distancing.*

*Some musician contracts have been signed, but no deposits have been paid at this time.*

*Concern for turnout/attendance versus cost for performers.*

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to suspend the rules and add this item to the agenda for further action.

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 NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to cancel Music on the Town for 2020 due to the Covid19 pandemic and subjecting town employees and citizens at risk.

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.

**XI. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Department Head Updates –
  - Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
    - Working on potholes throughout town and sink holes in city parking lot
    - Mowing
  - Parks/Rec/FODAC Chris Shockley
    - Business is picking up at the FODAC
    - SJLL baseball and softball will be ending at the end of the month
    - Bronco football will begin conditioning in two weeks, hope to start practices the first of September then two weeks of practices before games start
  - Chief of Police Carson Williams
    - Call volume has been about the same, with some increase in calls and limited contact as much as possible
  - Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau
    - Building permits remain steady, upcoming new construction (Reserve at Milldale, Renovating Twin Peaks mobile home park, Killion Road apartment complex)
    - Most zoning violations have been for tall grass
  - DWMF Superintendent Mike Norton
    - Working on pump stations
    - Fixing lots of leaks
    - Swannsylvania water is scarce and working on remedy
    - Working on ARC and CDBG grants
    - Academy Circle will be finished within the week then moving to Patterson Street
  - Fire Chief Andy Riley
    - Fire Works sales was successful, approximately \$15,900 profit was made
    - FEMA/AFG grants (spent approximately \$192,000, purchased air packs & SCBA bottles
    - Have received extrication equipment
  - Town Administrator Matt Rudder
    - Thanked town employees during pandemic
    - Will update on local option sales tax numbers

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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.

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George Gantte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy Dixon Town Recorder