

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
11 August 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 August 11th 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/86546301787> (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: 865 4630 1787#

I. PUBLIC HEARING

- **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)

No comments

II. 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 11th day of August 2020.
- B. Mayor GEORGE GANTTE was present and presiding and called the meeting to order.

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

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

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the July 14, 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.

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

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

None presented.

VII. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

- Mayor Gantte thanked the police department, public works department, and the volunteer fire department for service the past several days regarding accidents in the surrounding area and traffic control with interstate traffic going through town.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$2,340,197.81	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 41,096.64
			<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$309,131.00

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Final 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 approve Ordinance No.20/21-02 on final 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.

X. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Bid Consideration/Approval – Paving (Church Street & Cherokee Drive)

<i>2 bids were received:</i>	<i>Newport Paving</i>	<i>\$120,883</i>
	<i>APAC Atlantic</i>	<i>\$134,775</i>

\$99,405 was budgeted for paving, \$21,478 will be used from fund balance.

Vice-Mayor KESTERSON asked that Cherokee Drive project include some shoulder stone or some kind of additional shoulder due to the narrowness of the road. The contractor had been asked during the bid process to widen, especially in the curve areas, where possible.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to accept the bid from Newport Paving in the amount of \$120,883.

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.

- Road Block Request – Dandridge Lions Club (Friday, October 2, 2020, 7:00am-6:00pm)

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the road block request.

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.

- Retain/Replace Appointed Personnel (Town Judge & Town Attorney)

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to retain both the Town Judge (Rebecca Slone) and Town Attorney (Jeff Greene) for another year.

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.

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Public Works Superintendent, Donald Whaley –
 - Been painting/stripping parking lots and boat ramp
 - Brush and class IV are heavy
- Fire Chief, Andy Riley –
 - Been a very busy past 7-8 days with accidents, new extrication tools came in handy and worked very well
 - The AFG grant (to replace the old brush truck) should be awarded at any time within the next 3 months
 - Working on Walmart grants
 - Applying for Forestry Dept grant (\$3,000/\$0 match) to be used for wildland firefighting equipment
 - Also applying for FEMA/TEMA public assistance grant
- Parks Rec/FODAC, Chris Shockley –
 - SJLL season is complete (2 covid cases were reported within the baseball and the season was shut down early for them)

- Volleyball season was also shut down early due to covid exposures.
- Bronco football has started and following Governors guidelines in regards to conditioning, but no contact is allowed as of now.
- If fall baseball/softball is held, there will be two fields up top and two fields down bottom utilized for play.
- Fields are being utilized for travel baseball tournaments also.
- FODAC basketball plans are moving forward as of now. But under current Governors orders, basketball is exempt.
- Police Chief, Carson Williams –
 - Heavy traffic with recent interstate accidents and appreciate everyone’s help
 - Have reached out to the commissioner of safety and TDOT supervisor to try and get grant monies/help for town equipment/message boards for use during interstate incidents
 - School traffic has started also
 - Alderman Depew asked if Mountain View Academy has reported COVID cases? Chief Williams is not aware of cases at the current time. Alderman Depew spoke of concern in officers responding to incidents at Mountain View if there is a COVID outbreak.
- Codes Enforcement/Building Inspector, Terry Reneau –
 - July has been a good month for building permits
 - New development on Milldale Road, 9 permits have been issued thus far
 - Site plan has been approved for a 12-unit apartment complex
 - Next month looking at approval for 3 more site plans, Killion Road apartment complex, Sharon Drive camper/boat sales, Old Dandridge Elementary/Senior Adult living
 - Most violations/letters have been complied with
- DWMF Superintendent, Mike Norton –
 - Will begin work on Patterson Street
 - Have met with 417 grant requirements regarding water tanks. Will also meet with construction contractor next week.
 - Lines thru town have been walked in regards to the CDBG sewer line project from pump station across from town hall to back of the school board office building.
 - Zirkle Road bridge is out and water line is being re-routed, line is complete, but not activated
- Town Administrator, Matt Rudder –
 - Will keep BMA updated on local option sales tax numbers

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None presented.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman ELDER, that the meeting of August 11, 2020 be adjourned.

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.

George Gantte, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Cathy Dixon Town Recorder

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