

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
8 December 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 December 8th 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/83170336269?pwd=dnpWeG10dWtWZlh1d2dWeWx0eWZ4dz09>

(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: 831 7033 6269# Passcode: 398342

I. PUBLIC HEARING

- **Ordinance No. 20/21-04** Amending the “Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge” a Component of the “Zoning Ordinance” from a B-2, General Commercial District to a R-1 Low Density Residential District (226 E. Meeting Street, Map 68K, Group E, Parcel 11)

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 8th day of December 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 November 10, 2020 meeting as written.

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

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

- Election of Vice-Mayor

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to nominate Alderman JESSICA ELDER as Vice-Mayor replacing Todd Kesterson.

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

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

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

- Appointment to Historic Planning Commission

It came on a motion by Mayor GANTTE, seconded by Alderman REESE, to re-appoint Alderman JEFF DEPEW to the Historic Planning Commission.

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

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

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

- Appointment to Regional Planning Commission

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to re-appoint Alderman MIKE NELSON to the Regional Planning Commission.

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

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

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

- Update Financial Institution Signature Cards

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

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman REESE	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 CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to update the financial institution signature cards as follows:

Remove	Todd Kesterson	as Vice-Mayor
Add	Jessica Elder	as Vice-Mayor

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Vice-Mayor ELDER	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>	\$2,358,300.57	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 21,114.44
			<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$247,799.46

Audio recording begins at this point.

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Final Reading of **Ordinance No. 20/21-04** Amending the “Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge” a Component of the “Zoning Ordinance” from a B-2, General Commercial District to a R-1 Low Density Residential District (226 E. Meeting Street, Map 68K, Group E, Parcel 11)

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Ordinance No.20/21-04 on final reading.

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

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

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

- **Resolution No. 20/21-05** Amending Section V (Benefits) B. (Holiday Leave) of the Town of Dandridge Personnel Handbook (adding Christmas Eve as an observed employee holiday)

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to approve Resolution No.20/21-05.

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

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

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Acceptance of \$15,000 Grant from East TN Foundation Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund to Support the Purchase of Cardio Equipment for the Field of Dreams Activity Center

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to accept the grant from East TN Foundation Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund.

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

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

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

- Acceptance of \$50,000 Grant from East TN Foundation Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund to Support the Purchase of Vehicle Extrication Equipment and a Rapid Response Vehicle

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to accept the grant from East TN Foundation Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund.

Mayor GANTTE thanked the East TN Foundation Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund for both grants in being commendable in giving back to the community as the grant funds are very appreciated.

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

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

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

- Discussion and Consideration to Purchase a Demo Set of Extrication Equipment

Equipment will be purchased using grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund Grant.

<i>Demo Set of Equipment</i>	<i>Municipal Emergency Services</i>	<i>\$25,937.55</i>
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<i>Brand New Set of Equipment</i>		<i>\$31,771.54</i>
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It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to accept the demo bid in the amount of \$25,937.55.

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

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

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

- Discussion and Consideration of a Statement of Intent by Knoxville Utilities Board and the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee, Concerning Purchase and Sale of Treated Water

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman REESE, to accept the Statement of Intent by Knoxville Utilities Board.

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

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

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

- Approval to Surplus Town Property

2006 Ford Crown Vic (DVFD)

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to surplus the 2006 Ford Crown Vic currently used in the DVFD.

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

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

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

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau:
 - Contractors for the old Dandridge Elementary School have received their Certificate of Appropriateness. The developers have received an additional million-dollar grant for the project, should close on the property this month. Building permits should be issued January/February.
 - Town wide building permits continue at a good pace.
 - CO has been issued to the new Food City Gas n Go and demolition has begun on the old site.
- DWMF Mike Norton:
 - Turner is currently working on Hopewell Street
 - 417 water bores have begun
 - Hart Road water tank is completed
 - Working on sewer pump stations
 - Replacing lines where needed
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley:
 - Patching potholes
 - Picking up leaves and brush
 - Christmas decorations are up (Appalachian Electric will work on snowflakes that are not currently lit)
- Police Chief Carson Williams:
 - Responded a couple of times to Mountain View last month and continue to work with the sheriff in requesting a meeting with the DCS Commissioner
 - Thanked BMA for additional holiday and Christmas bonus
- FODAC Chris Shockley:
 - Basketball league is currently at record signups with 457 children. Covid regulations will be enacted and limited to one parent per child in attendance per the TN Pledge from Governor Lee. Only league playing in the area. Games will be held through March.
- Fire Chief Andy Riley:
 - Extrication equipment should be received by the end of December
 - Busy past couple of months with hydrant flows and fire response
 - Will take another look at ISO in 2021
- Town Administrator Matt Rudder:
 - Guardrail at Thomas Tavern (Gay/Meeting St) has been repaired by TDOT
 - Total (after taxes/town portion) of employee bonuses = \$8,046.84 compared to previous year employee appreciation events of \$7,271.84 (no events held in current year due to Covid)

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- Alderman KESTERSON: Status of Ronald & Whitney Majors barn rezone/variance request – permission was granted on 12/8/20 for permission to construct the accessory building over 900 sq.ft. via BZA.
- Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau: Plans for the dock restroom facility should be received by the structural engineer this week, mechanical/electrical plans should be received by the first week in January, and then bids can be let.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, that the meeting of December 8, 2021 be adjourned.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman REESE	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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