

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

**13 July 2021**

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

- Special Occasion Beer Permit, Michael D. Dockery for the Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival, September 25, 2021, 11:00 a.m.- 8:30 p.m. (to be sold via the parking lot in the rear of Talley Law Office 145 E. Main Street, Dandridge)

*No comments*

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The Dandridge Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in a regular session in Dandridge, Tennessee on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.
- 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
  - 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:

**IV. READING OF THE MINUTES**

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor ELDER, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting as written.

On a voice 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 reported that he and the Town Administrator had a meeting with Retail Strategies where new names were mentioned of those interested in the I40/417 corridor.

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

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$3,189,381.54	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 266,741.84
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 47,161.11	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$1,353,652.91

**IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 21/22-02 to Amend Title 18 Chapter 1 Section 106 of the Dandridge Municipal Code (Water & Sewers, Water System Administration, Connection Charges)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve Ordinance No. 21/22-02 on first reading.

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

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.

- **Resolution No. 21/22-01** Authorizing the Town of Dandridge to Participate in the "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program

*Grant funds = 50/50 matching grant up to \$3,000, will utilize to purchase bullet proof vests for the police dept. and to pair with the bullet proof vest federal grant.*

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve Resolution No. 21/22-01.

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

#### X. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Final Approval/Review of Special Events for 2021
  - 8/21/21 Battle of Dandridge (event has been canceled)
  - 9/25/21 Scots Irish Festival

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the Scots Irish Festival for September 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Scots Irish Festival Street Closure Request
  - East Main St from Gay St to Church St (TVA Pump Station)  
Friday 9/24/21 5:00 p.m. to Saturday 9/25/21 10:00 p.m.
  - East Main St at Hwy 25/70 (Meeting St) to Church St  
Saturday 9/25/21 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Church St from E. Main St to Lake Drive  
Saturday 9/25/21 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Graveyard Alley  
Saturday 9/25/21 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve the street closures.

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

- Approval to Surplus Town Property

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor ELDER, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the surplus list.

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

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 and Consideration of Servline Commercial Coverage

*No action taken; this item will be further discussed at the next regular scheduled meeting.*

- Discussion and Consideration of Request from Dandridge Area Senior Citizens Center Regarding Repairs to the Senior Citizens Building

*Needing to replace appliances/equipment such as hot water heaters air/gas unit, flooring, and plumbing at an approximate cost of \$2,000 + installation/labor.*

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to propose \$2,000-\$3,000 for equipment replacement and installation. Funds will be used via fund balance.

The motion was further amended by Vice-Mayor ELDER, and accepted by both Aldermen DEPEW and KESTERSON, to donate \$5,000 to the Dandridge Senior Center for equipment replacement/installation.

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

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.

- Approval to Purchase a Kubota L4701DT Tractor for the Parks & Recreation Department Utilizing Sourcewell Contract # 040319-KBA

*\$27,278.18 (budgeted item); current tractor will be surplusd.*

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve the purchase.

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

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.

- Approval to Purchase a Kubota MX5400DTC Tractor for the Public Works Department Utilizing Sourcewell Contract # 040319-KBA

*\$36,292.05 (budgeted item), a John Deere tractor will be surplusd at a later date.*

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor ELDER, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the tractor purchase.

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

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.

- Appointment to Replace Joe Malgeri on the Jefferson County Library Board

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the appointment of Melissa Dawn Hensley (1119 Patterson Street) to the Jefferson County Library Board to replace Joe Malgeri.

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

- Approval to Update Bank Signature Cards for DWMF (Removing Mike Norton and adding Tana Benson)

It came on a motion by Alderman KBSTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the removal of Mike Norton and replace with Tana Benson on the DWMF signature cards.

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

## XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson
  - Will be meeting with ARC waterline contractor to discuss project delay and proposed change order.
  - Waiting to sign easements on the CDBG downtown sewer replacement project.
  - The replacement process for the downtown lift station will begin next week and should be completed by end of August.
  - Received 100% on TDEC sanitary survey.
- Building/Codes Terry Reneau
  - Planning Commission approved site plans for Domino's, a mixed-use development, and storage buildings
  - Hwy 25/70 apartments have begun construction
- Fire Chief Andy Riley
  - Presented monthly tally reports on service calls, call volumes have increased
  - Fire boat is being utilized for emergency water response calls
  - Exterior paint job on Station 1 is complete
- Parks/Rec Chris Shockley
  - Staying busy with basketball & baseball tournaments
  - SJLL fall league will hold signups in August
  - Bronco football will begin late July
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
  - Completing misc concrete work on sidewalks
  - Sowed grass around new restrooms at dock
  - Worked with Stripe All in installing striping in the median turn lane at Killion Road and Weigel's as suggested by Kevin Poe
- Town Administrator Matt Rudder
  - Welcomed Building/Codes Inspector Terry Reneau back to work
  - Introduced Tana Benson as new superintendent of DWMF
- Vice-Mayor Elder
  - Inquired on the American Rescue Act funds for the town and the plan/budget for the use of those funds.  
Town Administrator Matt Rudder replied that guidance has not been received yet. Water & Sewer will be a significant priority that will include a match and will be presented to BMA at the proper time for decision making.

## XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None presented.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, that the meeting of July 13, 2021 be adjourned.

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

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George Gante, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy Dixon Town Recorder

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