

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

**10 August 2021**

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 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)

*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 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 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
  - Alderman TODD KESTERSON
  - Alderman MARIANNE REESE

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor JESSICA ELDER  
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 CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting as written.

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

**V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- Jim Everett – asked that a representative from the mayor’s office, other than Matt Rudder, meet on site and discuss issues with an easement regarding extension/replacement of a downtown sewer line. Mayor Gantte responded that he will schedule a meeting the first of next week.

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

None presented.

**VII. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR**

- Thanked everyone for thoughts and prayers during the recent passing of his father.
- Chief of Police Carson Williams introduced newly hired police officer, Michael Adams.

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

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$3,239,880.39	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 302,140.39
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 47,161.11	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$1,186,637.81

**IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- Second/Final 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 KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Ordinance No. 21/22-02 on second and 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
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None presented.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion and Consideration of Servline Commercial Coverage (utility protection for commercial customers)

*This policy will replace the existing residential only policy.*

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to accept the proposal as provided by Servline.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Approval for DWMF to purchase a T740 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader via State of TN Contract in the amount of \$64,605.61.

*The existing skidsteer and trencher will be surplused. The new purchase has been included in the budget.*

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the purchase of the Bobcat Compact Track Loader.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Approval for DWMF to purchase "2" 2022 F-150 4x4 SuperCab 145" WB (X1E) via State of TN Contract (\$28,919 each – total purchase of \$57,838)

*These new vehicles will replace a 2005 Ford F150 & a 2009 Ford Escape.*

*Alderman Kesterson inquired if the state contract would also include V6 Turbo EcoBoost vs just a V8? Towing capacity will also be considered.*

*It was the consensus of the BMA to table this item in order to research specifics on an EcoBoost vehicle.*

- Revised Joint Cooperation & Mutual Aid Agreement between the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office & Jefferson City Police Dept, White Pine Police Dept, Dandridge Police Dept, & New Market Police Dept

*Previous approved agreement was not a final copy, therefore the need to approve this revised edition.*

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to accept the revisions and approve the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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

- Request to Use Graveyard Alley and Town Pavilion/Stage on October 16<sup>th</sup> for Downtown Fall Festival

*Julie Gerding, owner of Thomas Tavern & Gass Building – event will be held for extended hours for downtown merchants with a local high school function in graveyard alley (haunted alley) and local music/dance teams to perform during the day on the stage.*

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the event and use of graveyard alley and the town pavilion/stage on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Approval of Surplus Property

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, 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 REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Retain/Replace Appointed Personnel (Town Judge-Rebecca Slone & Town Attorney-Jeff Greene)

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to retain the current personnel, Rebecca Slone as Town Judge and Jeff Greene as Town Attorney.

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

## **XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

- Police Chief Carson Williams
  - Working to get task force up and running.
- Parks/Rec Chris Shockley
  - Fall ball sign-ups are this week (Thursday – Saturday)
  - Two weeks away from the start of Music on the Town
    - 8/26 Balsam Range w/Jeff Co Rescue Squad providing food
    - Food trucks will provide food for the remaining performances
- DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson
  - Two weeks behind schedule on the downtown lift station, issues with electrical installation & bypass pump
  - ARC water line & booster station is still in process
  - Waiting on easements for the CDBG job before plans are submitted
  - Several water leaks this month, with one significant leak over the weekend
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
  - Patching potholes
  - Laid out handicap access at FOD picnic pavilion
  - Brush is heavy

- Building/Codes Terry Reneau
  - Dock restroom is complete, waiting to pave parking lot
  - Building permits remain steady
  - Expressed appreciation to Jay Moore for filling in and helping with Building/Codes during recent illness.
  
- Town Administrator Matt Rudder
  - HR Clerk position has been advertised and applications are being accepted.
  - Admin Clerk/Lab Tech position is open at the DWMF and has been advertised and applications are being accepted.
  - Auditors have been at Town Hall & DWMF

**XIII. MISCELLANEOUS**  
None presented.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, that the meeting of August 10, 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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