

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

14 September 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The Dandridge Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in a regular session in Dandridge, Tennessee on Tuesday, the 14th day of September 2021.

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
- Vice-Mayor JESSICA ELDER
- Alderman TODD KESTERSON
- Alderman MIKE NELSON
- 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 REESE, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting as written (Vice-Mayor ELDER and Alderman NELSON both abstain)

On a voice 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 welcomed several members of the current JCHS Leadership class.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$3,126,099.98	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 301,360.90
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 48,024.61	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$1,407,942.43

VIII. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 21/22-03 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-1, Low Density Residential District (420 E. Meeting St., Map 68F, Group B, Parcel 14.01)

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to approve Ordinance No. 21/22-03 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	Alderman REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Resolution No. 21/22-02 Authorizing the Town of Dandridge to Participate in the James L. Richardson “Driver Safety” Matching Grant Program

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Resolution No.21/22-02.

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

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Road Block Request – Dandridge Lions Club – Friday, October 1, 2021 (7:00am to 5:00 pm)

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

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

- Discussion and Consideration of an Easement Related to the Downtown Sewer Line Replacement Project

Jim & Karen Everett propose a payment in the amount of \$10,000 for the proposed sanitary sewer line easement at 1214 Gay Street. The Everetts state that they will return to the town in total, the \$10,000, when work begins on installing Public Restrooms somewhere in the downtown area and also request that the town property on Graveyard Alley be developed for parking with proper drainage to include repaving of the alley.

Town Attorney, Jeff Greene - \$10,000 payment request for easement is not unreasonable.

Mayor Gantte – BMA will act only on the easement purchase. Other requests can be considered during the next budget process.

Easement is located between the Hynd’s building and Weichert Realty building towards Graveyard Alley, up by the corner of the old log cabin, across Graveyard Alley and on to TVA easement of the Shepherd Inn property.

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to accept the offer of \$10,000 for the easement of sewer line replacement.

Funds would come from DWMF CDBG grant funds.

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	Alderman REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Discussion and Consideration of a Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement for the Point Resort (H. David Hayes & P. Richard Talley)

Typos will need to be corrected before Mayor can sign if approved.

The Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement is made by and among the Town of Dandridge (tenant), First Peoples Bank (lender), and H. David Hayes & P. Richard Talley (landlords).

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the agreement on the condition that all typos and errors are corrected and reviewed by the town attorney prior to signing.

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	Alderman REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Emergency Communications between Jefferson County Emergency Communications District and Dandridge, Tennessee

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the agreement.

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

- Approval for DWMF to purchase "2" 2022 F-150 4x4 SuperCab Styleside 6.5' box, 145" WB XL (X1E) via State of TN Contract

V6 EcoBoost option is \$2,600 more than the V8 option.

V8 =	\$28,919.00	x2	=	\$57,838.00
V6 =	\$31,519.00	x2	=	\$60,038.00

Estimated delivery time = 6 months (less/more).

Purchase items are included in the current budget.

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the purchase of "2" F150 V8's at a cost of \$28,919 each via state contract.

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	Alderman REESE	AYE
		Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Appointment to Regional Planning Commission (Robbie McMahan term expires 9/30/21)

Robbie McMahan is no longer interested in serving due to his current job duties. Mayor GANTTE asked BMA for suggestions in replacement, preferably someone representing the urban growth boundary on the east side of town.

This item will be rolled to the next regular scheduled meeting for appointment.

XI. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Town Administrator Matt Rudder
 - Gave an update on items sold on GovDeals.com
 - Hired Kendall Moore as HR Clerk in Town Hall to replace Cathy Carter who is retiring end of December.
 - Town has received from the TN Municipal League the "Excellence in Small Town Progress" award.
- FODAC Chris Shockley
 - Bronco Football season is in full swing
 - SJLL Fall league is also in progress
 - Getting ready for Basketball season at the FODAC

- DWMF Tana Benson
 - Concrete has been poured in the downtown lift station; plumbing, etc. will be installed next with hopes to be up and running by end of the month.
 - ARC job has been impacted by COVID; pressure testing and pump startup still needs to be completed
 - 12 water taps & a sewer tap was sold this past month

- Public Works Donald Whaley
 - Dock restrooms are complete, parking spots have been striped
 - Pot hole patching
 - Mowing city streets

- Building/Codes Terry Reneau
 - Building permits are steady
 - Working on a traffic planning project for Patriot Drive (ex: round-a-bout)

- Chief of Police Carson Williams
 - New Hire = Michael Adams
 - Influx of homeless in area dealing with mental issues
 - Overdoses on rise within county

- Vice-Mayor Jessie Elder – re: American Rescue Grant – what is the proposed spending plan?
 Town Administrator Matt Rudder – we have a plan and have submitted the first request for funding (which is half of total payment) as a non-entitlement community. Funds will first go to the state, then to the town. The state has not requested their federal funds as of yet. First allotment of funds will be spent towards water/sewer. Spending on the second allotment, which will be distributed in a year, will be brought to BMA for allocation.
 Elder – Was there any rollover at the end of FY 20/21?
 Rudder – FY 20/21 was a good FY with property taxes being cut and many major cash projects/purchases made. Looking for an initial increase in fund balance for FY 21/22 at \$1 million.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

None presented.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, that the meeting of September 14, 2021 be adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

George Gantte, Mayor

Cathy Dixon Town Recorder

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