

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

9 November 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 9th day of November 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
 - 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:

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- 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)

No Comments

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting as written.

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

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Mike Norton (825 Summit Ridge Road), request BMA to start live streaming the meetings.
- Frank Murphy (995 E. Dumplin Valley Road), supports the request of Mike Norton and live streaming.
- Holly Johnson (Patriot Wood Fired Pizza and The Lot), presented concerns with municipal code Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 9-102 (Food truck mobile concession stand regulations), Item 11 "There shall be limited to 2, the number of vendors hereunder which may operate at any time on any tract of private property." Purchased property on Hwy.92 for the purpose of a food truck park and wasn't aware at the time of the two-limit vendor. Propose that BMA consider allowing 3 trucks with the potential of an additional tent vendor.
- Daniel Meek (Meeks Kitchen), supports the request of Holly Johnson in increasing the allowed food truck vendors on private property. Suggest a board/committee of local food truck owners to meet with BMA and review the above-mentioned code to also include safety and waste oil.

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

None presented.

VII. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

None presented.

- Resolution No. 21/22-04 to Update the Fee Schedule for the Field of Dreams and the Activity Center
Only changes relate to rental fees and lighting of fields.

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Resolution No. 21/22-04.

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

X. OLD BUSINESS
None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment to Regional Planning Commission (Kay Johnson Scholler to replace Robbie McMahan whose term expired 9/30/21)

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to accept the recommendation to the Regional Planning Commission as made by the mayor.

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

- Appointment to Regional Planning Commission (Lauren Hurdle's term expires 12/1/21)

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to accept the re-appointment of Lauren Hurdle to the Regional Planning Commission as made by the mayor.

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

- Appointment to Historic Planning Commission (Cecil Franklin's term expires 12/31/21)

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to accept the re-appointment of Cecil Franklin to the Historic Planning Commission as made by the mayor.

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

- Approval of Governmental Grant Contract (State of TN Dept of Safety & Homeland Security) – Police Dept – Highway Safety Grant / Enforcement of TN Driving Under the Influence Laws - \$15,000 (100%)

\$7,500 for patrol vehicle computers, \$7,500 for overtime for saturation controls.

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the grant contract.

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.

- Discussion and Consideration of a One-Time Employee Bonus

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to give full-time employees a \$1,500 bonus and part-time employees a \$750 bonus to include those volunteer firefighters with a 10% call response within the last 3 months.

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON to amend the previous motion by giving full-time employees a \$1,200 bonus and part-time employees a \$600 bonus to include those volunteer firefighters with a 10% call response within the last 3 months. The amended motion failed for lack of a second.

A roll call was asked for the original motion 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.

- Discussion and Consideration of the 2022 Music on the Town Series

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to continue with the Music on the Town series for 2022,

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

- Approval of Jefferson County, TN 10-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the 10-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Jefferson County.

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

- Approval to Open a New Bank Account Specifically for American Rescue Plan Act Funds

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to open a new bank account with First Bank for American Rescue Plan Act funds.

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

- DVFD Christmas Parade (Saturday, December 18th at 1:00 p.m., line up at 12:00 p.m.)

No action taken, information only.

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Building/Codes Terry Reneau
 - Food Truck 2 Vendor Limit, request to increase to 3 -- each food truck site would need to be taken into consideration, as a change in municipal code would not only affect "The Lot" food truck location, but all locations throughout the town, and not all sites are designed or big enough to handle more than one or two food trucks at a time. Site size, for safety issues, would need to be taken into consideration for three or more food trucks at a time on the same site. Guidelines for food truck parks (over two vendors) could be taken into consideration via regional planning commission site planning to consider density, parking, entrance, accessibility, emergency access, etc. Mayor GANTTE suggested that if BMA would like planning commission to review this item to let the town recorder know to add this item to the next planning commission agenda for review and recommendation back to BMA.
 - Still receiving several building permits, Domino's has had to rebid their project, architects/contractors have been seen around the Dandridge Academy project, developers are looking at land, planning commission just approved a site plan for 65 apartment units on Killion Road
- FODAC Chris Shockley
 - MOTT held a record crowd this year and was well attended
 - December 4th is last day for basketball sign-ups (currently have 211 signed up)
 - Bronco football has made it to the playoffs
 - SJLL fall season is complete
 - Town wide phone system upgrade has been integrated with Trilight
 - The Town of Dandridge stacks very well with the Jefferson County 10-year Parks & Rec Plan
- DWMF Tana Benson
 - New skid steer has arrived
 - All departments helped in constructing a rock wall at the DWMF

- Pump and electrical upgrades are complete at the downtown pump station, still need to complete site work and fencing
 - Skid steer, trencher, mower, and vac truck have been listed on GovDeals
 - CDBG sewer project has been advertised and will go to bid soon
 - The Sharon Drive section of the ARC waterline is ready and completed. Waiting for chlorination on the Patriot Drive side.
- Public Works Donald Whaley
 - Currently in leaf season, keeping up with trash and brush
 - Mowing sides of roads still
 - Chief of Police Carson Williams
 - Thanked BMA for support
 - Fire Chief Andy Riley
 - The new AFG grant opened yesterday and will be applying (turned down for a fire truck a couple of months ago, will re-apply for a truck and equipment)
 - Waiting on a response from the hospital grant
 - Town Administrator Matt Rudder
 - Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Tuesday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. on the courthouse steps
 - Alderman KESTERSON – asked for further discussion at the next budget retreat regarding options for live streaming the meetings.
 - Alderman CHAMBERS – he and Vice-Mayor ELDER attended discussion of the Jefferson County 10-year Parks/Rec plan process. Dandridge was well received on accomplishments thus far in this aspect. Two suggestions made were:
 1. Put a roof on the dock – responded with safety concerns
 2. Pave the parking lot across the street from the FODAC – responded that the town does not own all of that parking area

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None presented.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, that the meeting of November 9, 2021 be adjourned.

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

George Gantte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Dixon Town Recorder

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