

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

14 December 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 December 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 MARIANNE REESE

ABSENT: Alderman MIKE NELSON

- B. A quorum being present, the following business was conducted and entered on the record:

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- Ordinance No. 21/22-04 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 B-1, Central Business District (1142 Gay St., Map 68F, Group A, Parcel 22)

No comments

- Ordinance No. 21/22-05 Amending the Zoning Map of the "Town of Dandridge, TN" a Component of the "Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN" from a R-1, Low Density Residential District to a B-2, General Commercial District (W. Hwy.25/70, Map 68O, Group B, Parcel 1)

No comments

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting as written; Vice-Mayor ELDER abstains.

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

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Wynona Collins, owner of Sewing & Alterations on Meeting St – concerned with DWMF fees; has been informed of having to pay \$100 water connection fee for each new location as she is separating her business and living locations; doesn't understand the purpose of additional fees just to change address/location. DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson explained the new account setup fee schedule as set per the Dandridge Municipal Code and the inability to waive those fees. Clarification was made as a "new account", that each account is set by meter/location, per address/entity. Accounts are not transferred. Ms. Collins asked if the fee could be reduced. Mayor Gantte explained that in order for the fee amount to be changed, a BMA member would have to request that an ordinance be written to change the fee schedule. The current account set up fee has been in place for quiet some time. Ms. Collins asked BMA to consider evaluating the current fee schedule.

- Holly Johnson, The Lot Food Truck Park— follow-up to last months request in considering change to the municipal code in regards for number of food trucks on a lot at one time from two to three. Planning department is waiting for BMA to ask that this be placed on the planning commission agenda for review. Alderman Kesterson requested that this item be placed on the next planning commission agenda for review. Alderman Depew asked what restrictions/improvements might be considered in such review and informing Ms. Johnson in what to expect. Building/Codes Terry Reneau responded that each site to be reviewed for more than two food trucks at a time (food truck park) would take into consideration size of site, parking surface, amenities, safety, ADA accessible, zone, etc. Preliminary suggestions can be sent to BMA for review and input.

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

None presented.

VII. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor GANTTE reminded everyone of the employee Christmas lunch on Friday, December 17th at 12:00 at the FODAC.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$3,395,615.85	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 274,944.43
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 26,207.91	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$1,718,717.21

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Second/Final Reading of Ordinance No. 21/22-04 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 B-1, Central Business District (1142 Gay St., Map 68E, Group A, Parcel 22)

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

- Second/Final Reading of Ordinance No. 21/22-05 Amending the Zoning Map of the "Town of Dandridge, TN" a Component of the "Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN" from a R-1, Low Density Residential District to a B-2, General Commercial District (W. Hwy.25/70, Map 68O, Group B, Parcel 1)

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve Ordinance No. 21/22-05 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. 21/22-05 Authorizing the Town of Dandridge to Join the State of TN and Other Local Governments as Participants in the TN State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement and Approving the Related Settlement Agreements

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Resolution No.21/22-05.

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund Grant (\$22,308) – body worn cameras

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor ELDER, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the receipt of funds from the Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund Grant.

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

- Parade Permit – CJEF-Citizen Justice Equality Fairness, 1/17/22, 10:45 a.m., dike to courthouse

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to award CJEF a permit for the parade.

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

- Surplus Town Property

Old phones surplus

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to deem the proposed surplus property.

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

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Town Administrator Matt Rudder
 - DVFD Christmas parade is Saturday, December 18th at 1:00 p.m.
 - Town offices will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th for the Christmas holidays.
- Bethany Jones, Director Dandridge Memorial Library
 - Request a new water fountain for the library.
- Building/Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau
 - Currently have about 25-30 new homes under construction
 - Killion Road apartments should begin construction in January
 - No headway thus far on the old Dandridge Elementary school project
- DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson
 - Challenge in getting parts for lift stations and other projects
 - The ARC project is still with issues with the booster station and plumbing issues
- Parks/Rec Director Chris Shookley
 - 580 participants have signed up for the basketball league (130 more than last year); games will be played on four nights during the week and all day on Saturdays; practices have started and games begin January 15th
 - Music on the Town contracts are underway
 - FOD Bradford pears are being trimmed
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
 - Very few trees were down during the heavy winds on Saturday, 12/11
 - Trash pick-up, cleaning roads and sidewalks
 - Leaf pickup is winding down, but brush will be heavy due to recent storms
- Police Chief Carson Williams
 - Monday 12/13 a student set fire in a bathroom at Dandridge Elementary; all respondents acted quickly and there were no injuries and little destruction
 - Have also applied for a federal grant to help in purchasing body cameras
- Alderman Jeff Depew

- Inquired about the recent bonus for full time vs part time officers – reserve officers are considered seasonal vs part-time; bonuses were considered for those who had worked at least one shift per month for a total of 144 hours over the course of a year
- Also inquired about those employees who took sick days due to covid and loosing the sick leave incentive. Is it considered a sick day if the town requires them to take off due to covid? Covid guidelines were followed as directed by the health department guidelines, not the town. The federal government required that up to 80 hours of leave be provided from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, and afterwards as optional. Policy within the Personnel Handbook was followed thereafter.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None presented,

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

George Gantte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Dixon Town Recorder

MINUTES-BMA-121421