

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

8 March 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** The Dandridge Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in a regular session in Dandridge, Tennessee on Tuesday, the 8th day of March 2022.
- 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

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor JESSICA ELDER
Alderman MIKE NELSON
Alderman MARIANNE REESE

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- On Premise Beer Permit – Don Marco’s Kitchen, 123 US-70 – Suite 115

No comments

- **Ordinance No. 21/22-06** Amending Title 18 Chapter 1 Section 106 of the Dandridge Municipal Code (Water & Sewers, Water System Administration, Connection Charges)

No comments

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting as written.

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

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Bruce Kent (928 Bob-O Drive) – addressed concerns in keeping/preserving Dandridge a small quaint town. Concerned with new subdivisions, population density and overcrowding schools.
- Brian Dudash (599 Foot Hill Road), representing the Dandridge Farmers Market – thanked BMA for support. 2021 was a record year, \$90,000 in sales. Have a full house of vendors for 2022, with a few new ones.

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

None presented.

VII. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

None presented.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$4,243,278.15	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 274,012.16
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 27,998.61	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$2,016,709.40

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Final Reading of **Ordinance No. 21/22-06** Amending 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. 21/22-06 on final reading.

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

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

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

Mayor GANTTE recuses himself from the following item. Vice-Mayor Elder is not present; therefore, Town Attorney Jeff Greene assumes chair of the meeting.

- First Reading of **Ordinance No. 21/22-07** Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee, Increasing the Minimum Lot Size Allowable in the R-2 and R-3 Districts

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve Ordinance No. 21/22-07 on first reading.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, to amend the previous motion by changing the minimum lot area to 12,500 square feet instead of the proposed 10,000 square feet from the original 7,000 square feet. Aldermen KESTERSON and DEPEW accepts the amendment.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	RECUSED

On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously (with Mayor GANTTE recusing himself), and was so ordered.

Mayor GANTTE resumes chair of the meeting.

- **Resolution No. 21/22-07** Authorizing the Town of Dandridge to Make an Additional Funding Commitment for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to accept Resolution No.21/22-07.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	AYE	Alderman KESTERSON	AYE
Alderman DEPEW	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

- Presentation and Review of Plan of Services for Proposed Annexation of Hwy 25/70, Map 67, Parcel 74

Item not addressed, will be rolled to next regular scheduled meeting.

Mayor GANTTE recuses himself from the following items due to ownership. Vice-Mayor Elder is not present; therefore, Town Attorney Jeff Greene assumes chair of the meeting.

- Presentation and Review of Plan of Services for Proposed Annexation of 827 Old Hwy 92, Map 68, Parcel 14

Weston Gantte – Charles Gantte farm, approximately 32 acres, 15.5 acres is already located within the town limits, leaving 16.5 acres requested to be annexed within the town limits.

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the plan of services and recommend to regional planning commission.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (with Mayor GANTTE recusing himself), and was so ordered.

- Presentation and Review of Plan of Services for Proposed Annexation of Old Hwy 92, Map 68, Parcel 15

Proposed subdivision with combining the previous Gantte property with this property. Preliminary layout proposes 340 units, with ingress/egress off of old Hwy. 92 and Isabell Drive.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to accept the plan of services and recommend to regional planning commission.

Alderman KESTERSON voiced concerns with any annexation at the moment without the zone being in place, preferring that the density change of minimum lot size with the above approved Ordinance be in place first.

On a voice vote, the motion failed 1-2 (with Mayor GANTTE recusing himself), and was so ordered.

Mayor GANTTE resumes chair of the meeting.

- Bid Approval – TDOT Garage Sewer Line Extension

Item not addressed, will be rolled to next regular scheduled meeting.

- Approval of Special Event – May 30, 2022, 10:00am-11:30am, Memorial Day Ceremony

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to accept the special event.

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

- Approval for DVFD to Sale Fireworks as a Fundraiser

\$9,999.99 will be used from the donation account to purchase the fireworks for re-sale. Fireworks will be sold from station 2 from June 23rd – July 4th.

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the fireworks purchase and sale.

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

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

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

- Approval of Cocke County, TN Mutual Aid Agreement

Item not addressed, will be rolled to next regular scheduled meeting.

- Discussion and Consideration of a One-Time Utility Billing Adjustment

Local Government billing software used by DWMF was recently updated. During the transition, the old rate structures were moved in automatically and calculated accurately. When the rate updates were processed there was an error made on the rate calculation of the minimum bill for customer's who use over the 2,000-gallon minimum. This oversight occurred due to the new NextGen billing system not requiring the same calculation steps. The error has been identified and corrections have been made. Billing impact is as follows:

Water Billing: \$23,313.45 (including \$2,2026.96 taxes)

Sewer Billing: \$ 9,052.53

Total Impact: \$32,365.98

Number of Customers Impacted: 2,872

Lost Revenue Average: \$10.56

Customer Impacted Most: \$64.80

Customer Impacted Least: \$ 0.42

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to write off the impacted amount of \$32,365.98 and not charge the customer for this mistake.

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

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

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

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Police Chief Carson Williams
 - Publicly thanked Mountain Motorsports for their donation and support of the Police Dept.
- Building/Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau
 - Conducting mostly residential inspections
- Parks/Rec Director Chris Shockley
 - Basketball season is complete, staff did a fantastic job with the 580 participants
 - FODAC floor repairs are almost complete
 - Volleyball season upcoming
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
 - Conducting cutbacks on streets
 - Cleaning sidewalks
 - Mulching
- DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson
 - Downtown lift station is complete
 - Waiting on a response from H&L for a plan to resolve the ARC pump station project
 - Waiting on a response from ServLine on expanded gap coverage
- Town Administrator Matt Rudder
 - Dike benches – project would have to be submitted to Dam Safety for approval
 - Pete Hayes (public works dept) will be retiring at the end of April. Advertising for the open position.
 - Utility Board Training upcoming for all board members

- Mayor George Gantte
 - TVA will not approve downtown restrooms on the property next to Town Hall. Richard Talley has been approached about the possibility in utilizing his property for restrooms. Graveyard Alley could also be a possibility.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None presented.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, that the meeting of March 8, 2022 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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