

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

**9 August 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.
- B. Vice-Mayor JESSICA ELDER 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:

- Alderman MIKE CHAMBERS
- Alderman JEFF DEPEW
- Vice-Mayor JESSICA ELDER
- Alderman TODD KESTERSON
- Alderman MIKE NELSON

ABSENT: Mayor GEORGE GANTTE  
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, Debra Cox Jarnigan (Taste of Dandridge), 540 Patriot Drive, Map 57M, Group A, Parcel 8

*Richard Curran (219 Charles Court) – 100% in favor of the beer permit.*

*Ty Talley (717 Cherokee Drive) – Both parties are respectable/responsible business owners and will uphold regulations of a beer permit.*

*Town Administrator Matt Rudder per Town Attorney Jeff Greene – Douglas Cherokee Headstart is within 300' of Taste of Dandridge restaurant. TN Department of Education lists the headstart on their website and would be considered a school unless state documentation states otherwise. The headstart is 67' to the restaurant (corner of building to corner of building).*

- Special Occasion Beer Permit, Michael Dwight Dockery for the Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival, September 24, 2022

*Mr. Dockery reviewed the site and plans. No other public comments were made.*

- Ordinance No. 22/23-05 Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge, TN a Component of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN From a B-2 General Commercial District to a R-3 High Density Residential District (W Price Rd, Map 57, part of Parcels 56.11 & 56.17)

*Ellen Longuire (807 Hopewell Street) – Concerned with increased population and traffic.*

**IV. READING OF THE MINUTES**

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting as written.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (Alderman DEPEW abstains), and was so ordered.

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the Special Called Session minutes of August 1, 2022 meeting as written.

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

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Richard Curran (219 Charles Court) – Asked when 96 gallon recycle bins will be provided. Town Administrator Matt Rudder responded that funds have been appropriated within the current budget for the bins. Options are being considered with project to be completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

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>	\$4,371,031.35	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 391,517.16
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 29,222.65	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$2,433,094.79

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Second/Final Reading of Ordinance No. 22/23-05 Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge, TN a Component of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN From a B-2 General Commercial District to a R-3 High Density Residential District (W Price Rd, Map 57, part of Parcels 56.11 & 56.17)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve Ordinance No. 22/23-05 on second/final 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		

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

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 22/23-06 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee, Establishing the CR – Cryptocurrency Mining District and Associated Regulations and Requirements

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve Ordinance No. 22/23-06 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		

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Road Block Permit (October 7, 2022, 7:00am – 5:00pm, Dandridge Lions Club White Cane Days)

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the road block permit.

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

- Special Event Approval (September 17, 2022, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Constitution Week)

*This item was tabled.*

- Request to Use the Lot Next to the Old Dandridge Elementary School for a Construction Entrance (Duke Development Oct 2022 – June 2024)

*Duke Development would utilize about half of the lot.*

*Town Attorney Jeff Greene has recommended two options:*

1. *Record a temporary construction easement that details everything*
2. *Lease agreement for the term (preferred) with detailed terms*

*Would BMA also want some type of consideration/compensation for use of the property.*

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, for a lease agreement be devised with Duke Development for the use of the Town's property adjacent to the old Dandridge Elementary School, with \$1.00 total compensation, the property be left as first utilized, and under emergency circumstances the Town would have access to the total property.

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		

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

- Review/Reconsideration of Concept Plan and Plan of Services for Proposed Annexation of Old Hwy. 92, Map 68, Parcel 15

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to extend a concept plan and plan of services for the annexation request.

On a voice vote, the motion passed 3-2, with Alderman CHAMBERS & Vice-Mayor ELDER voting NO, and was so ordered.

- Approval to Purchase Axon In-Car Video Cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Police Department (Sole Source Purchase)

*\$111,543.08, FY22/23 budget includes \$111,540 for the purchase.*

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the purchase of the in car video cameras from Axon Enterprise.

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		

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

- Approval to Purchase “4” 2023 Police Interceptors from Lonnie Cobb Ford (State Contract #75347)

*Base package = \$36,879 each – Total cost for “4” = \$147,516. FY22/23 budget includes \$190,500 for the interceptors with a police package upfitting. Remaining balance of \$42,984 will be used to upfit the vehicles with a police package.*

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the purchase of “4” Interceptors from Lonnie Cobb Ford with the remaining balance used towards upfitting the vehicles with a police package.

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		

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

- Discussion and Consideration of a Proposal from Mattern & Craig for Engineering Services – Patriot Drive Roundabout

*The engineering services would include construction documents, a bid package for improvements, and grant assistance.*

*Mattern & Craig engineering services proposal = \$30,000*

*Chad Dixon, Dumplin Valley Properties LLC, has offered assistance with the project.*

*Funds will be taken from fund balance.*

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the use of engineering services from Mattern & Craig.

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		

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

- Discussion and Consideration of the Employee Pay Scale

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to update the current employee pay scale by adding an additional \$2.00 to each job title/grade level. A definition/direction of grade levels can be discussed at the next budget retreat.

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

- Discussion and Consideration of Video Recording BMA Meetings

*Alderman CHAMBERS suggested all meetings be video recorded, not live streamed, and placed on a YouTube channel.*

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to start video recording all meetings and uploading to YouTube. Equipment will need to be purchased.

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		

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

- Retain/Replace Appointed Personnel (Town Judge & Town Attorney)

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to retain 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

- DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson
  - Pumps at the ARP booster station at 417 are suppose to arrive by end of the week
  - TDOT maintenance facility sewer project will begin next week
  - Peck Lane water line replacement began this week
  - 12 water taps and 6 sewer taps have been sold this month
  - Thanked public works for help in mowing water tank and lift station sites
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
  - Staying busy mowing roadways, building & grounds
  - Storm cleanup (downed trees)
- Building/Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau
  - Building inspections are consistent (single family is slowing)
  - Old Dandridge Elementary renovations should start middle of September
- Police Chief Carson Williams
  - Pay scale adjustments should make a difference in hiring quality/new officers
- Town Administrator Matt Rudder
  - Request has been sent to Appalachian Electric for LED lighting upgrades on Hwy 92 from Jefferson County High School to Food City (7-week lead time, should be up this week)
  - Music on the Town begins September 1st
- Bethany Hopkins, Dandridge Memorial Library
  - Received a sizeable grant (ARPA funds) from the County that will be used to improve the facility (HVAC, touch free restroom fixtures)
  - Would like to use TDOT money to upgrade parking lot

## XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- Schedule a Joint Meeting with Planning Commission to Discuss Difference Zones, Densities, Green Space, Playgrounds, Dog Parks, etc. in Larger Subdivisions

*Town Recorder will present dates to Planning Commission and BMA to see what will work best:  
September 6<sup>th</sup> or September 12<sup>th</sup> (beginning at 5:30 p.m.)*

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, that the meeting of August 9, 2022 be adjourned.

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

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Jessica Elder, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy Dixon Town Recorder