

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

13 September 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 13th day of September 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 JEFF DEPEW
 - Vice-Mayor JESSICA ELDER
 - Alderman TODD KESTERSON
 - Alderman MIKE NELSON
 - Alderman MARIANNE REESE

ABSENT: Alderman MIKE CHAMBERS

- 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

This item was pulled from the Public Hearing.

- 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

Richard Curran – contributed information on cryptocurrency mining and suggested that lot sizes increase from 8 acres to 20 acres and increase the decibel level to 140 decibels instead of 60 decibels.

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor ELDER, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting as written.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (with Alderman REESE abstaining), and was so ordered.

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None presented.

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>	\$4,324,850.88	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 381,486.42
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 29,830.17	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$2,367,636.83

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution No. 22/23-03** Amending the Pay Scale of the Town of Dandridge Personnel Handbook

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Resolution No.22/23-03.

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

- **Resolution No. 22/23-04** Calling for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of Territory into the Town of Dandridge by Owner Consent and Approving a Plan of Services (Old Hwy 92, Map 68, Parcel 15)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve Resolution No.22/23-04.

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

Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Vice-Mayor ELDER	NO	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman KESTERSON	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	RECUSED

On a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-1 (with Vice-Mayor ELDER voting NO), and was so ordered.

- **Resolution No. 22/23-05** Authorizing the Town of Dandridge to Participate in the James L. Richardson "Driver Safety" Matching Grant Program

50/50 Matching Grant of \$5,000, purchase computers for the Police Dept patrol vehicles (Panasonic Toughbooks).

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Resolution No.22/23-05.

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

- **Second/Final 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 KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Ordinance No.22/23-06 on second and final reading with the amendment of changing the minimum lot size to 20 acres instead of 8 acres.

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

Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Vice-Mayor ELDER	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman KESTERSON	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- **First Reading of Ordinance No. 22/23-07** Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge, TN a Component of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN From an A-1 Agricultural District to a R-3 High Density Residential District (Old Hwy 92, Map 68, Parcel 15)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve Ordinance No.22/23-07 on first reading.

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

Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Vice-Mayor ELDER	NO	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman KESTERSON	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	RECUSED

On a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-1 (with Vice-Mayor ELDER voting NO), and was so ordered.

X. OLD BUSINESS
None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Review Plan of Services for Plainview Drive (Map 69H, Group C, Parcel 11) Annexation/Rezone Request

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Vice-Mayor ELDER, to refer the Plan of Services for the annexation/rezone request to the Dandridge Regional Planning Commission for review.

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)

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve the DAR event.

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

- Special Event Approval (October 23, 2022, 9:00am – 3:00pm, First United Methodist Church 200th Homecoming)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman KESTERSON, to approve the special event.

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

- FOP Lodge #61 Request to Use Stage behind Town Hall (October 20, 2022, 6:30pm – 10:30pm)

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the use of the stage and property behind Town Hall.

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

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

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the agreement with Jefferson County Emergency Communications District.

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

- Approval to Utilize Sourcewell Contract #041521 – TOT for the Purchase of 96 Gallon Carts

½ truckload (312 garbage units) = \$22,271.48 (Stringfellow Inc.) – within budget

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the purchase of the carts.

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

Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Vice-Mayor ELDER	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman KESTERSON	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Approval to Utilize Sourcewell Contract #040220 – MES for the Purchase of an Air Bag Kit and Battery-Operated Extrication Tools

\$36,250 budgeted – MES cost = \$33,426.20

\$22,000 budgeted for the Air Bag Kit and Rescue Jack Stabilization/Lifting Kit.

Air bag kit = \$10,081.75 – Rescue Jack Stabilization & Lifting Kit = \$13,268.44 (\$1,350 over budget).

\$58,250 total budgeted for the above 3 items (total under budget of \$1,473)

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the purchase of the above agenda item (air bag kit & battery-operated extrication tools) along with the next agenda item (rescue jack stabilization & lifting kit).

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

Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Vice-Mayor ELDER	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman KESTERSON	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Approval to Utilize National Purchasing Partners Contract #PS20040 for the Purchase of a Rescue Jack Stabilization and Lifting Kit

\$13,268.44

The approval of this item was included in the above motion.

- Discussion and Consideration of a Lease Agreement with Centriworks for a Copy Machine at the Police Dept

Current lease agreement expires 12/28/22. Recommend a 60-month lease (\$89.00 per month).

It came on a motion by Alderman KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the lease agreement with Centriworks.

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

Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Vice-Mayor ELDER	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman KESTERSON	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- Approval of Surplus Town Property

Activity Center: Minuteman E26 ECO walk behind floor scrubber (serial # 12080078)

Bldg Inspector: 2-Office desks

Public Works: John Deere 609 rotary cutter

1973 GMC Van (VIN TPT253V501868)

1970 Basic 701A road grader (serial # 3011)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the above items as surplus.

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

Alderman DEPEW	AYE	Alderman NELSON	AYE
Vice-Mayor ELDER	AYE	Alderman REESE	AYE
Alderman KESTERSON	AYE	Mayor GANTTE	AYE

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

- AirBnBs (per Mike Nelson)

Real Estate agents are concerned with the increase in AirBnBs and VRBOs and the purchase of homes to be run as a business and whether such businesses can be slowed/limited. Building Inspector/Codes Terry Reneau reported that a permitting process could be placed that would then require inspections for life and safety and other restrictions. Another concern is with absent owners and lack of supervision of guests. The State of TN also has guidelines. Implementation guidelines can be written and reviewed for consideration. Mayor Ganite suggested that information be provided to planning commission for review to be forwarded to BMA for consideration.

Susie Jarnagin expressed concerns in her own neighborhood with the constant invasion of unknown guests in a local AirBnB; feeling unsafe and the lack of concern with local officials.

Terry Reneau will discuss with the state planner and provide information to the planning commission for review and recommendation to BMA.

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Town Administrator Matt Rudder
 - Good turn-outs for Music on the Town
- Fire Chief Andy Riley
 - Haven't received response in regards to the AFG grant
 - Successful in receiving a used oil grant
 - Rescue calls via boat
- Building/Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau
 - Inspections are steady
 - Permits are down
 - Tall grass violations still being issued
- Police Chief Carson Williams
 - Operating patrol at 75%, down 2 positions, accepting applications & conducting interviews
 - Applying for grants (AAA traffic safety, hospital foundation, driver safety)
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
 - Mowing banks on Hwy 92 and cutting grass on other streets
- DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson
 - 417 booster station is scheduled for start-up on 9/28, pumps are installed, should be in business by the end of the month once pressure testing and coordination is complete.
 - TDOT sewer project is almost complete (within 300'). Have worked with contractor on road clean-up.
 - Sold 8 water taps and 1 sewer tap the past month
 - Cutoffs have increased
 - Peck Lane line is complete, last few customers will be connected this week.
- Vice-Mayor Jessie Elder
 - Would like to look at the City of Sevierville playground area shade cover protection and the consideration for the playground at the FODs.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- November Meetings Date (November 8th = Election Day)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to hold the November meetings on Monday, November 7th.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor BLDER, seconded by Alderman NELSON, that the meeting of September 13, 2022 be adjourned.

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

George Gante, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Dixon Town Recorder

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