

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

13 December 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 December 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

- **Resolution No.22/23-12** to Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee (Plainview Drive, Map 69H, Group C, Parcel 11).

No public comments

- **Ordinance No.22/23-08** Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee a Component of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN From an A-1 (Agriculture District) to a R-1 (Low Density Residential District) (Plainview Drive, Map 69H, Group C, Parcel 11)

No public 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 October 11, 2022 meeting as written.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (with Vice-Mayor ELDER 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

- Appointment of Vice-Mayor

Vice-Mayor ELDER nominates herself to continue as Vice-Mayor for the next 2 years.
Alderman NELSON nominates Alderman KESTERSON as Vice-Mayor.
Alderman DEPEW nominates himself as Vice-Mayor.

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

Alderman DEPEW	Depew	Alderman NELSON	Kesterson
Vice-Mayor ELDER	Elder	Alderman REESE	Elder
Alderman KESTERSON	Kesterson	Mayor GANTTE	Depew

A roll call vote results in a tie.

Alderman DEPEW nominates Alderman KESTERSON as Vice-Mayor.
No other nominations received.

Alderman KESTERSON accepts the nomination as Vice-Mayor.

- Update Bank Signature Cards (if Vice-Mayor changes)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to remove Jessica Elder from all bank signature cards and replace with Todd Kesterson.

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

Previous VFD Steve Young, Treasure has moved out of state. Current treasure is Brian Poole (works full-time in Knoxville) which would make it difficult if needed to sign checks during Town Hall business hours; therefore, it is suggested that the Assistant Fire Chief be placed on signature cards.

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to remove Steve Young from DVFD signature cards and replace with Assistant Fire Chief Steve Williams.

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

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$4,598,813.15	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 306,830.24
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 14,436.38	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$2,834,391.83

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution No.22/23-12** to Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee (Plainview Drive, Map 69H, Group C, Parcel 11).

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to accept Resolution No. 22/23-12.

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

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

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

- Second/Final Reading of **Ordinance No.22/23-08** Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee a Component of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN From an A-1 (Agriculture District) to a R-1 (Low Density Residential District) (Plainview Drive, Map 69H, Group C, Parcel 11)

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to adopt Ordinance No. 22/23-08 on final reading.

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

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

- Grant Contract between Town of Dandridge and TN Dept of Environment and Conservation – Used Automotive Fluid Recycling Grant – 100%, \$44,700.00

Will purchase a trailer, an additional storage tank, two oil pumps (one to share with Public Works), and concrete for an additional shed.

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to accept the grant contract.

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

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

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

- Approval of Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund Grant – In-Car Cameras for Patrol Vehicles

\$25,000 awarded

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the Jefferson Health Care Foundation Fund Grant.

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

- Approval to Purchase (2) Gravely Pro-Turn 560 Commercial Mowers – via State Contract #66015

Budgeted \$20,000. State contract total = \$26,053.56 to be purchased from Chilton Turf Center. The additional \$6,053.56 will be used from fund balance. Old mowers will be surplus/sold via GovDeals.

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve the purchase of the 2 Gravely mowers at a cost of \$26,053.56.

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

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

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

- Discussion and Consideration of the 2023 Music on the Town Series

It was consensus of BMA to continue the Music on the Town series with scheduling 7 nights for the 2023 season.

- Discussion and Consideration of an Easement Request on Lakeview Drive from Leanne Lethco

Property will be used as a storage facility, will install a fence, propose to install fence at top of steep slope along Lakeview Drive on Town property. Survey and description have been completed for easement. Is not within walking trail nor will interfere with any town functions. Language will be included that the Town will have the right to enter the property if need be. Town will retain ownership giving an easement to place the fence. Lethco will keep area clean and mowed, possibly to include rip-rap. Fence will be placed directly on the property line.

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the easement request.

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

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

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

- Discussion and Consideration of a Temporary Special Use Permit from Dandridge First United Methodist Church

Request temporary permission to park 3 recreational vehicles behind the annex building for a limited time of September 28th – October 19th, 2023 with the Nomads performing local mission work. Will approve for a 21-day special use permit. Utilities (electric, water, sewer) can be provided. Utilities would not be available in the parking lot behind the church.

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve the Special Use Permit for the requested dates.

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

- Appointment to Regional Planning Commission (Lou Willoughby term is up 12/1/22)

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to re-appoint Lou Willoughby to another term on the Dandridge Regional Planning Commission.

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

- Appointment to Historic Planning Commission (BMA serving)

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman ELDER, that Alderman JEFF DEPEW serve another term on the Dandridge Historic Planning Commission.

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

- Discussion and Consideration of an Employee Bonus

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman ELDER, to give a Christmas Bonus of \$500 to full-time employees and \$250 to part-time employees; DVFD will receive a bonus prorated on 10%-25% of call response of \$100, 25%-50% of call response of \$250, and over 50% of call response of \$500 during a 90-day (3 month) response time during August-September-October of 2022.

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

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

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

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Parks/Rec Chris Shockley
 - Town of Dandridge has 6 Certified Municipal Finance Officers (Cathy Dixon, Matt Rudder, Chris Shockley, Kendall Moore, Lisa Alexander, and Michelle Boyer)
 - Employee Christmas Lunch, Wednesday, December 21st, 11:30am, FODAC
 - 564 children have registered for the FODAC basketball program; 26 on a waiting list; need coaches for the 14+ boys age group for 2 more teams.
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
 - Trash truck was down for repairs; old recycle truck was used for trash pickup.
 - Leaves are slow, cutting back on right-of-ways, trash pickup, sidewalk cleaning
- Police Chief Carson Williams
 - New security cameras have been installed.
 - Have lost 2 officers (Doug Atkins & Phil Batts), have hired 2 new ones (Andrew Smith & Mitch Buckner).
- Codes Enforcement/Building Inspector Terry Reneau
 - Asbestos has been removed from the Old Dandridge Elementary school. Demolition/new construction will begin once plans are received from the state fire marshal.
 - Phase 3 apartments on Killion Road should begin soon.
 - Architects are working on commercial plans off of Hwy.92 for Carlyle property.
- Fire Chief Andy Riley
 - Call volume still on the increase (Jan-Nov = 759 calls), a significant increase.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- Reminder - DVFD Christmas Parade (Saturday, December 17th, 1:00pm, line-up at 12:00pm)
- Mayor GANTTE has spoke with a group of investors from Sevier County that are interested in building a new 60-unit hotel at the 417 area within the next 18 months.
- Mayor GANTTE also reported that he has spoke with the owner of a restaurant franchise out of Knoxville who might entertain building a franchise in Dandridge.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, that the meeting of December 13, 2022 be adjourned.

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

George Gantte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Dixon Town Recorder