

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
9 May 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The Dandridge Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in a regular session in Dandridge, Tennessee on Tuesday, the 9th day of May 2023.
- 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 JESSICA ELDER
 - Vice-Mayor 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. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting as written.

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

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Katie Huffaker (Oak Grove Community) – concerned with cabin rentals and the town should address short term cabin rentals vs long term, how many stories they can be.
- Ellen Longmire (807 Hopewell Street) – re: campgrounds, control growth, sustain community.
Suggestions: set strict growth standards, design review, distance between campers increased x3, 12’ tall tree perimeter every 8’, inside perimeter fencing, rock/stone firepits, resort zoning, large setbacks, low signage, no digital signage/flashing lights, time restrictions. Set Dandridge standards higher than those of the county.
Buildings should blend with the town (rock/stone frontages, pillars, porches, bath houses, laundry, check in/security buildings), 24-hour staff on site, retention ponds, walking trail areas, greenspace, dog parks, children's playgrounds, paved roadways/camper slips (no gravel), trees, sidewalks, fire hydrants, street lights, noise ordinance, fireworks, consider infrastructure, excess traffic on Hwy.25/70.

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

None presented.

VI. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

None presented.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TOWN RECORDER

<u>Bank Balance:</u>	<u>BMA Acct:</u>	\$5,350,276.95	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 397,170.08
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 17,440.34	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$3,331,046.41

VIII. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution No. 22/23-20** 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 (Hwy 25-70E – Map 59 – Parcel 39.02)

Not addressed; rolled to the next meeting.

- **Resolution No. 22/23-21** Requesting the General Assembly of the State of TN Preserve the Fundamental Right of Tennesseans to Keep and Bear Arms

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to approve Resolution No.22/23-21.

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

- First Reading of **Ordinance No. 22/23-14** Amending the “Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge, TN” a Component of the “Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN” from A-1 (Agriculture District) to a B-4 (Commercial Resort District) Hwy 25-70E – Map 59 – Parcel 39.02

Not addressed; rolled to the next meeting.

- First Reading of **Ordinance No. 22/23-15** Amending the “Zoning Map of the Town of Dandridge, TN” a Component of the “Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Dandridge, TN” from B-2 (General Commercial District) to a R-1 (Low Density Residential District) Grant Street – Map 68F – Group B – Parcel 14.04

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Ordinance No.22/23-15 on first reading.

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

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

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

- First Reading of **Ordinance No. 22/23-16** to Amend the 2022/2023 Budget

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to approve Ordinance No.22/23-16 on first reading.

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

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

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

- First Reading of **Ordinance No. 23/24-01** Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, to approve Ordinance No.23/24-01 on first reading.

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, to amend the previous motion by offering a 5% pay increase for current full/part-time employees, seconded by Alderman REESE.

It was recommended that employees receive notice of their total benefits package.

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

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

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

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

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

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

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Bids for Paving

Hopewell/Nichols Streets, Lake Drive, & Newman-Riley

<i>4 bids were received:</i>	<i>Duracap Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.</i>	<i>\$189,541.20</i>
	<i>PRI of East TN, Inc.</i>	<i>\$195,800.00</i>
	<i>Newport Paving, Inc.</i>	<i>\$211,375.00</i>
	<i>APAC-Atlantic, Inc.</i>	<i>\$222,675.00</i>

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman DEPEW, to accept the bid from Duracap Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. for a total amount of \$189,541.20.

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

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

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

- Special Event Approval (UT Smokey Invitational, June 24, 2023)

It came on a motion by Alderman DEPEW, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the UT Smokey Invitational special event.

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

- Appointment to Historic Planning Commission (Kenny Carr’s term is up 6/1/23)

Not addressed; rolled to the next meeting.

- Review of Zoning Ordinance 14-609 Location and Development Standards for Travel Trailer Parks

Discussed in Planning Commission meeting. Commissioners and BMA will submit their suggestions to the Town Recorder. A workshop will be held with Planning Commissioners & BMA within 60 days for further review.

Mayor GANTTE also suggested that a workshop discussion also be had regarding a Design Review Committee and Guidelines.

- Discuss Yard Sale Regulations

Concerned with continuous individual yard sales.

Suggestions: Alderman CHAMBERS – limit up to 3 consecutive days maximum, 2-3 times a year, with a free permit (not continuous).

Alderman REESE – 3 times per year

*Building Codes Enforcement Terry Reneau – ample/safe parking, signage
Alderman DEPEW – consider a \$25 temporary sign permit with a refundable fee once all signs, etc. are removed.*

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to suspend the rules and add the above item to the agenda.

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

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

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

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, that Yard Sale Regulations include, 3 consecutive days, 3 times per year, \$25 permit deposit, but if signs are not removed, loose deposit and signs.

Alderman CHAMBERS withdraws his motion in order for the town attorney to draft an ordinance and present at the next meeting.

XI. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Bethany Jones, Dandridge Memorial Library
 - Got \$10,000 from the American Library Association for the accessible library grant focused on bathrooms, lobby, ADA transition plan
 - ARC grant will be used for the patio
- Police Chief Carson Williams
 - Assisted with the hoax shooting call at JCHS
- Parks/Rec James Baker
 - Revolution Volleyball begins this week
 - Baseball/Basketball tournaments are scheduled
 - 6 summer day camps will be offered beginning June 12th
 - Animal Expo returning June 10th – 11th
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
 - Mowing streets
 - Storm cleanup
- DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson
 - Concrete pouring is scheduled for downtown lift station
 - Plans have been designed for review by the engineer for the CDBG/ARPA funds sewer line, hope to bid within a month
 - 17 water taps for the month
 - 9 sewer taps for the month
- Codes Enforcement/Building Inspector Terry Reneau
 - Several commercial projects in the works and remodeling (old Dandridge Ele School, Arby's, McDonalds, Hardees)
 - Waiting on LaQuinta Inn plans and Firehouse Subs plans
- Town Administrator Chris Shockley
 - There is no interest in a property swap for downtown restrooms
 - Permanent foundations ordinance will be presented to Planning Commission next month and then BMA
 - SJLL & Bronco Football agreements expire in August and will be presented to BMA in July for review/discussion
 - ISO was at the VFD on 5/8/23.

- Alderman Jessie Elder
 - Joint workshop with Planning Commission – include short/long term cabin rentals

XII. MISCELLANEOUS
None presented.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, that the meeting of May 9, 2023, 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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