

**TOWN OF DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
12 September 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 12th day of September 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 JESSICA ELDER
 - Vice-Mayor TODD KESTERSON
 - Alderman MIKE NELSON
 - Alderman MARIANNE REESE

ABSENT: Alderman JEFF DEPEW

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- **Ordinance No. 23/24-08** Amending Title 11 Chapter 3 Section 11-302 Weapons & Firearms Generally of the Town of Dandridge TN Municipal Code

No comments

- **Ordinance No. 23/24-11** to Amend Title 1 Chapter 1 Adding Title 1-121 “Public Comment Period” to the Dandridge Municipal Code

Marian Knight, 440 W. Main St - #5 Why require people to find representatives of the opposing views if they are in favor of an item? Why do opposing view speakers get twice as long as those in favor? Why is there a 30 minute time limit? Rather, the chair call an end to public comment that goes on and on with a 30 minute minimum prior to ending public comment. Changes add additional restrictions and will make it likely that the changes could be used in the future to suppress the right of people to speak. Presented an alternative to the Ordinance and suggested that the presented ordinance not pass in its current form.

Carmen Lichty – Concerned with only allowing people to speak to what’s on the agenda. No opportunity to speak on other items.

Mike Foley, 318 Oak Vista Drive - #1 Concerned that items not on the agenda will be excluded from public comments.

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve the Regular Session minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting as written.

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

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS

Non 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>	\$4,929,410.88	<u>DVFD Balance:</u>	\$ 437,805.14
	<u>Drug Fund Balance:</u>	\$ 24,597.50	<u>DWMF Balance:</u>	\$3,253,347.99

IX. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- Second/Final Reading of **Ordinance No. 23/24-08** Amending Title 11 Chapter 3 Section 11-302 Weapons & Firearms Generally of the Town of Dandridge TN Municipal Code

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve Ordinance No. 23/24-08 on final reading.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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. 23/24-11** to Amend Title 1 Chapter 1 Adding Title 1-121 “Public Comment Period” to the Dandridge Municipal Code

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to approve Ordinance No. 23/24-11 on final reading.

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to amend the Ordinance as follows:

#1. Prior to the start of any public meeting by a governing body any member of the public may sign up to speak on any matter. ~~relevant to a matter on the agenda.~~

*#5. If more than 3 people plan to speak on the same issue, they will be required to select one person to represent each opposing viewpoint and those individuals will be given 6 minutes to speak, **at the chairman’s discretion.***

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

A roll call was asked for the original motion and second with the amendments and the BMA responded as follows:

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

- **Resolution No. 23/24-08** Authoring the Town of Dandridge, TN to Participate in the James L. Richardson “Driver Training” Matching Grant Program

\$1,500

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to approve Resolution No. 23/24-08.

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

- **Resolution No. 23/24-09** Amending the Pay Scale of the Town of Dandridge Personnel Handbook

*Adds the following positions: GIS Technician
Parks and Recreation Turf Technician*

It came on a motion by Alderman REESE, seconded by Alderman ELDER, to approve Resolution No. 23/24-09.

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

- Cherokee Drive/Evans Lane Intersection All-Way Stop Analysis (Updated 8/25/23)

*Analysis was conducted by Brad Peters, P.E., UT MTAS Public Works Consultant
Recommendation: “Given the lack of vehicular accidents, an analysis of the traffic data during both study periods (June 28, 2023 & August 25, 2023), and field observations, it is our recommendation that the town leave the intersection in its current configuration, as suggested by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices”.*

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman NELSON, to make the intersection of Cherokee Drive/Evans Lane a 3-way all stop to include a set of rumble strips

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

- Update on Final Costs – Christmas Lighted Displays

\$50,000 was allotted

Snowflakes 77 were ordered (from 62) \$30,415

Wreaths 20 \$10,500

\$8,000 remains and ordered the following display for the dike:

2 – 6’ accent fir trees

2 – 8’ accent fir trees

2 – 10’ accent fir trees

1 – 6’ nativity star w/poles TOTAL = \$5,66.10

\$2,918.90 remains

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- DWMF Downtown Lift Station Fencing

Historic Planning Commission recommended 6’ black commercial grade chain link fence with privacy slats to include shrubs/plantings to mitigate the view of the fencing along the sidewalk and not to interfere with gate access.

Bids received:

- Proposal 1: 6' Spear Top Black Commercial Aluminum*
- Proposal 2: 6' H (black) Commercial Grade Chain Link Fence*
- Proposal 3: 6' H Commercial Grade Chain Link Fence*
- Privacy Slats*
- Privacy Mesh Screen*

<i>Bids Received:</i>	<i>E&M Fencing</i>	<i>Proposal 1:</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
		<i>Proposal 2:</i>	<i>\$9,400</i>
		<i>Proposal 3:</i>	<i>\$6,985</i>
		<i>Slats:</i>	<i>\$1,350</i>
		<i>Mesh Screen:</i>	<i>\$300</i>
	<i>Shoemaker</i>	<i>Proposal 1:</i>	<i>\$14,000</i>
		<i>Proposal 2:</i>	<i>\$8,325</i>
		<i>Proposal 3:</i>	<i>\$6,050</i>
		<i>Slats:</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>
		<i>Mesh Screen:</i>	<i>\$600</i>
	<i>Stanley Fencing</i>	<i>Proposal 1:</i>	<i>\$15,508</i>
		<i>Proposal 2:</i>	<i>\$8,444</i>
		<i>Proposal 3:</i>	<i>\$6,772</i>
		<i>Slats:</i>	<i>\$3,002</i>
		<i>Mesh Screen:</i>	<i>\$1,320</i>

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman REESE, to award the bid to Shoemaker Landscaping & Fencing. (Proposal 2: 6' H (black) Commercial Grade Chain Link Fence - \$8,325, Privacy Slats - \$1,200, TOTAL \$9,525)

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

- DVFD Electric Air Compressor Replacement

Quotes received via state contract pricing: Electric Air Compressor, 7.5 hp, 2 stage (manufactured by Ingersoll Rand), electric start up kit, 3/4" compressor installation kit

<i>Grainger</i>	<i>\$4,770.57</i>
<i>Ingersoll Rand</i>	<i>\$5,996.87</i>

Stanley Services Group \$475

Remove existing air compressor, install new air compressor, reuse existing power, includes anchoring and reconnecting airline.

It came on a motion by Alderman CHAMBERS, seconded by Alderman REESE, to appropriate \$5,245.57 payable via General Fund Buildings & Grounds to Grainger (\$4,770.57) & Stanley Services Group (\$475) for a new air compressor and installation.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

- FODAC Replacing Fluorescent Fixtures with New LED High Bay Fixtures

<i>Electripro Services, Inc</i>	<i>\$15,360.35</i>
<i>RLJ Electrical</i>	<i>\$24,695.00</i>
<i>Stanley Services Group</i>	<i>\$26,700.00</i>

Budgeted \$15,000, \$360.35 will pay via general fund - fund balance.

It came on a motion by Vice-Mayor KESTERSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the quote from Electripro Services, Inc.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

- Upgrade Tasers for Police Dept to X10's

Via \$46,000 Violent Crimes Grant (old X26 model tasers are no longer supported), originally applied to order Taser 7's. X10's are \$6,000 more than original order of X7's. (X10's are more accurate, 10 individual shots, green laser, 45' vs 25' distance, audible tone, LED strobe, uses gun powder, 250'/second velocity, replace probes only, cannot dry tase) Total Upgrade = \$48,242.97

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to purchase the X10 Tasers for the additional \$6,000 (\$46,000 grant, \$6,000 fund balance)

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

- DWMF Service Truck (2023 Ford F-550 Super Cab Chassis DRW 4WD XL 84" CA 192" WB Diesel)

*Government price quote from Alan Jay Fleet Sales \$89,274.00
\$90,000 budgeted*

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, to approve the service truck purchase.

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

Alderman CHAMBERS	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.

- Bid – 2020 CDBG I&I Sewer System Improvements Sewer Line Extension (Replace sewer line behind the Jefferson County Sheriff Workhouse to Nichols Road)

Bids were opened on 9/7/23, significant price increases, \$1,165,170 (\$87,000 original construction budget). \$905,250 deficit via DWMF funds. Recommend to table this item for one month to allow time to seek other alternative funding.

It was consensus to table this item for 1 month.

- Discuss Guidelines for Erosion Control

Issues with erosion control on city streets, currently no policy to recoup time/expense (hourly rate, equipment use) when employees are dispatched to clean up city streets (including after hours), especially safety problems created by negligent property owners.

It came on a motion by Alderman ELDER, seconded by Alderman REESE, to have the Town Attorney to devise an ordinance to be presented at the next meeting to include charges for fees.

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

- Discuss Guidelines for Sidewalk Repair

Issues with damage to existing sidewalks. Costs to charge contractors/utilities/homeowners for public works to repair damaged sidewalk. Public Works Superintendent will seek estimates on cost of concrete and add 30%. An ordinance will be written and presented at next months meeting.

XII. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- Fire Chief Andy Riley
 - A PO was issued on 9/8/23 for the new fire truck with a L9 motor
- Police Chief Carson Williams
 - Deal sheets from Lonnie Cobb Ford have been written for 4 new police vehicles that were first ordered in August 2022 with an arrival in October.
 - Participated in the Hands Across the Border through THSO grant with TN Highway Patrol and North Carolina.
- Public Works Superintendent Donald Whaley
 - Continuing on brush
 - Mowing banks
 - Todd Kesterson – meeting via Sanitation Board, during the time period of the August 7 storms, Dandridge has already hauled in a years worth of brush.
- Codes Enforcement/Building Inspector Terry Reneau
 - Building and Permits still progressing
 - Grade work on Firehouse Subs should start soon
- Parks/Rec James Baker
 - 2 successful expos
 - Fall baseball is in progress
 - Broncos first home game this past Saturday
 - October 2 begins youth basketball signups
 - Family Fun Fair on September 26
 - Field 1 Fence and Dugout have been repaired from 8/7 storm
- Finance Kendall Moore
 - Auditors will arrive the beginning of October
- DWMF Superintendent Tana Benson
 - Sold 22 water taps & 11 sewer taps this month
 - TDEC performed a water inspection last week
 - The new VacCo arrived yesterday

- Town Administrator Chris Shockley
 - Library door was busted out over the weekend
 - A PO has been issued for the egress door in the meeting room
 - MOTT is off and running
 - Received estimate from adjuster on Town property damages from 8/7 storm (\$58,560.49)
 - Station 2 McCoig family picture September 28 at 5:30
 - September 20 at 11:30 Employee Annual Picnic
 - The Tourism Enhancement Grant (utilized to build the dock) was going to be used to assist with parking at the dock area of which the state ended up covering. The funds will now be applied to install outdoor pickleball courts and a new playground at the Field of Dreams. 80/20 grant
 - Investing Funds (VFD) – the total amount of funds will be invested during the time period until the new fire truck arrives

- Vice-Mayor Todd Kesterson
 - Phone call from Holly Oaks area that is interested in water, inquiring on help from Town.

- Alderman Mike Nelson
 - Will there be Federal help for the 8/7 storm? An initial meeting has been held, but no determination yet.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- September 20, 2023, 11:30 a.m., Employee Picnic

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

It came on a motion by Alderman NELSON, seconded by Alderman CHAMBERS, that the meeting of September 12, 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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