

MINUTES

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE Board of Mayor and Aldermen

February 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Present: Alderman Smith, Alderman Gormley, Mayor Bickers, Vice Mayor Holley, Alderman Pugh

Absent: None

Others Present: Town Attorney Buuck, Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and thirty citizens

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Bickers led the opening prayer.

Mayor Bickers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

MOTION by Gormley to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting of the BMA. Second by Smith. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report and Approval of Monthly Financial Report:

Financial report for month ending January 31 was reviewed.

As of 01/31/2015 \$1, 780,437.09

MOTION by Holley to accept the January monthly financial report. Second by Pugh. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Bickers announced that Dick McGill has been hired as a part time employee to handle codes development/enforcement and preparation/review of bids. We welcome Dick to our staff and expect that his wealth of construction knowledge will benefit the Town significantly.

Mayor Bickers communicated that the annual Louisville Cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 28. The event starts at the Town Hall at 8:30 AM and concludes back at the Town Hall with refreshment for all volunteers.

Mayor Bickers announced that Stewards of Children will offer a training session at the Town Hall on April 23, 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to this very important sharing of information concerning child abuse.

Mayor Bickers announced that a rabies clinic will be held at Town Hall some time in early March. Details will be forthcoming and available on the website.

Mayor Bickers reminded all about the availability of Zumba and Yoga training almost every day at the Community Room.

Mayor Bickers also reminded everyone about the Senior Nutrition Program lunches held every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone is encouraged to help seniors in their family and friends to attend.

Mayor Bickers communicated that the Town is working on a plan to allow the dedication of benches along the walking trails. The standard design will fit in to the master landscaping plan for the Town Hall property. Cost is expected to be \$750 per dedicated bench which will include a plaque describing the dedication. Contact Linda Webb for more details.

Citizens Comments: One citizen inquired about security on Weatherspoon Road since removal of the gate by TWRA. Another citizen inquired about how to have regular pickup of roadside trash along the Town roads.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY REZONING THE PROPERTY AT 3712 LOUISVILLE ROAD FROM R-1 TO C-1 AT THE REQUEST OF OWNERS JACK AND DIANA MORGAN (First Reading).

Mayor Bickers reviewed the background concerning the Planning Commission discussion and recommendation for approval of this Zoning Ordinance Amendment

MOTION by Bickers to approve the ordinance as proposed. Second by Smith. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

Ordinance passes first reading. A public hearing will be scheduled for 6:30 PM prior to the BMA Meeting on March 10.

Other Action Items:

1. Discussion of Enhancing Ambulance and Law Enforcement Presence

Mayor Bickers reviewed the background of previous discussion and investigation concerning establishing an ambulance station at the Town Hall property. Mayor Bickers described how the ambulance service in Blount County is contracted to private enterprise. He also described the unique situation in the Town of Louisville where we have a facility available for an ambulance station where the Blount County Fire District now resides. Mayor Bickers recommends that the focus of discussion be on improving the ambulance service for the entire community, not just the area inside the Town.

Also, Mayor Bickers reviewed the past discussion with the Blount County Sheriff's Department concerning how to improve police presence and protection in the Louisville area.

Numerous citizens commented on the need to improve ambulance service in the Louisville. There was general agreement that improved ambulance service is a greater priority than improved police presence. Many alternatives were discussed for improving both ambulance and police service.

Mayor Bickers committed to provide a printable petition on the Town website for citizens to print, obtain signatures and lobby the Blount County Commission to include the Louisville ambulance in the upcoming new Blount County contract. Also, Mayor Bickers will organize a public meeting at the Town Hall including as many Blount County Commissioners as will attend to let them hear the needs and desires of the Louisville community concerning ambulance and police services.

Board and Committee Appointments: Mayor Bickers noted to the alderman that he has re-appointed to another term both John Huffman and Ben Curtis to the Planning Commission.

Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen: None

MOTION by Gormley to adjourn; Second by Smith, VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:24 p.m.

Mayor

Town Recorder