

**TOWN OF LOUISVILLE**  
**Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

November 15, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Planning Commission, Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and six citizens.

Mayor Bickers called the joint meeting with the Planning Commission to order at 6:03 p.m. The joint meeting was held due to the elections at Town Hall conflicting with the normal BMA meeting time on November 08.

Mayor Bickers performed the swearing in of newly elected Aldermen Jill Robinson Pugh and Robert Smith.

Mayor Bickers led the Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**MOTION** by Bickers to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting of the BMA. Second by Pugh. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

**Mayor's Report and Approval of Monthly Financial Report:**

Financial report for month ending October 31 was reviewed.

As of 10/31/2016      \$2, 033,735.41

**MOTION** by Gormley to accept the October monthly financial report. Second by Smith. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Bickers announced the birth of a son William to Planning Commissioner Nick Whitehead and his wife Lisa.

Mayor Bickers communicated that the annual Octoberfest was another outstanding event with over \$20,000 raised for charities. There was a huge turnout and great weather. Thanks to Linda Webb for again organizing and coordinating this event and also thanks to all those who helped. We still have some leftover T-shirts for sale at Town Hall for \$5.00.

Mayor Bickers communicated that planning is underway for the Annual Christmas Parade to begin at 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 26. Lineup will start at 10:00 AM along Topside Road and Louisville Christian Church. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Mayor Bickers reported that a fire ban is in place for all of Blount County due to the extremely dry conditions.

Mayor Bickers reported that he is scheduling a meeting with Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell to request that John Lamb continue as planning advisor to the TOL after his retirement..

Mayor Bickers updated the status of the Thurston property issue. Based on current response, litigation appears to be necessary.

Mayor Bickers reported that paving is finished for this calendar year. Glenn Road is scheduled for May 2017 after all South Blount Utility work is complete.

Mayor Bickers shared several post-election comments and encouraged all to work together.

**Citizens Comments:** Gloria Bickers commented on her frustration with a lack of recycling options especially on this end of the county. She offered suggestions and possible costs. She asked the BMA to consider exploring options for provision by the TOL.

Jim Collins expressed his thanks to the TOL for considering and being involved potential impact of the ammunition plant on Lackey Creek embayment.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:** None

**Other Action/Discussion Items:**

1. **Discussion of Town Vision** – Mayor Bickers presented to both the BMA and Planning Commission his vision for the Town of Louisville and how to effectively manage that future.

**Board and Committee Appointments:** None

**Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen:** None

**MOTION** by Pugh to adjourn the joint meeting; Second by Nick Whitehead, VOTE: UNANIMOUS. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

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Mayor

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Town Recorder