

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

December 13, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and two citizens.

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

MOTION by Gormley to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 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 November 30 was reviewed.

As of 11/30/2016 \$1, 954,553.75

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

Mayor Bickers communicated the Town's attorney is preparing paperwork to begin litigation on the Thurston property issue. Papers will be served in January 2017.

Mayor Bickers communicated that the Annual Christmas Parade held on Saturday, November 26 was a huge success. Participation was probably the largest ever and the weather was perfect. Thanks to Debbie Walsh and all the Town employees for organizing this event.

Mayor Bickers announced that the retirement dinner for Raymond Cantrell will be held at Town Hall on Friday, December 16. The dinner will celebrate Raymond's twenty years as a valuable Town employee.

Mayor Bickers reported John Lamb's retirement event will be held 2:30 – 4:30 PM on Wednesday, December 14 at the Blount County Ops Center. All who work with John should drop by and wish him well.

Mayor Bickers reported that the Planning Commission approved for recommendation to the BMA the Zoning Ordinance update that has been in progress for several years. The BMA will consider on first reading the updated Zoning Ordinance at the January 2017 BMA Meeting.

Mayor Bickers reported that work is underway on the maintenance shed. Footers are in progress and the trusses have arrived on site.

Mayor Bickers noted that the BMA will need to elect a Vice Mayor tonight since the BMA has committed to hold this election every two years.

Citizens Comments: Earl Morgan inquired about the financial status of Poland Creek Campground as to whether enough profit is being generated to fund needed improvements such as additional electrical sites and bathhouse improvements.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

Other Action/Discussion Items:

Mayor Bickers nominated Angie Holley to serve another two year term as Vice Mayor.

MOTION by Mayor Bickers to approve the nomination of Angie Holley to serve a two year term as Vice Mayor. Second by Pugh. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

Board and Committee Appointments:

Mayor Bickers nominated Jim Brown to a new term, expiring in 2021, on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Jim has served two previous five year terms and is willing to serve again.

MOTION by Mayor Bickers to approve the nomination of Jim Brown to a new five year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Second by Holley. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen: Mayor Bickers reminded everyone of the severe situation in Sevier County due to the firestorm. Inquiries on ways to help indicate they need volunteers rather than money.

MOTION by Gormley to adjourn the joint meeting; Second by Bickers, VOTE: UNANIMOUS. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

Town Recorder