

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

February 14, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Alderman Gormley

Others Present: Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and no citizens.

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

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

MOTION by Holley to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 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 01/31/2017 \$1, 904,434.71

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

Mayor Bickers reported that the updated Zoning Ordinance would not be considered on first reading until the March BMA meeting. Due to business commitments, the Mayor was not able to have the enabling Ordinance prepared for the February meeting..

Mayor Bickers reported that the maintenance building is now progressing well. The block is complete and the steel erection is underway. Building should be ready by the end of March.

Mayor Bickers communicated that the implementation of the Business License is moving smoothly although somewhat slowly. We are working closely with the State to process applications.

Mayor Bickers reported that the town maintenance crews have cleaned up a property on Hardy Blvd. Cost has been submitted to the owner but they probably can't pay. The Town will attach a lien on the property for the cost.

Mayor Bickers updated the current situation with the Thurston property. The Town will make one last effort to avoid litigation. Thurston must agree the current permit is expired and he must submit a new site plan to the Planning Commission for any new proposal.

Mayor Bickers reported that the Town maintenance crews are in the process of planting replacement trees behind the K2 volleyball area. TVA cut down the existing Leyland Cypress trees due to proximity to the high voltage lines. Town crews are planting a Holley species approved by TVA for this location.

Mayor Bickers reported that Town codes officials will be meeting with ISO in February to audit our codes enforcement activity. We want to improve ratings for both codes and fire protection to potentially lower homeowner's insurance cost. Separately, Mayor Bickers will be meeting with the Blount County Fire District to get guidance for how the Town can help to improved fire rating and also to explore adding commercial property to the Town's provision for fire protection by the BCFD.

Mayor Bickers proposed the starting time for BMA meetings be moved to 6:00 PM. All BMA members present agreed to move the starting time to 6 PM for the March meeting. After evaluation, this will become the standard starting time. When a Public Hearing by the BMA is scheduled, the Public Hearing will start at 6 PM and will be followed by the regular BMA meeting.

Citizens Comments: None

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

Other Action/Discussion Items:

Alderman Holley reported that she had been questioned by a citizen about the exterior lighting for the new Dollar General on the Cox property. Consensus from the subsequent discussion is that the new Lighting Ordinance was effective in improving the lighting design for this facility. Current observation of the almost complete store indicates that the lighting design is much improved over the first Dollar General.

Board and Committee Appointments: None

Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen: None

MOTION by Bickers to adjourn the joint meeting; Second by Smith, VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Mayor

Town Recorder