

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

February 12, 2019
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.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 08, 2019 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 January 31 was reviewed.

As of 01/31/2018 \$1, 954,327.94

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

Mayor Bickers expressed his appreciation for all the kind words and cards he received during the passing of his father.

Mayor Bickers reported that Kenneth Melton is currently in ICU. Kenneth was the long time District 10 representative on the Blount County Commission. Please keep Kenneth in your prayers.

Mayor Bickers announced the TOL has received another favorable audit for FY 2018. There were no negative findings and thanks go out to all Town employees and Don & Julie Teffeteller.

Mayor Bickers reported Darrell Dillard and Jere Ingram have resigned from the Planning Commission. Mayor Bickers announced that he is appointing Steven Kelley to fill position vacated by Darrell Dillard. Mr. Kelley's 5 year term will expire in 2023. Mayor Bickers has not reached a decision on the position vacated by Jere Ingram. Mr. Ingram was the Mayor's Representative on the Planning Commission. Mayor Bickers will make a decision before the next Planning Commission meeting on March 19, 2019. The Mayor can serve on the Planning Commission or he may appoint another Mayor's Representative.

Mayor Bickers reported on the success of the new portable radar unit that has been showing up on several TOL roads in the past month. Barry Loope put the system together and comments have been extremely favorable on the value of this unit to slow drivers down.

Mayor Bickers reported that negotiations stalled on the proposed Fall Music festival. The TOL was unable to reach a favorable agreement and the schedule window for the Fall 2019 was not viable. Mayor Bickers will continue investigation for the feasibility of holding this event in the spring of 2020.

Citizens Comments: Charles Perry complimented the TOL for the flashing warning signs on the Mentor Road curves near Smith Road. Buddy Prater commented on his recent poor experience with ambulance response time. Bruce Icenhower inquired about the intentions of the TOL concerning repair of the boat ramp at Poland Creek. Kerry Findley commented on the water traffic conflicts between boaters and kayakers at Louisville Point Park

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

Other Action/Discussion Items:

1. Fire Hydrant Update: Town Engineer Swicegood provided an update on the status of the eight hydrants planned for 2019. The road locations have been marked by the TOL and South Blount. South Blount has the material on order. Installation should begin in March/April along Johnston Road, Spruce Hill Road, Mentor Road, Miser Station Road and Dug Gap Road.
2. Discussion of grant for Dog Park: Mayor Bickers reported that the TOL will apply for a \$25,000 grant from Pet Smart for a dog park located on TOL property. The first choice is a location behind the existing softball field. Scope would include a new parking lot and upgrade entrance and access road. The BMA was unanimous in support of using this property for a dog park. Mayor Bickers will move forward with the request for a grant.

Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen: Alderman Gormley commented very favorably on the appearance of the new fence installed along Topside Road at Beal Park. Mayor Bickers complimented Alderman Gormley for acknowledging that “the fence was OK after all”.

MOTION by Gormley to adjourn the meeting; Second by Smith, VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 PM

Mayor

Town Recorder

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