

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

February 09, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bickers, Alderman Kelley, Vice Mayor Pugh (Via Zoom), Alderman Holley (Via Zoom), Alderman Gormley (Via Zoom)

Absent: None

Others Present: Linda Webb and two citizens.

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Mayor Bickers led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOTION by Gormley to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021, meeting of the BMA. Second by Kelley. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report and Approval of Monthly Financial Report:

Financial report for month ending January 31 was reviewed.

As of 01/31/2021 \$2,318,674.97

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

Mayor Bickers communicated that Blount County Commission pulled from their agenda the proposed change in voting locations. The change apparently has no support Commission and is referred back to the Election Commission whether to proceed at the State level.

Mayor Bickers noted that the Dog Park is essentially complete and has some heavy use. A formal dedication is still planned when the weather and pandemic situation is improved.

Mayor Bickers announced that the annual Louisville Cleanup is scheduled for May 01. All volunteers will meet at Town Hall at 8:00 AM and will conclude at Noon. Refreshments will be available.

Mayor Bickers noted that the Town Hall area has two new street lights to improve visibility at the entrance from Louisville Road. Also, a new mini-library is located along the walking trail at the back of the sports field. The mini-library can be used to deposit donated books or to borrow books stored there.

Mayor Bickers reiterated that the Music Festival is tentatively set for 2021 August 06 & 07 . Entertainment has been lined up. The ability to conduct this event will depend on the pandemic situation and State rules in place at the beginning of the 90 day decision window.

Citizens Comments: Earl Morgan requested that the Town investigate the need for guardrail at the Old Lowes Ferry Road approach to Louisville Road.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

Other Action Items:

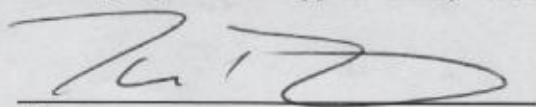
1. **Donation to Middlesettlements Elementary School for Playground:**

Mayor Bickers proposed that the town provide a \$5000 donation to MES to enhance the playground. Specifically, the playground would be provided with the addition of "sail shades" to allow shady areas for students. After discussion, all members of the BMA voiced support for this donation.

MOTION by Gormley to approve the donation of \$5000 to MES for the playground. Second by Holley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES**

2. **Exploding Targets:** Mayor Bickers reviewed a recent incident apparently within the Town of Louisville where a significant explosion occurred involving Tannerite. The Tannerite is a component of exploding targets and are intended to be individual targets. The targets can be pooled together to result in a very dangerous, significant explosion. Mayor Bickers questioned whether any regulation on exploding targets need to be considered by the BMA. Consensus of all members is to take no action at this time but to monitor for future abuses within the Town.

MOTION by Kelley to adjourn the meeting; Second by Gormley, VOTE: UNANIMOUS. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 PM



Mayor



Town Recorder