

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

December 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Linda Webb, Don & Julie Teffeteller, Curtis Stewart (T-SQUARE Landscape Architecture), Bruce Applegate (City of Alcoa) and six citizens present.

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM after the Public Hearing for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance concerning public storage.

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

MOTION by Gormley to approve the minutes of the November 09, 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 November 30 was reviewed.

As of 11/30/2021 \$2, 855,969.12

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

Mayor Bickers asked that everyone be thinking of the devastated communities impacted by the severe tornadoes over the weekend. Offer your prayers and any help that might provide some relief.

Mayor Bickers reported on the annual Christmas Parade held Sunday, December 12. The parade was postponed from Saturday, December 11 due to inclement weather predictions. The weather Sunday was perfect for the parade. Many thanks to Linda Webb for her efforts to pull everything together.

Mayor Bickers reported on the future road projects along Louisville Road from Proffitt Springs Road to Topside Road that are part of accommodating the Smith & Wesson facilities and

resulting increased traffic. The bridge over the railroad near Armona Church will be the first project impacting traffic. This bridge will be widened and traffic on Louisville Road will be a controlled one lane situation during the construction. The intersection of Proffitt Springs and Louisville Road will be completely redone and relocated and will include traffic control lights and turning lanes. The entrance to Lovingood Way will be extended further along Proffitt Springs to allow room for unimpeded exit/entrance by Lovingood Way residents. The schedule for this intersection construction is late 2023. The intersection of Louisville Road and Topside Road will be revised for new traffic signals to provide control in all directions including turning lanes. This work is scheduled for late 2022. Louisville Road will be widened between Topside and Proffitt Springs with 8 feet wide shoulders. This section will look similar to the current width of Topside Road. Schedule for this work is for 2024. Local residents will be impacted by this work for the next several years and patience will be required as the construction develops.

Mayor Bickers commented on the potential funds available from the recently approved federal infrastructure bill. The infrastructure bill could fund bridge improvements throughout the State. Candidates in the Town include the Miser Station bridge over Lackey Creek embayment due to its condition and recently reduced load limit. Also, the Louisville Road Lackey Creek bridge at Louisville Marina is a candidate for replacement. Another potential project could be the revamping of the Louisville Road and Old Lowes Ferry intersection.

Citizens Comments: John Loope suggested that the Town get input and advice from teachers at MES regarding the proposed playground on Town Hall property. Mr. Loope also recommended that the Master Plan for Town Hall property amenities be presented at a Public Hearing.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE, AMENDING SECTIONS 11-704(1)(B) AND 11-703 OF THE LOUISVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNING STORAGE FACILITIES (Second Reading)

Mayor Bickers reviewed the background concerning the need for revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to control further development of public storage facilities. A public hearing was held prior to the BMA meeting with comments from John Loope and Sandra Quillen.

MOTION by Bickers to approve the ordinance as proposed. Second by Kelley.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES

Ordinance 2021-04 Passes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE GROWTH PLAN FOR BLOUNT COUNTY TENNESSEE.(First Reading)

Mayor Bickers reviewed the need for the BMA to consider approval of this resolution to approve actions of the Blount County Coordinating Committee. The BCCC approved the readjustment of Urban Growth Boundaries in Blount County to allow the transfer of Partnership North Industrial Park from Alcoa to Maryville. A representative from the City of Alcoa was available and was able to answer several questions by citizens. If the resolution is approved by the Town of Louisville, all governmental entities in Blount County will have authorized the Mayor of Blount County to certify the amended Urban Growth Boundary to the State.

MOTION by Bickers to approve the resolution as proposed. Second by Kelley.

VOTE: Kelley – Yes, Gormley – No, Holley – Yes, Pugh – Yes, Bickers - Yes.

VOTE: 4-1, MOTION PASSES

Resolution 2021-03 Passes.

Other Action Items:

1. Review and approval of Property Master Plan: The Louisville Park Master Plan site plan rendering was presented and explained by Curtis Stewart, T-Square Landscape Architecture. Mr. Stewart was commissioned by the Town to develop the plan after several meetings with Town officials and citizens. The Master Plan was developed for the entire Town Hall property but primary details were presented for Phase I of the plan. Phase 1 would include a playground, covered stage, restrooms and associated storage and concession amenities. Mayor Bickers communicated the intent of the Master Plan and its flexibility for future changes. Mayor Bickers emphasized that Phase 1 needs to be the first area to be developed in greater detail to determine cost and construction schedule. Mayor Bickers requested that the BMA approve the Master Plan to allow further work on Phase 1.

MOTION by Bickers to approve the Master Plan as proposed. Second by Kelley.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES

2. RFQ for Architect on Property Improvements in Master Plan Phase 1: Mayor Bickers reviewed the proposed Request for Qualification to secure the services of an architect to begin the implementation of Phase 1 design. All BMA members were in agreement with the scope of the RFQ and with the intent to send out for submittals. Mayor Bickers communicated that the RFQ will be published to enable submittals by January 31, 2022. The submittals and recommendations will be reviewed in the February 2022 BMA meeting.

MOTION by Gormley to adjourn the meeting; Second by Kelley, VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 PM



Mayor



Town Recorder