

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN

November 12, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jill Pugh, Vice-Mayor Daniel Franklin, Alderman Steven Kelley, Alderman John Loope, Alderman Lysia Vaught

Absent: None.

Other Present: Barry Ottinger, Hailey Russell, Caleb Wheeler, Don & Julie Teffeteller and 13 citizens

Mayor Jill Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Jill Pugh led the pledge of allegiance.

Vice-Mayor Daniel Franklin led the invocation.

Oath of Office

Mayor Jill Pugh delivered the Oath of Office for Alderman-elect Lysia Vaught and Alderman-elect Steven Kelley

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pugh asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2024 **MOTION** by Alderman Loope to approve the minutes. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pugh wanted to say Thank you to all of our Veterans that we have. She also wanted to point out that the Veterans flags will be coming down and the snowflake banners will be going up. She is very impressed with the interest we have had with the banner. Pugh also stated that the Veteran banners will be going back up the week of Memorial Day.

Financial Report

Caleb Wheeler presented the board with the financial report for October 2024.

MOTION to approve the financial report for October 2024 by Alderman Kelley. Second by Alderman Loope. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Resolution and Ordinances

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE SECTION 11-507, ACCESSORY BUILDING AND USE REGULATIONS

MOTION to approve the ordinance on the second reading by Alderman Loope. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS

MOTION to approve the ordinance on the second reading by Alderman Kelley. Second by Alderman Loope. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES**

Other Business

1. Employee Handbook - Vacation.

Hailey Russell explained the wording for Permanent Part-Time Employee and Full-Time Employee and why adding the definition in the handbook was important. It was also brought to the board that after five (5) years of employment there is a third week of vacation offered to full time employees. There was also another correction under the paid holidays. Columbus Day was originally left off when the Handbook was first approved. It has now been added to the Handbook.

MOTION to approve the changes and additions to the Handbook by Vice-Mayor Franklin. Second by Alderman Kelley. ABSTAIN: Alderman Loope VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

2. Codification

Mayor Pugh stated that another draft of the codification has been received and the board will bring it for approval in the near future.

3. Christmas Parade

Hailey Russell updated the board on the timeframe for the events during the Ring in the Holiday's Parade on November 24, 2024.

4. Boat Located At Lowes Ferry

Barry Ottinger gave the board background information on people going around and using the lake as dumping grounds for abandoned boats. He also stated that TVA and Congressman Burchett would not be able to help with this boat due to there being no owner. Tracy Fuller with Shoreline Maintenance has agreed to pull the boat out and dispose of it for \$6,500.

MOTION to approve Tracy Fuller with Shoreline Maintenance to pull the boat out of the water by Vice-Mayor Pugh. Second by Alderman Loope. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES**

5. Update on Master Plan with Kimley-Horn

Vice-Mayor Franklin stated to the board that Kimley-Horn is wanting to host an Open House to present the findings of the public survey on December 3, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This will allow the citizens to put their input in on the plans for it and give everyone a chance to view what changes we would like to see in the next 10 years for the Recreation Plan. Kimley-Horn will have areas set up to show the citizens the recommendations for the Recreation Plan and they will be able to answer any questions from the citizens.

6. Discuss Workshop before next meeting

Vice-Mayor Franklin presented to the board that a workshop is held before the next monthly meeting to discuss three topics: 1. The TCRS buy back for employees 2. The new draft for the codification 3. The budget and items that will need a budget amendment at the first of the year. The board agreed to hold a workshop at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Citizens Comments

Dan Barker lives in Riverbrook Subdivision and brought to the board's attention his concern for the bridge on Old Lowes Ferry Road. He has done research from the past four years of wrecks that have happened there. He stated he came to the Board when Mayor Bickers was in office and they put up speed limit signs and from his research there has been more wrecks since that sign was put up than there was beforehand. Mr. Barker believes that there is a design flaw and it is not fit for the vehicles that travel out that road. He believes that this is a very serious issue that has caused several people in his neighborhood several broken bones. Mr. Baker also stated that previous Mayor Tom Bickers stated in a meeting that it is a serious design flaw. He believes that eventually it is going to come back to the Town for a lawsuit and it won't end well for the Town due to the amount of concerned citizens who have sent emails and came to the Board with the concerns. Alderman Loope stated that he does not agree with Mr. Barker's research. He believes that it is not a design flaw, it is the people who are driving the roads fault and a speed issue. Mr. Barker rebutted to Alderman Loope that it is a design flaw he believes the design of the road does cause the issues. Alderman Loope states that the Town can either put a speed bump up or traffic cameras up. The traffic cameras will take pictures of the driver speeding and mail them a ticket. Vice-Mayor Franklin presented a third option making it a one lane bridge but he does not believe that is a reasonable solution. Vice-Mayor Franklin would like the Town to try traffic calming. He also agreed to do a traffic study and cost study on what could be done to help improve that area and present it at the next meeting.

Bill Mattison asked since Kimley-Horn is going to help us get grants can removing boats from the lake be included in the master plan to be able to get grants to help remove them. Vice-Mayor Franklin stated that this master plan would not include that since this is for our parks and recreation planning. Mayor Pugh also stated that we do not qualify for any TDEC assistance which is what would be needed to remove the boats due to the Town's average incoming.

Mayor

Town Recorder