

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

August 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pugh, Vice-Mayor Franklin, Alderman Carico, Alderman Kelley, Alderman Loope

Absent: None.

Others Present: Hailey Russell, Roger Bird, Don and Julie Teffeteller and 13 citizens

Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Mayor Pugh led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Vice-Mayor Franklin led the invocation.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Pugh asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023 **MOTION** by Aldermen Loope. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report:

1. Mayor Pugh thanked everyone for their participation in the town clean up and stated that there was 440 pounds of trash collected.
2. Updated on George's Creek- According to TVA we have no jurisdiction and they do not want the town contributing with mowing/trash collection. She gave out the complaint line number for anyone wanting to file a complaint 1-800-882-5263. She also stated that the state was out there today assessing the situation with the boats at George's Creek and that they are going to take a water sample to test the water quality.
3. Update on the Fall Festival - We have received several donations from the following companies: Champion Fence, Copper Cellar Corporation, Chick-Fil-A Hunters Crossing, Glenn E. Mitchell & Co. INC., Loope & Reynolds, and Loope Builders. The train rides for children will be back this year along with several vendors and other activities.
4. Road Improvements- Paving on Dug Gap Road began on 8/10/2023. The playground parking lot got paved on 8/07/2023 and it looks really great. Striping for ADA compliance will be done within the next couple of months.
5. Playground bathroom update- Currently there is a portable restroom outside. The Maintenance team is working on turning a bathroom in the maintenance area into a public restroom for the playground. An outside door will be installed to allow access to the public.
6. Sewer update- South Blount Utility is still moving to get estimates and funding through RDA.

Financial Report:

Review of July 2023 Financial Statements:

The Town has \$2.4 million dollars invested with LGIP which provided \$10,366 in interest earnings in July. Invested funds earmarked for sewer services total \$606,341.

Profit & Loss for July reports net income of \$62,204.

On the last 2 pages of the financial statements are the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual reports for July 2023. The Town is required by state law to appropriate all expenditures through its approved budget before the money can be spent. Since we are 1 month into this fiscal year, then we would hope to see 8.3% of the budget being used so far. For revenue we would want 8.3% or more received and for expenditures we would want 8.3% or less spent, except for departments where certain expenditures are not paid monthly. Here is a summary of the results thru July:

<u>Department</u>	<u>% Received</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	<u>to Date</u>	<u>Adjusted Expected as</u>	
Income	9%	8%	
Expenditures:			
Financial & Administrative	9%	8%	
Planning & Zoning	5%	8%	
Town Hall Operating & Garage	7%	8%	
Other General Government	23%	26%	Insurance paid annually
Fire/Police Protection	0%	50%	Paid annually/semi-annually
Animal Control	96%	100%	Paid annually
Highway & Streets	4%	8%	
State Street Aid	0%	0%	Paving in August
Parks & Recreation	3%	8%	
Capital Outlay	0%	0%	
Net Income-Poland Creek	42%	40%	Seasonal

All departments are within budget after the first month.

MOTION by Aldermen Loope to approve the monthly financial report; Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

Citizens Comments:

Carson Holbert and his parents came to ask the town to consider helping with mowing and adding a trash service for George's Creek. Carson is a Junior at Eagleton College and Career

High School and is partnered with Dunmore Bait & Tackle, Keep Blount Beautiful, and East TN Tree Services. They have estimated a cleanup of 8 to 10 tons of trash.

Gene Haun owns 150 acres and lives across from George's Creek. He is wanting something done about the boat at George's creek. It has caused damage to his property during storms from objects flying off of his boat and hitting his property.

Lynn Learch had two comments: 1. She is loving the new playground area 2. She is wanting something done on Lowe's Ferry Road at the sharp turn where there are currently rumble strips. She was recently almost hit head on and is wanting a better solution to that area.

Other Action Items:

1. RFP for Financial and Compliance Audit - July 22' - 23' a contract will be sent to four CPA firms to decide on which CPA firm will be best to work with.

2. Finishing the entrance to the playground - Mayor Pugh showed a contract to work with Playworld on finishing the rest of the playground.

MOTION by Aldermen Loope to approve the contract with Playworld to finish the work on the playground. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

3. Country Acres begin litigation - The Building Official for the Town of Louisville recommends to the Board of Mayor & Alderman; that after consulting with the Town Attorney, the board makes and approves a motion authorizing the Town Attorney to pursue legal action against the owner of Country Acres Mobile Home Park. Country Acres Mobile Home Park continues to knowingly violate the Town of Louisville ordinances on the use of Campers/Travel Trailers as residence. Country Acres Mobile Home Park has constructed Two Permanent foundation homes within the Park that were never permitted or inspected by the Town of Louisville. Over the past year the town has attempted to find a solution to the violations without success. Town attorney Rob Goddard gave the board two options. 1. Not doing anything at the moment. 2. Bringing a lawsuit at this time is not necessary under the statute of limitations. Mayor Pugh asked to put a hold on pursuing legal action and revisit it in January of 2024 for next action.

MOTION by Aldermen Loope to table the Country Acres litigation until further information is brought forth or until January of 2024 if no new information is presented. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

4. Employee handbook

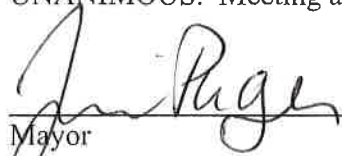
MOTION by Aldermen Loope to approve and put into effect the Employee Handbook. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

5. Appointment to the Planning Commission- Mayor Pugh appointed Gwynne Macon a 25 year resident to the Town of Louisville to the planning commission.

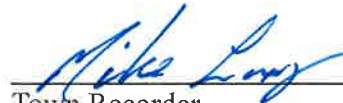
6. Parks & Recreation Board - Mayor Pugh appointed Vice-Mayor Daniel Franklin as the BMA representative. With addition of three other members: David Reese a retired civil engineer, Brad Headrick the owner of Copper Cellar Corporation, and Scott

Cupp the William Blount High school athletic director. There is one open seat left which is hoping to be filled by a teacher from Middlesettlements Elementary School.

MOTION by Aldermen Kelley to adjourn the meeting; Second by Vice-Mayor Franklin. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m.



Mayor



Town Recorder