

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN

May 13, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jill Pugh, Alderman Steven Kelley, Alderman John Loope, Alderman Lysia Vaught

Absent: Vice-Mayor Daniel Franklin

Others Present: Hailey Russell - Administrative Assistant, Barry Ottinger - Building Official, Caleb Wheeler - Recorder, Rob Goddard - Town Attorney, Don & Julie Teffeteller - Accountants, Roger Bird - Engineer, Lane Coleman - Blount County Emergency Management & 6 citizens

Mayor Jill Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Jill Pugh led the pledge of allegiance

Mayor Jill Pugh led the invocation

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pugh asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2025.

MOTION by Alderman Loope to approve the minutes as written. Second by Alderman Vaught. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pugh wanted to commend our Blount County Sheriffs Officer Tyler Sexton for stepping up after recent vandalism acts that have happened on Town Hall property. He has increased patrol on multiple locations owned by the Town of Louisville. Mayor Pugh also stated that he has done an excellent job at getting out and interacting with citizens.

Mayor Pugh announced that the Town CleanUp that was rescheduled to May 17, 2025 due to weather conditions may have to be rescheduled again due to impending weather. The decision will be made by May 15, 2025.

Financial Report

Caleb Wheeler presented the board with the financial report for April 2025.

MOTION to approve the financial report for April 2025 by Alderman Kelley. Second by Alderman Loope. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Resolutions & Ordinances

1. ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE

MOTION to approve on the first reading the ordinance adopting and enacting a codification and revision of the ordinance of the Town of Louisville by Alderman Loope. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

2. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 11-701, RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL

MOTION to approve on the first reading the ordinance amending the text of the zoning ordinance section 11-701, residential and agricultural by Alderman Loope. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

3. ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

MOTION to approve on the first reading the ordinance adopting a budget for the year ending June 30, 2026 by Alderman Kelley. Second by Alderman Vaught. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

4. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED BLOUNT COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN

Blount County Emergency Management representative, Lance Coleman, went through the resolution and advantages to adopting this resolution with the Board of Mayor and Alderman.

MOTION to approve the resolution adopting the revised Blount County Mitigation plan by Alderman Loope. Second by Alderman Vaught. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Other Business

1. School's Out! Party at the Park!

Administrative Assistant, Hailey Russell, updated the board with the following information on the upcoming event:

Vendors:

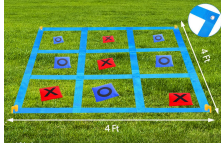
1. Southern Yankee Pizza
2. SnoBiz (Town will purchase snocones for all kids)
3. Mattie B's Boutique (Middlesettlements teacher who owns children boutique)
4. Louisville Nutrition (Pop up to promote opening of new small business)
5. **Potential cotton candy/popcorn vendor**
6. Hatcher's Martial Arts (will be giving away flyers and free class for a week) Potentially going to have demonstrations if he can gather children from his to come
7. Ruthie & Rebel (custom trucker hats - adult and children sizes)

Activities:

1. Inflatable Obstacle Course
2. Inflatable Bounce House/Slide Combo
3. Three legged race
4. Sack Races



5. 4 ft connect four



6. Tic Tac Toe



7. Inflatable - 15 different games



8. Jumbo Jenga



9. Collapsible Cornhole

10. Of course the playground

Blount County Fire Department:

1. Smokehouse Trailer
2. Fire Trucks
3. Smokey

Entertainment:

1. DJ Brandon Cook

Other:

1. (2) 20x30 tents
2. (24) 8' tables
3. (120) chairs
4. Will have to rent 3 generators (DJ, obstacle course, bounce house/slide combo)

2. Beal Park Fencing Update

Town Engineer, Roger Bird, updated the board that the fence at Beal Park has been completed and he is very pleased with the final product. Mike Beal is also very pleased with the gate and the final product as well. The project final price was on budget at \$36,000.00

3. Road Paving Project Update

Town Engineer, Roger Bird, updated the board that the bid for yearly paving has already been put in the paper and the turn in date for the bids is on June 12, 2025. Roger worked with a company who did a study on the roads to provide a thorough list and rating of all the roads inside town limits.

Citizens Comments

Rita Walker lives on Little Dug Gap Road and came to the board stating she was displeased with the town. Mrs. Walker stated that she has received two letters from the town regarding one of the properties she owns off Little Dug Gap Road. She stated that the tenants living on that property are not running a business on her property. She stated that one of the tenants does have a business but he does not run the business out of that property. She did state that he did keep his equipment on the property but once she received the first letter he moved the equipment off the property. Mrs. Walker stated that Barry Ottinger, Building and Codes Official, went and talked to the tenants directly. He stated that a company truck was parked on the property and couldn't be there and Mrs. Walker advised the board that the owner of the truck was just picking up one of the tenants. She also stated that she got another letter from Mr. Ottinger stating that there can be a pole barn built on the property in question for agriculture purposes. Mrs. Walker is wanting clarification on when they build a pole barn and what will happen when they build the pole barn. There will be equipment on the property and doesn't want to get another letter for that. Mrs. Walker stated that there was never a business being run on the property.

Bill Mattison wanted some clarification on the ordinance amending the text of the zoning ordinance section 11-701, residential and agricultural and add a few suggestions that he had in regards to the ordinance.

Anna Gibson had a couple comments about the playground. Her first comment was about the sand pit and stated that maybe making it a true sand pit for better clarification that it is truly meant to be a sand pit. Mrs. Gibson asked the board for better updates on the Louisville Road project and that on June 17, 2025 TDOT will be out doing an appraisal on her property on Louisville Road in reference to the road project that they have planned. She was told by TDOT that there is not a drainage plan when they do the project.

Adjournment

MOTION by Alderman Kelley to adjourn the meeting. Second by Alderman Vaught.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor, Jill Pugh

Town Recorder, Caleb Wheeler