

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

February 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Town recorder Mike Long, Town Lawyer Rob Goddard, citizens

Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Pugh led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Vice-Mayor Franklin led the invocation.

Oath of Office:

No oath to be administered tonight.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Pugh asked for a motion to approve January 10, 2023 minutes. **MOTION** to approve by Aldermen Loope to approve the December minutes. **Second** by Aldermen Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Pugh made mention of updating and maintaining the flag court. Several people including Mayor Pugh, her husband, Greg, and Barry and his team have provided assistance in keeping the court looking nice.

Aldermen Carico and Loope spoke regarding the relocation of the new playground. A representative from Playworld came to look at the area and it was decided that a rectangle box, just across from the flag court in the grassy area would be the best location. They will tweak the existing footprint by condensing it in order to make it more efficient. It would be the same square footage by mirroring the playground or turning it 180 degrees. They've also discussed the entrances and exits. The Playworld representative is making modifications to the CAD drawing. The playground equipment is still scheduled to be shipped on March 22. There will be some temporary construction fencing put up for safety. The erector will most likely be there mid-April to

dig the footers, etc. Alderman Kelley inquired about ADA access and ramps. Alderman Carico stated that they will need to do some paving in the parking lot to provide ADA accessibility.

Mayor's Report and Approval of Monthly Financial Report:

2/14/23 Comments on Review of the January 2023 Financial Statements:

Vice-Mayor Franklin deferred discussion to the amended budget discussion below.

MOTION by Alderman Kelley to accept the January monthly financial report as written. Second by Alderman Carico. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Citizen Comments:

Citizen Lynn Lurch has lived here 5 years and came with four points of consideration:

1. Sewer - is there any consideration to give special status to the town of Louisville for businesses such as cafes, coffee shops, etc.
2. What, if any, are the minimal standards for habitation or upkeep of yards, junk cars, etc.
3. Is it possible to close and lock the gate to the road that is close to Lowes Ferry Subdivision? This would be the road that leads to the silo. She would like to keep illicit activity to a minimum after boating hours. Vice-Mayor Franklin spoke about living in the same subdivision. Alderman Kelley stated that the TWRA is the one who has control of that road. Vice-Mayor Franklin will contact TWRA.
4. Citizen Large also questioned why the town of Louisville considers 30 hours per week to be considered full-time regarding the offering benefits, etc. Mayor Pugh stated that it is Federal and State law for 30 or more hours per week to be considered full-time for benefits purposes. Alderman Loope stated that to maintain excellent employees, they've got to be given fair wages and benefits.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

2/14/23 Comments on 1st Reading of Amended Budget for FYE 3/30/2023:

Vice Mayor Franklin presented the amended budget and provided the following comments:

The City Recorder Mike Long and I have looked at both revenue and expense estimates for the rest of the fiscal year and we are recommending passage of the amended budget with the following information:

1. State Income Tax will be zero in this fiscal year since the Hall Income Tax is no longer being levied by the state.
2. BMA Discretionary/Grants has been increased to allow the funding of a year 2 of 2 pledge by the former administration to Pellissippi State Foundation for \$5,000.
3. Other General Government Expenses have been increased to include annual expected costs for employee health insurance of \$47,000, \$13,000 for TCRS contributions for employee pension and \$15,000 for potential 401k matches for employees, all of which are being approved at this meeting.
4. Fire & Police Protection Services need to be increased to cover expected increases in our agreement with Blount County for police protection for the second half of the year.
5. Capital Outlay has been increased \$100,000 to cover land prep and other costs for the playground and other smaller projects like the flag court improvements.

ORDINANCE 2023-01 AMENDING THE BUDGET FYE JUNE 30, 2023: Mayor Pugh made a motion to amend the budget for FYE June 30, 2023. MOTION to approve by Alderman Loope, SECOND by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.** Second reading will take place at 6:00 on February 15, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-01 Resolution Adopting TCRS 401(k) Plan: **MOTION** Alderman Kelley, **SECOND** Alderman Carico. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Resolution 2023-02 Resolution adopting TCRS 457(b) Plan: **MOTION** Alderman Kelley, **SECOND** Alderman Loope. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

RESOLUTION 2023-03 Resolution to create a municipal code for the town. **Motion** Alderman Loope. **SECOND** Vice-Mayor Franklin. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

RESOLUTION 2023-04 Resolution to allow a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee to contribute to a tax deferred retirement plan. **MOTION** Alderman Kelley, **SECOND** Alderman Carico. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Other Action Items/Board Appointments:

1. Local government agency health plan. Four tiers - town makes a \$650 baseline contribution. Employees have the choice between either CIGNA or Blue Cross Blue Shield. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**
2. Mayor Pugh nominated:
Bridgett Griffin - Design RC
Dan McKee - Board of Zoning appeals
VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**
3. Flag Court: Mayor Pugh pointed out that there is a new branch of the military: Space Force. The cost of adding this to the flag court will be \$2,785 for a flag

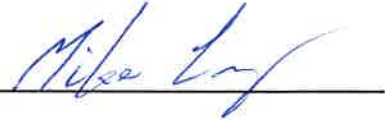
pole. Barry and his crew will install it. Vice-Mayor Franklin stated that there is money in the budget to take care of it. It will come out of Capital Outlay. Mayor Pugh also stated that the lighting no longer works in the flag court area. Stokes quoted \$1,321 to update it. **MOTION** Vice-Mayor Franklin. **SECOND** Alderman Carico. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS.**
MOTION PASSES.

MOTION to adjourn by Alderman Kelley. **SECOND** by Alderman Carico. **VOTE UNANIMOUS.** Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47 p.m.

MAYOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Pugh", written over a horizontal line.

TOWN RECORDER

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Long", written over a horizontal line.