

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN

February 11, 2025

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-Building Official, Roger Bird-Engineer, Tyler Sexton-BCSO Sheriff Deputy, Hailey Russell-Administrative Assistant, Caleb Wheeler-Recorder, Don & Julie Teffeteller-Accountants and 14 citizens

Mayor Jill Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jill Pugh led the pledge of allegiance.

Vice-Mayor Daniel Franklin led the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pugh asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025 **MOTION** by Alderman Loope to approve the minutes. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pugh wanted to share a letter from the Jackson Bend Homeowners Association stating how well the Town Employees handled the inclement weather and how much they appreciated it.

Mayor Pugh presented the board with a spreadsheet that she had Roger Bird, Engineer, and Hailey Russell, Administrative Assistant, work together to compile a list of wrecks on Miser Station Road, Dug Gap Road, Holston College Road, Little Dug Gap Road, Rankin Ferry Road, Mentor Road, and Old Lowes Ferry Road during the years of 2022-2024. Roger Bird also looked into traffic camera options to put up on the curve on Old Lowes Ferry Road.

Financial Report

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

MOTION to approve the financial report for January 2025 by Vice-Mayor Franklin. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Resolutions and Ordinances

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FYE JUNE 30, 2025

MOTION to approve the budget amendment by Alderman Kelley. Second by Vice-Mayor Franklin. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

**2. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAYOR, VICE-MAYOR AND THE
RECORDER AS THE ONLY PARTIES TO BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON ANY
OF THE TOWN'S BANK ACCOUNTS AND RESCINDING AND REPEALING
ANY RESOLUTION INCONSISTENT.**

MOTION to approve the resolution designating the pirates authorized to sign on Town's bank account and rescinding and repealing any resolution inconsistent by Alderman Loope. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CALEB WHEELER AS RECORDER AND AS TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE.

MOTION to approve the resolution appointing Caleb Wheeler as the recorder and treasurer by Alderman Loope. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Other Business

1. Review of final changes to the Municipal Code.

This item was not reviewed. The board will hold a workshop to review the Municipal Code to make changes. Then send it back to MTAS for changes to be made. Once it is received back from MTAS it will be reviewed by the board for any final changes.

2. Final Approval of Recreation Master Plan based on RAB recommendation.

The Recreation Board did not make any changes to the Master Plan and recommended the Board of Mayor and Alderman approve this final version of the Master Plan.

MOTION to approve the Master Plan by Alderman Loope. Second by Alderman Vaught. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

3. Request by Native Design for an incinerator for the disposal of organic material.

Barry Ottinger presented the board Native Designs request to the Board of Mayor and Alderman. Mr. Whittaker represented Native Design during the meeting. He stated that the machine is going to be primarily for their own usage but will allow local landscapers to bring their debris to them for disposal. The unit they are looking to get burns 12-13 tons per hour and they will burn 150-200 tons burned by the end of the year. Alderman Loope asked if the board gave him a limit in tons that they are allowed to burn per year to ensure they are not allowing people outside of the Town of Louisville to come in and burn their landscape debris. Mayor Pugh asked if there would be a smell/odor from the machine. Mr. Whittaker stated that there would not be a smell/odor since it is mostly wood being burned. The question of the noise was also brought up. He stated the recommended distance from any building is 300 feet and they plan on being over that recommendation. He did state that up close to it the machine is loud but it should not cause a noise issue for any residents nearby.

MOTION to approve the request from Native Design for an incinerator for the disposal of organic material with the following requirements: max amount allowed to burn per year of 200 pounds, tonnage reported monthly on a form provided by the town, the stock pile should be 50x50 feet and no taller than 20 feet, and comply with the town's sound ordinance by Alderman Loope. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: Vice-Mayor Franklin, Alderman Loope, Alderman Kelley, Alderman Vaught. ABSTAIN: Mayor Pugh. **MOTION PASSES.**

Citizens Comments

Libby Young wanted to compliment the grounds crew on their work at Beal Park dog park. She also asked about the Welcome to the Town Of Louisville sign on Topside Road and when it would be put

back up. She also brought up that Beal Park was not locked up over the weekend of Martin Luther King Jr. and that she called the office three separate times and got no response. Hailey Russell, Administrative Assistant, advised Mrs. Young that when the office is closed it is best to send a message to the Town via Facebook or email since there is no way for the administrative employees to access the voicemails at home.

Kathy Uthshafer wanted to know why there are blinking stop signs on Old Lowes Ferry in the “S” curve. She stated that people are confused with the lights because they don’t know what they are waiting on and if after they stop can they actually go. Mrs. Uthshafer wanted to know how it was approved and whose idea it was.

Alderman Loope stated that based on the wreck report there were 14 wrecks caused by speeding. He stated that per state law the town is allowed to put that stop sign there. The stop signs are there to try and slow down speeding in that sharp curve to hopefully cause less wrecks. Alderman Loope said the next course of action would be to put in speed bumps.

Mrs. Uthshafer stated that speed bumps would be a better solution because it would give people a better understanding of why they are slowing down and she pointed out that the wreck report Alderman Loope is referencing isn’t just that curve it’s the whole road of Old Lowes Ferry.

Vice-Mayor Franklin said that putting the stop signs there is allowed in the event that you cannot get traffic to slow down and that is the problem. There have been 20mph speed limit signs up there for years and it has not been observed by practically anyone. He said that we cannot afford to allow people to keep speeding through there. Franklin said that the Saturday after the stop signs were put up he was on his way home and stopped at the stop sign then looked up and a box truck came through without stopping at the sign and used the whole curve and if he hadn’t he would have flipped. Franklin said that if he wouldn’t have stopped at the stop sign he would have been dead since they would have been in the same lane but since he stopped at the stop sign he was not in a wreck. He waited for the box truck to go through the curve and then proceeded to go through the curve safely.

Lynn Learch wanted to voice her approval of the stop signs. She stated that she appreciates the stop signs and she understands what they are there for.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Alderman Loope to adjourn the meeting. Second by Alderman Vaught. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.** The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor

Town Recorder