

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2017

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in Regular Session on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 123 Boone Street, Jonesborough, TN.

Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order and led the group in opening Prayer. Don Knight led the pledge to the Flag.

Upon call of the roll those present were: Mayor Kelly Wolfe, Alderman Terry Countermine, Alderman Jerome Fitzgerald, Alderman David Sell and Alderman Chuck Vest. Also present were: Town Administrator Bob Browning, Operations Manager Craig Ford, Town Attorney Jim Wheeler, and Virginia Causey, Executive Assistant filling in for Town Recorder Abbey Miller who was ill.

The next item was the Consent Agenda. Mayor Wolfe said the Depot Street Park Lease needs to be added to the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Alderman Vest, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald and duly passed to add the Depot Street Park Lease with Norfolk Southern Railway to the Consent Agenda. Mayor Wolfe asked if there were any items that the Aldermen wished to have pulled from the Consent Agenda. There were none. Alderman Fitzgerald, made the motion, seconded by Alderman Countermine, and duly passed to approve the following items:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, BMA meeting.
2. Approve the following January bills for payment:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A-Z Office Resources, Inc.	114.99
AlSCO	33.02
American General Life	201.08
American Red Cross	76.00
American Tire Distribution	1673.32
Andy Oxy Company, Inc.	57.28
Appalachian Book Service	541.17
Applied Maintenance	84.31
Arcadia Publishing, Inc	642.26
Archer Electric Service	1020.00
ASPAP	276.36
Auto Zone #2087	35.88
Autonation	98.40

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bakers Waste Equipment	6921.00
Barbara L. Bogart	144.00
Batteries Plus – 551	19.95
BKT Uniforms	292.42
Blackburn, Childers	41500.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	81324.85
Branham Corporation	170.33
California Contractors	99.50
Central Paper & Supply	1240.00
Centurylink	730.82
Champion Chevrolet	525.29
Charlesbridge Publishing	379.66
Cintas Corporation #202	376.36
Cintas First Aid & Safe	57.43
Comcast c/o 3PPP	6.41
Contractor's Machinery	365.00
David Gillenwater	299.17
David Wright	17.49
Dawn Gross	10.00
Dearborn National	582.74
Dennis Dwayne Brooks	350.00
Doors Unlimited	100.00
Dry Clean City	70.00
East TN. Rent-Alls	106.73
Economy Printing, Inc.	173.00
Ecosafe Landfill Ya	6649.78
Esc Lab Sciences	1254.50
Eureka Inn	13.34
Fairway Manufacturing	375.93
Ferguson Enterprises #5	8514.44
Fire Extinguisher Co.	28.95
First Tennessee Bank	3792.73
First TN Human Resource	8629.26
Fisher Auto Parts, Inc.	155.39
Fleet Pride	1363.60
Food City	234.35
Foster Signs	201.00
G & W Diesel	70.73
Gall's, LLC	521.15
Green Pastures Wholesale	131.10
Gus Palas Sales	297.00
HD Supply Waterworks	6212.00
Hesse Johnson Hand Up	96.17
Henry Schein, Inc.	35.00

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Herrin, Booze & McPeak	300.00
Information Age	1690.00
Ingles #4205	207.87
International Storytelling	166.20
J & S Fence	1138.00
J&J's Eatery	59.50
Janette Gaines	500.00
Jennifer Schmidt	3104.84
Johnson City Power Board	48485.42
Jonesborough HRA	9140.00
Jonesborough Water Dept.	234.53
JRT	3104.84
Karen Lea Elb	150.00
Kenneth Garland	436.40
Knock Out Chemicals, Inc.	625.50
Laser Gifts	151.25
Liberty National	2681.48
Lowe's	804.26
Lydia Fisher Sweatt	144.00
Mahoney's Sportsman's	100.00
Mathew Byrd	16.00
Main Street Catering	340.00
Melinda Copp	63.00
MHC Kenworth-Kingsport	233.70
Michael Stock	448.85
Mindy Whitaker	55.00
Modern Supply Co.	1.23
Municipal Emergency	1197.52
Nafeco, INC.	354.25
Old School Auto Parts, Inc.	2026.72
Olde Towne Hardware	529.98
Olde Towne Small Engine	44.00
Oriental Trading	43.92
Pardue Photographics	500.00
Peterson Industries, In	133.48
Pitney Bowes	900.00
Purchase Power	500.00
Quality Trophy & Engraving	46.00
Refund Department	1600.45
Reliance Standard (VOL)	394.46
Ricoh USA, Inc.	5301.37
Ricoh USA, Inc.	149.43
RMJ Distributing Co.	705.08
Robin B. Beals	2775.00

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Robin Goodman	109.98
Saratoga	1497.94
Saratoga Financial	9084.54
Schaeffer's Mfg Co.	691.72
Shirt Tail Designs	320.40
Shred-It	40.92
Smart Sources of GA	470.59
Snap-On Tools	1395.00
Specialized Operations	54.50
Specialty Chemical Co.	6821.47
Stowers	1029.59
Summers Hardware	3426.15
Summers-Taylor Inc	136.40
Superior Cleaning Service	1315.00
Supplyworks	3524.95
Teresa Bishop	100.00
TFACA	85.00
The Chamber of Commerce	100.00
The Posy Shop of J'boro	90.82
The Schallert Group	6250.00
Thomson Rueters – West	159.58
TML Risk Management	1036.58
TN Dept. of Health	240.00
TNVA Energy Solutions	187.28
Tonya S Van Hook	88.00
Town of Jonesborough	513.14
Town of Jonesborough	788.98
Treasurer, State of TN	300.00
United Parcel Service	360.67
United Way	352.58
Utility Service	6743.60
V H Blackinton Co., Inc	7.5-
Valley Equipment Co.	2943.97
Valley Trailer Repair	140.00
Verizon Wireless	3051.28
Vermeer Heartland	125.28
Wal-Mart Store/GEMB	877.02
WAPK-TV/WKPT-TV	700.00
Washington Farmers Co-op	156.19
Washington Farmers Coop	10315.41
Waste Management	1322.71
Wheeler & Seeley	4929.00

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
White's Auto Parts	517.16
Whitney Williams	89.52
Williams Electric	<u>91.47</u>
	\$403,714.12

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SANITATION</u>
84486-84517 AP	\$10,529.91		
88518-84635 AP	\$152,966.89		
86636-84666 AP	\$7,833.99		
84667-84680 AP	\$23,147.83		
84681-84692 AP	\$15,224.93		
84693-84700 AP	\$3,300.96		
84701-84731 AP	\$9,438.65		
	\$222,443.16		

55592-55602 AP	\$14,193.89		
55603-55666 AP	\$166,783.02		
55667 AP	\$500.00		
55668-55684	\$20,874.89		
55685-55690 AP	\$5,335.97		
55691-55696 AP	\$2,200.00		
	\$209,887.77		

7421-7423 AP		\$4,083.70
7424-7446 AP		\$24,458.36
7447-7448 AP		\$156.85
7449 Comcast		\$146.45
7450 First TN Bank		\$3030.50
		\$31,875.86

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A-Z Office Resources, Inc.	1269.37
Advance Auto Parts	34.54
Advantage Business Equi	4100.00
AFLAC	3373.48
Aggregates USA	1795.21
Albert & Carol Laws	120.00
Allen Weems	96.82
AlSCO	99.06
American General Life	201.08

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
American Tire Distribution	2488.56
Americans for the Arts	75.00
Amigos Mexican Rest. #7	100.00
Anderson Fire, LLC	2228.05
Andy Oxy Company, Inc.	260.00
Angie Sheek	3.20
Appalachian Light & Pro	45.23
Applied Maintenance	82.95
Arcadia Publishing, Inc	67.29
Archer Brothers Garage	110.00
Archer Electric Service	940.00
ASC Construction Equip.	483.39
Aubry Weaver	13.60
Auto Zone #2087	101.74
B&H Sales	2242.24
Bachman-Bernard	725.12
Barbara L. Bogart	144.00
Barnard Roofing	9322.00
Barnes Exterminating	40.00
Ben Caldwell	450.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	81324.85
Blue Ridge Voice & Data	1394.00
BMI General Licensing	307.80
Branham Corporation	193.70
Brett Sean McCluskey	50.00
Britt Landscaping	130.00
Budget Office Furniture	269.00
Business Health	2951.00
Cameo Waters	35.00
Casey James Hendrix	220.00
Central Paper & Supply	50.28
Centralized Child Support	964.38
Centurylink	740.11
Chappell's Pest Control	45.00
Cintas Corporation #202	601.29
Cintas First Aid & Safe	95.92
City Electric Supply	169.42
City of Johnson City	2268.00
Clarke Power Services, I	118.17
Cline-Holder Electric	68.16
Comcast c/o 3PPP	6.41
Compass Minerals Americ	11765.15
Comptroller of Treasury	2051.00
Concrete Cutting System	2825.00

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Consolidated Pipe & Spl	41025.24
Craig's Firearm Supply	1575.00
D. Todd Wood	2200.00
Dakota Stepen Conkin	135.00
Darrell W Brinson	25.00
Dearborn National	584.58
Dennis Dwayne Brooks	700.00
Diesel Sales & Service	444.37
Diesel Services Inc.	70.73
Doors Unlimited	100.00
East TN. Rent-Alls	27.00
Economy Printing, Inc.	330.00
Ecosafe Landfill YA	7034.82
Ella Bailey	110.00
Employee Security	250.00
Erwin Utilities/Water Test	425.00
Esc Lab Sciences	489.50
ETSU	533.60
Ferguson Enterprises #5	9898.33
Fire Extinguisher Co.	35.00
First Tennessee Bank	3792.73
First Tennessee Bank	8629.26
Fisher Auto Parts, Inc.	116.39
Fitzgerald Peterbuilt O	1143.09
Fleenor Security System	123.00
Fleet Pride	457.86
Food City	170.98
Foster Signs	637.50
Frances E Lethcoe	75.06
G & C Supply Company, IN	32785.40
Gabe Gray	13.86
Gall's, LLC	1080.35
General Sessions Court	215.00
Global Equipment Company	100.78
Govdeals, Inc.	56.97
Grafik touch	166.83
Grainger	79.75
Greenville Oil Company	54.65
H & S Clutch Rebuilders	341.95
Hamilton Meats	314.95
Hampton Textile Printing	364.00
Harbor Freight Tools	163.15
Hayes Pipe and Supply	2900.00
HD Supply Waterworks	32603.69

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Heisse Johnson Hand Up	115.07
Helen Thatcher	175.20
Henry Schein, Inc.	81.65
Herald and Tribune	35.00
High Road Digital	734.43
Hunter Curtis	760.00
Idexx Distribution	376.31
Ingles #4205	220.88
Inspire Business	1613.80
International Storytelling	95.00
J&J's Eatery	209.80
JAMSA	25.00
Jason Greenlee	50.00
Jefferson Sales South	720.00
Jennifer Schmidt	30.39
Jim Construction Co	5043.75
John Tomko	200.00
Johnson City Power Board	579.29
Jonesborough HRA	9140.00
Jonesborough Senior Center	509.60
Jonesborough Water Dept.	998.30
Jonesborough/Washington	3811.25
Joshua David Heltzel	275.00
Kathy Crawford	18.30
Keller Glasco, Inc.	190.15
Kimball Midwest	885.57
Kipp Brixley	450.00
Laser Gifts	21.05
Liberty National	2681.48
Lora Darlene Hatley	88.00
Lowe's	6264.62
Mahoney's Sportsman's	124.88
Mary Sanger	27.61
Matt Rice	22.50
Meade Equipment	437.43
Meade Tractor	9000.00
Melinda Nicole Ley	50.00
MHC Kenworth-Kingsport	206.24
Michael D-Avella	50.00
Michael Manuel	15.16
Miles Media Group	3619.50
Mitchell 1	864.00
Motion Industries	125.78
Nafeco, INc.	229.85

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Nathans Concrete Pump	657.50
Nationwide Retirement	2137.96
Networkfleet, Inc.	1545.55
Northeast TN Tourism	270.00
Office Depot Credit Pla	73.98
Old School Auto Parts, Inc.	5445.45
Olde Towne Hardware	1198.60
Olde Towne Small Engine	93.25
Osborne Electric Inc.	434.00
Pamela Gail Johnson	983.50
Pardue Photographics	500.00
Pavel-Well Paving Co.	2110.00
Perry's Enterprises, IN	108.66
Peterson Industries, In	470.05
Phyllis Anne Fabozzi	100.00
Print Distbition Serv	1862.50
Progression Electric	375.00
Quality Trophy & Engraving	207.00
RAD System	75.00
Refund Department	596.61
Refuse Parts Depot	470.99
Reliance Standard (VOL)	394.46
Ricoh USA, Inc.	3639.84
Ricoh USA, Inc.	149.43
RMJ Distributing Co.	100.56
Ronald G Yancey	10.00
S.B. White Company	4905.60
Saratoga	1188.07
SESAC	397.00
Shirt Tail Designs	6770.55
Shred-It	13.96
Southern Vac	365.75
Specialized Operations	958.00
Stafford Custom Graphic	94.00
State of TN	50.00
Stowers	1761.53
Summers Hardware	1190.60
Summers-Taylor Inc	11988.75
Supplyworks	178.71
TBI-Fiscal Services	560.00
Tennessee Association	150.00
Tennessee Hospitality	150.00
Tennessee 811	42.00
Terminix Processing Cen	417.00

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
The Detail Shop	160.00
The Naked Bee	326.50
Thomson Rueters – West	159.98
Timothy Drew Everhart	360.00
TML Risk Management	2299.00
TN Dept. of Health	510.00
TN Dept of Revenue	87.40
TN Dept of Revenue	1239.70
TN Dept of Safety	570.00
TN Federation of Fire	100.00
TN Municipal Attorneys	75.00
TN Safety & Health Council	65.00
Town of Jonesborough	7950.00
Transunion Risk	25.00
Triad Freightliner	869.69
Triplett Farms	937.50
Truckpro LLC	348.14
TWWA	10.00
United Parcel Service	182.79
United Way	342.58
USA Blue Book	3368.48
UT Extension Sullivan	800.00
Valley Trailer Repair	1129.40
Verizon Wireless	3033.74
Vermeer Heartland	15380.26
Wal-Mart Store/GEMB	1420.79
Washington Farmers Co-op	82.50
Washington Farmers Coop	14010.49
Waste Management	837.41
Water & Waste Equipment	4025.45
West Town Collision CTR	985.35
White's Auto Parts	550.23
William Beagle	1080.00
Williams Electric	50.69
WKPT-TV	350.00
XYLEM Dewatering	<u>7635.70</u>
	\$469,748.60

3. Approve the following Town Administrator Report:

Wastewater Improvements

Cobern Rasnick will be providing the BMA at the meeting with an update on progress with I&I work in the sewer system. I have also recently provided the BMA with a summary of Wastewater's recent success in handling the major storm event at the WWTP a week and a-half ago.

Crockett H.S. Sewer – There is an agenda item related to the gravity sewer component we are to install as part of the Crockett Sewer Project. I do not know what Washington County has decided to do in regards to the low bid received being over the project budget. GRW is working with the low bid contractor to reduce costs, but they may have trouble reducing much unless they make a major change in the pump station location at Crockett.

N. Cherokee – Planning for improvements in this area has been on hold for the last month in order to invest staff time in other issues.

Water

Water Loss – Mike McCracken's crew is now working on Archer Road, and they have installed about 500 feet of pipe. Bill Jones Road is complete except for some asphalt cuts that have to be repaved. There is a pre-construction meeting next Tuesday with the contractor that has been awarded the bid to bore under SR-81 South in the Lamar area. That work is being paid through the CDBG funding.

Water Treatment – The Scada communication/operation for Rock House Road pump station is supposed to be complete next week along with the communication connection necessary to read the water level of the Persimmon Ridge reservoir. We have been operating the bleach disinfection system post filtration in the finished water. We have to use the bleach system fairly frequently in order to keep the liquid bleach from changing molecular structure and becoming ineffective.

By-Products Reduction – I have provided Board members with an update on our efforts to reduce by-product levels. We are testing this week for the first quarter by-product levels, and hoping we have low levels. We should know something next week. In the summary of activity and progress going to the BMA, there is a recommendation to go to a second MIOX system to create the opportunity for an effective back-up system that does not increase by-product build-up. Also, there is discussion underway about upgrading our carbon feeder at the intake so we have more capability to regulate the amount of carbon we feed. Also, carbon is a really "dirty" product in that carbon dust turns everything black. We

use smaller bags of carbon that have to be emptied into a hopper by hand. The carbon dust in this process is a mess. There are some more sophisticated ways to feed carbon and we are exploring those as we look at being better able to control the amount to feed into the intake well.

Transportation

Persimmon Ridge Road & W. Main Street – We are expecting it to be bid out this summer.

Jackson Blvd – SR-354 – This may also be bid out in last summer this year.

Woodrow Ave/2nd Ave – I have sent out a storm water partnership agreement to John Buchanan, the owner of the property at 2nd Ave and Woodrow Ave. He has to sign the agreement before we can do any work. The agreement was approved by the BMA over a year ago.

E. Main Street Improvements – Complete, except speed table at top of hill.

Speed Table at 2nd Ave – No change.

North Cherokee Street / Smith Lane – No change.

Truck Route – Signage has been ordered from Foster Signs. Malcolm Highsmith is meeting with the Police Department on sign locations, and he is working with Gary Lykins on posts in the Historic District.

Paving – We hope to put the top coat on the lease parking lots in April and the re-stripe.

Grants

T-21 Walkway Grant – Final walk through is complete. Final pay request has been submitted to TDOT. We are waiting on final reimbursement from TDOT.

LPRF Grant – TDEC is working on contracts with the intent the project will start in August. As far as we know, we have met all the pre-contract requirements from Recreation Education Services, and we are waiting on TN Finance and Administration to generate the contracts.

Tourism Enhancement Grant – We have met all requirements and signed the contract for the \$50,000 Tourism Enhancement Grant. We need to get approval of specifications for bid, but we can incur costs. We expect to use money on front end of Jackson Theatre project for structural steel work.

Recycling Equipment Grant- We have bid out the cardboard recycling containers, and have authorization to use the \$15,725 in grant funds to help purchase 37

recycling containers to use to collect cardboard with our small front loading garbage truck. The purchase is on the agenda for the March 13th BMA meeting.

Senior Center: Equipment Grant – The sound equipment has been ordered. The speakers to go in the ceiling of the large dining area on a 3-week back order. Portable acoustical panels have been selected and will be ordered by next week. Recording equipment for Senior Center Story Initiative has been ordered. That program of story collection starts this month.

Chuckey Depot

We are still waiting on the handicapped accessible door that we need to install on the railroad tracks side of the building. The alarm system has been installed. As the area to be landscaped dries up, we will prepare soil for planting. A proposal to establish a landscape plan around the building by Equinox is on the agenda for BMA consideration. Deborah Montanti and Theresa Hammons have been working on what would be a minimal interpretive plan using \$5,000 as the initial cost to allow the museum to open this summer.

Jackson Theatre

We are still waiting on the structural engineering plan. Ken Ross Architects has been told that they will get the plan from the structural engineer in the next few days. The structural engineer got tied up on a big Northeast State project, and our Jackson Theatre structural work got put on the back burner. Ken Ross Architects and the electrical and mechanical engineers have done everything they can in preparing design plans to send to the Fire Marshal in Nashville until they get the structural design. In the meantime, C.W. Parker and Laura Bailey are working on the wall finishes, lighting and equipment. This does not have to go to the fire marshal, but it will help us if we can approve the vision of the interior finishes on all three buildings.

Note: We have complicated the structural work to be undertaken with all three buildings being part of the project. Because the Charles Allen building (Stage Door) that we purchased thanks to benefactors is being used for access and ADA bathrooms, we have to send design plans for that building and the JRT improvements to the fire marshal at the same time with the Jackson Theatre as a complex. It has taken longer to work out all those details, but right now we're waiting on the structural plans.

McKinney Center Parking

An additional revised plan has been submitted to the BMA regarding more parking spaces around the Center. The plan that is recommended has 92 paved/concrete parking spaces. There is also a proposal from Equinox to develop a revised landscape plan after the parking area is constructed or at least accurately

laid out. We would expect to prepare soil and mulch this summer and plant in the fall. We hope to construct the added parking area this spring, and stripe the existing front lot.

Storytelling Center Improvements

Sonia King donated \$100,000 to the Town specifically for improvements at the International Storytelling Center's Mary B Martin Storytelling Hall. Since January, the Carter County Work Camp Crew has been working in the upper floors of the Storytelling Center and back courtyard. They have totally repainted the Parlor and Library, repaired any damaged walls and renovated all hardware. They are currently replacing the old carpeted floors in both large rooms with hardwood flooring from Mullican. They are also currently replacing the entire porch decking on the wrap around second story porch and fixing the drainage system that was stopped up. Before we got involved with the Carter County Crew, Storytelling had received a quote from a local contractor to replace the decking for a cost of \$65,000. We are using a high quality composite decking material guaranteed for 20 years that looks better than the original decking, and the project is costing about \$10,000. The work undertaken by the Carter County crew continues to be excellent, and we are greatly improving our building. Needless to say, ISC is thrilled with what we are doing. Craig Ford hopes to be finished with the flooring in the Parlor and the outside decking next to the Parlor by the end of next week if weather holds. With those areas complete, ISC can start using at least the Parlor again after next week.

Senior Center Parking

When the Carter County Crew completes what we can do at ISC's Storytelling Hall, he plans to take the crew to the parking area to be expanded at the Senior Center and build a retaining wall that is necessary in order to maximize parking spaces. We also want them to construct the Senior Center monument sign that will go near the intersection of E. Main Street and Longview Drive.

Policies

I have continued to work on clarifying policies, and have provided a narrative on employee benefits.

Department Updates

I have been working with the McKinney Center and Senior Center staff, along with Jimmy Neil Smith on the Jonesborough Community Storytelling Initiative which is a comprehensive master plan of the McKinney Center program, under the Recreation Department. I will send the document to BMA at the end of the month for your review. It is a comprehensive program unique to Jonesborough,

and is lengthy because it includes a strategic plan with detailed implementation steps.

Committee Meetings

I have continued preparing agenda presentations for the BMA meetings, the Planning Commission, Tree & Townscape Board, Traffic Advisory Committee, JRT Board of Directors, Jonesborough Community Chest, and minutes for most.

4. Approve the following Operations Manager Report:

As you are aware, I have been working with the inmate crew on renovations to the Storytelling Center for the month of January. To this date we have painted the upstairs interior section of the building. We have also cleaned the brick patio, refinished the outdoor benches, built a 22-foot section of iron fence, and clean the brass trim and door fixtures. We also repaired a water line leak in the men's restroom that damaged the ceiling.

We have begun repairing the brick columns on the rear patio. The tops of these columns have suffered severe water damage over the years and the mortar has given way from a lot of the brick. Once they have these repaired, I will have a concrete cap poured over the top of the brick cap to prevent this deterioration in the future.

The Street Department began work on East Main Street to clear a drainage tile. I will get with the property owner and discuss further repairs. I hope to finish this project this coming week.

The Street Department also completed some work on Jackson Boulevard which was discussed at the Traffic Advisory meeting. Some posts were removed near Arby's, a divided highway sign was removed, and 15 of the traffic globes were replaced at the intersection of Jackson Boulevard and Cherokee Streets. These were damaged by snow plows last winter and the domes were ordered back in the spring of last year, but were never replaced.

I met with Todd Wood and Malcolm on the parking lot at the McKinney Center and the Franklin Avenue drainage plan. I am hoping to start this project the week of February 20.

I have been working closely with Chief Ron Street on accreditation for the Police Department. He already has several new policies completed that I am currently reviewing. I hope to bring some information to the Board for the March meeting as well as some policies for their review and approval.

As you are aware, I participated in numerous interviews this period for the position Donna Freeman will be vacating due to Virginia's retirement. We were blessed with many good candidates.

I attended the EMS Board of Directors meeting.

5. Approve the following Committee Reports: Keep Jonesborough Beautiful Advisory Council Board, Jonesborough Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals.
6. Approve the following Supervisor Reports: Visitor Center Manager, Director of Tourism and Marketing, Building Inspector, Fire Department, McKinney Center Director, Police Department, Street Department, Animal Control, Water Distribution, Water Plant, Water Park, Website Manager, Solid Waste and Recycling, Fleet Management, Senior Center, JRT Artistic Director, Event Coordinator, Promotions Coordinator, Environmental Services Director, and Park and Recreation.
7. Accept the retirement of Dennis Craddock who has been with the Town for seven years, with regrets, effective April 3, 2017.
8. Approve the hiring of Tracilyn Fisher as a part-time dispatcher in Jonesborough's Police Department at Grade 4 Step 1 (\$11.86 per hour), subject to all pre-employment conditions.
9. Approve the hiring of Jeffrey Light as a part-time dispatcher with the Police Department at Grade 4 Step 1 (\$11.86 per hour), subject to all pre-employment conditions.
10. Approve the promotion of Jessie Rice to Fire Sergeant in regular status at Grade 11, Step 1 (\$34,720), retroactive to January 16, 2017.
11. Approve the hiring of Shelia Watson as the Administrative Assistant at Town Hall at Grade 8, Step 1 (\$29,992), subject to all pre-employment conditions.
12. Approve the low bid of \$65,500 from G. Meeks Construction of Sparta, TN to install/bore a 180 LF water line under SR-81 in the Lamar area to be paid from CDBG water loss reduction funding.
13. Approve the Special Event Permit for Jonesborough Locally Grown to hold the Jonesborough Farmers Market beginning May 6, 2017, through October 28, 2017, each Saturday, (except July 1, 2017 and October 7, 2017), from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon closing E. Courthouse Square and the inside lane behind the Courthouse, subject to the Town Attorney's review and acceptance of the Hold Harmless Agreement and proof of insurance documentation.

14. Approve the Special Event Permit for Jonesborough Locally Grown to hold the Farmers Market Farm-To-Table fundraising dinner on Main Street, Saturday, August 19, 2017, with Main Street and associated side streets being closed from 4:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. for the event, subject to the Town Attorney's review and acceptance of the Hold Harmless Agreement and proof of insurance documentation.
15. Approve the Special Event/Special Occasion Outdoor Use Permit for Jonesborough Locally Grown allowing the organization to serve wine and beer during the Farm-To-Table fundraising event under the terms of the Special Occasion Permit guidelines which includes requiring the sponsor to have a permit to serve through the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission and one through the Town of Jonesborough. Also defer action on a back-up venue for the Farm-To-Table dinner in case of inclement weather to see if the McKinney Center parking is completed in time for the event, or, if comfortable with proceeding, approve the use of the Jonesborough Senior Center for both the Special Event and Special Occasion Permits as a back-up-venue for the dinner scheduled August 19th, with all approvals subject to review and acceptance of required documents by the Town Attorney.
16. Approve the 2017 Concession Agreement with Jonesborough Little League allowing the Association to use the Town's concession buildings at Persimmon Ridge Park from March 1, 2017, through August 1, 2017.

**TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
2017 CONCESSION AGREEMENT**

This agreement is entered into by the Jonesborough Department of Parks and Recreation and the Jonesborough Little League herein called the "Concessionaire." In consideration of the Town of Jonesborough leasing the concession rights at the Persimmon Ridge Park Ballfields, it is agreed that:

SCOPE OF CONCESSION: This agreement shall grant the exclusive right and privilege to the Concessionaire to operate the concessions at the ballfield located at Persimmon Ridge Park in service to individuals or groups of individuals using the ballfields, playgrounds and park rental or picnic areas; however, such rights will not include determining who can and cannot use the ballfields, only the concession stand area; nor shall such rights of operation restrain or prevent such individuals or groups from engaging catering services for themselves or bringing their own food and drink to the ballfield area, as long as this food is not sold.

Concessionaire agrees to service and dispense concessions at such times the public needs refreshments and/or when the Director of Parks and Recreation Department directs and to provide in quantities adequate for the needs of the

public. All sales and promotions will be operated efficiently in order to provide optimum revenue as well as service.

The introduction of additional privileges not contained and enumerated herein will be subject to the approval of the Recreation Director, and the Town officials.

BUILDING AND LOCATIONS. The Parks and Recreation Department will make available two concession areas, one in the concession/restroom building by the large ballfield, and the new concession area in the building by the most easterly field currently called the T-Ball field.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE. The Parks and Recreation shall, at its cost and expense, make all ordinary and reasonable repairs required to preserve the buildings, occupied under this contract, except any damage done by the Concessionaire.

CONDITIONS AND SURRENDER OF PROPERTY. The buildings, which are the property of the Town of Jonesborough, shall remain the property of the Town of Jonesborough and upon termination of the contract by lapse of time or otherwise, the Concessionaire shall surrender possession of all said premises and part in as good condition as said premises were when first occupied by the Concessionaire.

PLANS FOR ALTERATION. The Concessionaire shall make no alterations of or repairs to any building, reserved for its use, or erect any new structure or building on the grounds without official approval from the Parks and Recreation Department.

EQUIPMENT. The Concessionaire shall, at his own cost or expense, furnish and maintain in good usable condition, a sufficient amount of movable equipment, dispensers, hot dog cookers, table utensils, dishes, such other equipment as may be necessary to properly furnish the services here in provided for in a manner acceptable to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

The Town of Jonesborough will not accept any liability or be responsible, in whole or part, for any damage, which may be sustained by any materials and/or equipment on any location resulting from any cause whatsoever.

DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE. The Concessionaire shall not allow garbage or other refuse to accumulate or to gather in or about any of the buildings or structures occupied by the Concessionaire except in suitable covered garbage receptacles. The Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for the removal of rubbish, trash, and garbage provided that the Concessionaire accumulates such trash at given points and at given times under the direction of the Town.

Jonesborough Little League shall appoint personnel responsible for picking up trash and litter in and around the ballfields, creekway, and parking areas used by players and spectators every night the Concession Stand is in operation.

CLEANING PREMISES. The Concessionaire shall furnish all labor, services, materials, supplies, and equipment necessary to maintain, in a clean orderly and inviting condition satisfactory to the Director, all premises used and occupied by the Concessionaire in the operation of concessions, together with the areas immediately surrounding the concession stand that are affected by said operations including but not limited to the spectator/bleachers area, creekway, and parking lots.

UTILITIES. The Parks and Recreation Department will furnish light, power, and water in such locations where these utilities exist. All additional installations which require the use of these utilities shall be made and maintained at the expense of the Concessionaire and only after securing prior approval.

EMPLOYEES. The Concessionaire shall, at his/her own cost and expense, provide a sufficient number of employees to service the public promptly and efficiently and in a manner satisfactory to the Director. A minimum of one (1) adult is required *in each concession facility.*

The Concessionaire shall not permit any agent or employee to remain in or upon premise of Persimmon Ridge Park or in any of the buildings, structures or locations occupied by the Concessionaire for any period of time longer than is normally necessary to secure the premises and to perform minor clerical work after the close of business, provided, however, that if required for the protection of its property the Concessionaire may employ and permit watchmen to remain in said building, so occupied by it. *The Concessionaire shall provide the Recreation Director with the full name, social security number and date of birth for all concession workers.*

The Concessionaire shall employ only competent and satisfactory workmen and whenever the Director shall notify the Concessionaire in writing that any person employed on the premises in his/her opinion, is incompetent, disorderly, unsanitary, or otherwise unsatisfactory, such person's employment shall be reviewed thoroughly and appropriate action taken. *The Recreation Director shall have final authority if there is a difference of opinion on the appropriateness of a concessionaire worker.*

Concession stand personnel at the ballparks will be responsible for turning off the lights on the field, after the last game of the day securing the building, and policing the area to keep it sanitary.

HOURS OF OPERATION. The Concessionaire shall keep all concessions herein provided for the operation during all reasonable hours and at such other times as the public needs require or the Director shall direct. Ballfield concessions will be opened 30 minutes prior to the first game.

ORDINANCES, LAWS AND REGULATIONS. The Concessionaire shall not sell or permit to be sold, used or brought upon the premises of the Park intoxicating or alcoholic beverages, and shall not permit or suffer any gambling at any time upon said premises, and shall not permit improper or immoral conduct on the part of its officers or employees, and shall not permit hawking or any other noises or disturbance designed to attract attention or to solicit trade, and shall abide by the ordinances of the County of Washington, Town of Jonesborough, and the laws of the State of Tennessee, and of the United States, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Parks and Recreation Department. There shall be no smoking in the concession stand and around the ballfield facilities

It shall be the obligation of the Concessionaire to apply for, pay for, and obtain all permits and licenses required by the various law enforcement agencies to operate the concessions, and to sell the approved merchandise.

ACCOUNTS, BOOKS AND RECORDS. The concessionaire shall keep books and records showing accurate and complete data on all receipts and disbursements in connection with the operation of all concessions. The Concessionaire shall provide monthly financial reports, which follow the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) guidelines to the Town Recorder and the Parks and Recreation Director. The Town Recorder has the right at all times to examine and audit all of said books and recorder and to reexamine and re-audit same.

PAYMENTS. The Concessionaire agrees to pay the Jonesborough Parks and Recreation Department a flat fee payment of \$1.00 as compensation for the lease. This payment shall be paid to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on or before August 1 of each season. *Concessionaire is responsible for collecting and remitting to the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue applicable sales tax on concession sales.*

CANCELLATION BY THE TOWN. This agreement shall be subject to cancellation by the Town of Jonesborough in the event of the happening of any one or more of the following contingencies:

- A. In the event the Concessionaire is adjudicated as bankrupt, or because of its financial condition is judged by the Town as being unable to continue successful operation.
- B. Failure of the Concessionaire to perform, keep, and observe any of the conditions of the contract.

RIGHT TO DECIDE QUESTIONS. The decisions of the Director of the Parks & Recreation Department relative to the proper performance of terms of the contract shall be subject to the final approval of the Jonesborough Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

ASSIGNMENTS AND SUB-CONTRACTS. This agreement or contract of any of the rights and privileges provided for herein shall not be transferred or assigned by the Concessionaire without first having obtained the consent of the Town to do so.

LIABILITY OF THE TOWN. The Town, to the extent permitted by State Law, will be saved and held harmless by the Concessionaire from damage of any kind, make and description which may arise as a result of making this contract and the operation of the concessions by the Lessee. The Town shall not be liable for any damage to persons or properties in the space leased exclusively to the Concessionaire. The Concessionaire only is responsible for the equipment within the concession stand and that the Town shall not be liable for any damage thereto or loss or theft thereof.

RELATION TO TOWN. It is the intent that the Concessionaire shall be considered as an independent contractor and that neither he/she nor his/her employees shall under any circumstance be considered servants or agents of the Town, and that the Town shall at no time be legally responsible for any negligence on the part of said Concessionaire his/her servants or agents, resulting in either personal or property damage to any individual firm or corporation.

SIGNS. The Concessionaire, at all locations used for the purpose of providing the services specified shall erect suitable signs, approved by the Director of the Parks & Recreation Department, informing the public of the nature of the services provided at any such location.

INSPECTION. The Concessionaire shall allow the Director of Parks & Recreation, or such other persons as may be designated, access to the premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of examining and inspecting said premises, or making necessary building repairs, or for any other purpose, not unduly affecting the operation of the Concessionaire's business.

NO SMOKING REQUIREMENT. Persimmon Ridge Park is a "Smoke Free" park and smoking is prohibited by the Town of Jonesborough. The Concessionaire agrees to inform all workers in the concession stand area and parents/children using the concession stand that smoking is prohibited.

TERM OF CONTRACT. Term of this lease is for the 2017 season and will run from March 1, 2017 through August 1, 2017.

This agreement may be renewed by the Jonesborough Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with the consent of the Town of Jonesborough.

Executed on this day of 13th day of February, 2017.

LESSEE

LESSOR

CONCESSIONAIRE

KELLY WOLFE, MAYOR

Address: _____

Phone: _____

ABBEY MILLER, RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
JAMES R. WHEELER, TOWN ATTORNEY

17. Approve extending the hours of operation at the Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning April 4, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
18. Approve the list of surplus equipment owned by the Town with the intention of selling it to the highest bidder.

Insert List

19. Approve the purchase of a three-quarter ton 4-wheel drive, 4-door pick-up truck for Water Treatment Plant through State bid for \$30,674 plus any transportation, insurance and licensing expenses, to be paid from the Water/Sewer Fund balance.
20. Approve the following committee appointments:

Jonesborough Traffic Committee

Tom Whitson	term extended to January 2020
Bill Kennedy	term extended to January 2020

Steve Alexander term extended to January 2020

Jonesborough Tree & Townscape Committee

Emma Treadway term extended to January 2020

Sue Henley term extended to January 2020

Mark Barker term extended to January 2020

21. Approve the amended lease with Norfolk Southern Corporation (Railroad) which increases the annual lease payment for the railroad property used for Depot Street Park from \$300 to \$600 annually.

INSERT AGREEMENT

Mayor Wolfe introduced Shelia Watson, who is the new Administrative Assistant working with Donna Freeman at Town Hall. He said she would be replacing Ms. Causey who has been with the Town almost forty (40) years and has faithfully served the citizens of Jonesborough and Town Boards, and Town employees. Mayor Wolfe said Ms. Watson knows she has big shoes to fill. He said he has been very impressed with her and is happy to have her as part of the Town staff to carry on the job that Virginia has done all these years. He welcomed Shelia on behalf of the BMA. Ms. Watson introduced herself and her husband, Carl Watson. She said they chose this lovely area to retire to, relocating their family from Stanton Island, New York, upon her husband's retirement from the New York City Police Department. She said she feels very blessed to be chosen for this wonderful position, and she looks forward to getting to know everyone and beginning her service to the Town.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Financial Report. Motion was made by Alderman Vest, seconded by Alderman Sell, and duly passed to approve the Financial Report as presented.

The next item on the agenda was the Mayors Comments.

The first item under Mayor's Comments was the request from the Johnson City Power Board for an extension of the term of the Town representative. Motion was made by Alderman Sell, seconded by Alderman Countermine, and duly passed to approve a one-time two-year extension to the four-year term of Dr. Hal Knight as Jonesborough's representative to the Johnson City Power Board in order to help the Power Board transition into its new organizational status as a Utility Authority.

Mayor Wolfe said the Town received thank you notes from Lawrence Shaw's family and James Tyree's family for the flowers and concerns during the death of these two loved ones.

Mayor Wolfe said there is a special presentation by Jonesborough Police Department for the Shop with a Cop program. Sgt. Jamie Aistrop said this was a wonderful program that helps more families every year; they raised almost \$19,000 and

helped provide Christmas for 74 children. He said he would like to present plaques to the following organizations for their contributions that helped make the program a huge success: Foster Signs, Jonesborough Civitan Club, Pizza Plus, Jonesborough Kiwanis Club, Walmart on Market Street, and Clark Family Tours,

Mayor Wolfe asked if this was the most raised for this program and Jamie said it was and he looks forward to an even more successful event in 2017.

Mayor Wolfe presented the Employee of the Month award to Mike Creasy. He read the following nomination letter:

I would like to take this opportunity to address an employee who has worked for the Town for eleven years, Mike Creasy. During his years of service within the Water Department, he has always been willing to take on any assignment given to him. Mike never complains about his work assignments, and works to complete them in a timely manner. Mr. Creasy is always on the job and willing to learn all he can about the everyday operation. He works well with other employees, and is well respected by his co-workers. When we get into an emergency situation, he is willing to work over if needed, or come in after hours as needed. Mike Creasy has always been a team player within the department. He has a good attitude towards his assignments and his attendance record is excellent, and he is always willing to share his knowledge and experiences with other employees, especially new ones entering into the Water Department. Therefore, please consider Mike Creasy for the employee of the month, due to his dedication to the Town's operation of the Water System. Submitted by: Mike McCracken, Water Distribution Superintendent.

Mayor Wolfe asked Mr. Lester Lattany to come forward along with his family and announced that Mr. Lattany is retiring from United Way. He said we are so proud of his success with United Way. He read the following Proclamation and presented Mr. Lattany with a key to the city:

INSERT PROCLAMATION

Mr. Lattany said they could not have done what they have done in United Way without the support of the people in Jonesborough. He then introduced his wife, Stephanie, Robin Crumley, and Mark Finucane. He said he is thankful for his wonderful journey, and added that the help from Bob Browning and his staff has been wonderful. Mark Finucane introduced Jerome A. Julian who is the new President and CEO of United Way. Mr. Julian said he is honored to follow in Mr. Lattany's shoes.

Mayor Wolfe then read the following Town prayer list: death of Billy Miller's father and Kathy Crawford's sister-in-law; Misty Odom (Virginia Causey's daughter) had surgery and is doing better; Kim Hamilton's fiancé, Tony Clouse, is battling cancer; and Stacey Rounds (PSO Jason Rounds' wife) had a brain tumor removed and is

recovering. Also Fire Chief Phil Fritts' wife, Gina, is in the hospital with double pneumonia. Sarah Byrd had her baby boy and both are doing fine.

Mayor Wolfe said that Chocolate Fest was a wonderful success. He said there were thirty-two (32) locations participating in the event and a great time was had by everyone. He added that there were between 2,500 and 3,000 people in attendance.

The next item on the agenda was Alderman Communications. Alderman Sell said that Cobern Rasnick and his crew had done a wonderful job on the sewer line replacement on Sabin Drive and Little Limestone Creek. He said the work was very detailed and professional. Mayor Wolfe said there will be a Power Point presentation on the project at the next meeting.

Alderman Vest said that social media was a great advertising venue for Chocolate Fest. He said there is a lot going on in Jonesborough: the classes at the McKinney Center, plays and classes at JRT, and Chuckey Depot is a homerun attraction. He added that Ingles on 11-E had done an excellent job improving its property.

The next item on the agenda was Town Attorney Comments. Attorney Wheeler said there is a trial scheduled at the end of the month on the Cochran suit going to Circuit Court.

Citizen Comments was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Wolfe reminded the audience that there was a public forum on the fluoride issue a few weeks ago. He said if you are a resident of the Town of Jonesborough and you want to address the BMA about something, to please come to the podium to speak. He said there are two speakers present to address each side of the fluoride issue.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the FY2015-2016 Audit Report. David Babb of Blackburn, Childers and Steagall addressed the Board and said he had worked on the Town audit. He added that Kevin Peters usually presents the audit report, but is working out-of-town. Mr. Babb said the Town received an unqualified opinion which is the best and what you hope to receive. He reviewed the audit and the pension plan for the Town. He said the only finding in the report is related to the Lowe's water line agreement which has been carried over from past years. He said there were no other findings. Mayor Wolfe asked what grade he would give the Town's financial state from A-F. He said he would give the Town an A. He commended Abbey Miller and her staff and Mr. Browning for a job well done. He said he looks forward to working on the Town of Jonesborough audit every year. Motion was made by Alderman Countermine, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald, and duly passed to accept the Town's Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, undertaken by Blackburn, Childers and Steagall.

Alderman Sell asked about the final agreement with Lowe's. Mr. Browning said the problem with Lowe's was the agreement on the front end was different from the final

agreement; the water line from Spring Street up to Lowe's was incorporated into the final contract. He said the problem was that the cost estimate that our engineers used was based on the cost of a similar size line on Persimmon Ridge Road that Summers Taylor installed; we used that to make cost projections as to what we thought the Lowe's line would cost the Town; when they incorporated it into their contract and bid it out, the Town made a big mistake by not insisting that we be included in the decision making. He added that Summers Taylor did the work up to the Lowe's site. He said one of the alternatives with Lowe's was to build a reservoir on site and for them to have a pump station because we could not give them fire protection; there was not enough water pressure on the east end of Town to properly service development on that end of Town, and that is the reason we entered into the agreement; Lowe's agreed to give the Town credit for the cost of the reservoir and the pump station in the balance of what the Town owed them, but that did not happen. He added that cost of the construction came in much higher than estimated, and we have requested documentation as to the additional costs in order to determine what we owe Lowe's, but have not received that information from Lowe's. We continue to pay them each year based on a ten-year payout based on the original cost estimate; a balloon payment of the balance the Town owes will have to be made in three years so this has to be resolved. He said there was supposed to be a Memorandum of Agreement, but it was never signed because we were not satisfied with what Lowe's said the Town owed. He said he may have to go to North Carolina in order to resolve this issue, and we should be able to get a reduction in the loan balance of at least \$150,000 to \$175,000. Alderman Sell asked if there was a reason we did not do that work in house. Mr. Browning said it is a twenty-four inch water line, and we did not have the capacity to install that size line. Alderman Sell said then we are at a place of negotiating the balance. Mayor Wolfe asked what the chances are of getting this resolved before the balloon payment is due. Mr. Browning said he will get this resolved before that time.

The next item on the agenda was the continuation or discontinuation of fluoride in the Jonesborough water system. Dr. Allen Burlson, a local Jonesborough dentist, was the first one to address the issue. Mayor Wolfe said he is limiting comments to five minutes per spokesperson. Mayor Wolfe said there has been a pause in the discussion of this issue since last July to give the Board time to talk to people and study all the information received in order to make an informed, wise decision.

Dr. Allen Burlson said he was speaking in favor of continuing to add fluoride to the water supply. He said he is a general dentist and has been in Jonesborough for thirty-five years. He added that keeping fluoride in the water means less business for him. He said when this first came up, there was an issue of safety at the water plant. He said he took a tour of the water plant and added that there has never been an accident there. He said another thing is health concerns. He said if he recommends a toothpaste as the best, that is his opinion; there has been no link to health concerns with fluoridated water; all water has natural fluoride in it, and the Nolichucky River has about .1 parts per million. He said this has been a reliable, cost-effective tool for over 75 years and he commended the staff and Board for the cost of \$12,000 per year for fluoride which is basically \$1.00 per year per person. He added that the AWWA

supports fluoridation of water, and he is truly concerned about this. He said most of us purchase toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. but his concern is for those who do not have access to those items. Dr. Bureson said the Health Department does an excellent job, but for people in the county, this is the only fluoride that they get. He said the greater good will be served if we keep the fluoride in the water, and added that fluoride works at all ages. He said people who have well water do not have fluoride in their water. He said it is a cost-effective treatment at \$12,000 per year and we do a lot of good by putting fluoride in the water. He asked if we are going to do the right thing for the underserved in the county or do we want to disrupt the system in place. He said if it is not broke, don't mess with it, and added that there are many professionals who support his stand.

Dr. Jay Jarman, a resident of Jonesborough, addressed the Board and said he is here to support discontinuing fluoride in the water supply. He said he is a patient of Dr. Bureson and thanked the Board for allowing each of them to speak. He said there are many studies that show the benefit of fluoride in oral healthcare, but there are also many that show there are health problems resulting from ingesting fluoride. He said fluoride in the public water supply is not the most effective way to provide fluoride, and by doing so it causes more problems than it solves. Dr. Jarman said those who are for fluoride in the water argue that it is naturally occurring in water, but that is calcium fluoride and is not the same fluorocidic acid that is added to our water. He said the body can handle the naturally occurring calcium fluoride, but not the fluorocidic acid. He said fluoride only helps prevent tooth decay topically, on the surface of your teeth, and you gain no benefit by ingesting it; a 2009 study showed that ingesting fluoride in water impairs your glucose tolerance; a study in 2007 showed a relationship between fluoride in drinking water and damage to liver and kidney function in children. He added that if you drink bottled water or well water, you get no benefit from fluoride. He said people can get fluoride for topical use if they use toothpaste with fluoride, mouthwash with fluoride or go to a dentist and get a fluoride treatment. He said perhaps a fluoride program in the schools would be better use of the \$12,000 and that way the students and parents can benefit from not having fluoride in the water system. He said he is a thyroid cancer survivor and he stopped drinking water with fluoride for his health. He said he always had fluoride in his water but he now knows problems can result from ingesting drinking water with fluoride. He thanked the Board for the time to present his concerns.

Mayor Wolfe said we had a public hearing a few weeks ago and the Board relies on recommendations from the staff to the Board. He said all the documents pro and con that were submitted at the public hearing, as well as other pertinent information, was copied and provided to BMA members. He said Town Administrator Bob Browning has researched this issue thoroughly and he asked Mr. Browning for his comments.

Bob Browning, Town Administrator, said that feeding fluoride into Jonesborough's system has nothing to do with water treatment or water quality and in fact is a medication being given to everyone in the system. He said that in the 70's TDEC strongly supported the feeding of fluoride into water systems, and provided grant

funding to purchase the necessary equipment; now, TDEC takes a neutral position and provides no financial support. Mr. Browning said he agrees with Dr. Burleson that money is not the issue driving the concern about fluoride, and that safety at the treatment plant should not be a deciding factor as well. He said even though the acid is dangerous, Town staff has dealt with it for 30 years and have done so in a professional and safe manner.

Mr. Browning said almost everyone agrees that topical use of fluoride helps reduce cavities; the problem is ingestion, and there have been major reductions in what levels are acceptable. He said the range the Town used to have in feeding fluoride was up to 1.4 parts per million, and now the maximum level is .7 ppm. He said many pediatricians are recommending no fluoride, including in toothpaste, for children under two, including infant formula, and very little in toothpaste until children get their permanent teeth. He said his daughter has sent him out to find non-fluoridated toothpaste for his young granddaughter.

Mr. Browning said he felt that there was not enough emphasis on good oral healthcare and too much reliance on fluoride in the water system. He said he felt the Town should initiate a strong oral health program in partnership with the schools, taking the money used for fluoride and investing it into spin tooth brushes and toothpaste for disadvantaged youth in schools served by the Jonesborough Water System.

Alderman Vest said he has taken this decision very seriously because he has four children. He said there is a warning label to not swallow toothpaste with fluoride in it, and long term use can lead to bone issues. He said there should be a program to educate the public of the dangers of ingesting fluoride.

Alderman Fitzgerald recommended we work with the school system to help guide this program and use the \$12,000 to help provide the program.

Alderman Sell said he has read everything he could find on both sides of this argument. He said a lot has changed since 1970; many cities want the fluoride taken out of the water, and it is not about the money. He said he grew up with well water, went to the dentist regularly, and his parents made him brush his teeth and said he feels this is a hygiene issue. He said we are medicating the water, and justifying that is above his pay grade. He pointed out that the majority of the people responding to the survey sent out to all water customers wanted the Town to stop feeding fluoride into the water system.

Alderman Counterline said in his sixteen years on the Board, he has spent more time on this issue than any other issue the Town has faced. He said he has been a patient and friend of Dr. Burleson for over twenty-five years, and he is best friends with Dr. Jarman. He said both gentlemen have done their research and he thanked them for their input. He said we had a meeting, sent out and received surveys on this, and held a forum. He said people had thanked him after the forum and complimented the Board on how well it was run. He added that four people told him they sent the

survey in requesting that fluoride be removed but had changed their minds after the forum. He said there was a lot of good debate on both sides, and added that there has also been a lot of misinformation disseminated. Alderman Countermine spoke about the help given by Community Help Center and the fact that they have impacted over 1,500 children and have programs during the summer giving children hot meals. He also spoke of the Family Promise program that his Church supports. He said it breaks his heart to see families staying a week at the Church because they have nowhere else to go and their entire belongings fit in a couple of bags; people like that are just trying to survive, and they are not going to the store to get water with fluoride or toothpaste. He added that these people have no place to live, and the chances of their seeing a dentist is slim. He said he would like to see a compromise, a panel set up that could include Dr. Burlison and Dr. Jarman that could come together and compromise by developing a program that will help these children in need; find an alternative and maybe work in the schools before we get rid of fluoride. He said he respects everyone's opinion and realizes that everyone does not always agree, but hopes that we will all remain friends after a decision is made on this issue. He would like to see a committee formed before a decision is made on removing the fluoride treatment to the water supply.

Mayor Wolfe asked how a substance that eats a hole in concrete could be good for your body. He said this is an issue with strong arguments on both sides, but the reality is the science is unsettled. He commended the Board and staff on their work on this issue. He said he drank spring water growing up and his mother made him use fluoride rinse. He said there is a real concern for children being exposed to fluoride, and added that one indisputable fact is that the recommended allowable levels have dropped. He said he contacted Kimber Halliburton, Director of Washington County Schools, to discuss the possibility of starting a dental hygiene program for children in the school system. Mayor Wolfe said Director Halliburton was very enthusiastic about the idea. He said the Town could partner with the schools to provide children with toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other products in the following five schools: Jonesborough Elementary and Middle Schools, West View, Grandview, Lamar, and South Central. Mayor Wolfe said he feels the schools are important, but there are other aid organizations that should be involved. He said this is not a money issue. He said there has been a lot of thought and discussion and he strongly believes that the Board has done a good job on this deliberation and commended the Board for its efforts. Mayor Wolfe stated that the benefit for fluoridation is topical, and we should make our best effort to help establish a good oral health program and teach good oral hygiene habits. He said he feels it is best not to continue adding fluoride to the water supply.

Alderman Vest said if we remove fluoride in the water, there is still natural fluoride in the water, and he feels there is no benefit to ingesting the fluoride being added to the water supply.

Jon Lucas, Water Plant Director, said if the Board decides to discontinue the use of fluoride in the water, we have to inform the State and will have to feed one more month awaiting a decision. Mayor Wolfe said if we discontinue, it will probably be best to do so the first of July. Motion was made by Alderman Vest, seconded by Alderman

Sell, and duly passed to approve the discontinuation of fluoride in the Jonesborough Water System in one hundred twenty days (120) and to contact the schools and other organizations to implement an oral health program.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Resolution establishing/ revising certain polices associated with the Jonesborough Senior Center. Motion was made by Alderman Vest, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald and duly passed to approve the Resolution establishing/revising certain policies associated with the Jonesborough Senior Center.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The meeting was duly adjourned.

ABBHEY MILLER, RECORDER

KELLY WOLFE, MAYOR