

PUBLIC HEARING
July 6, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Public Hearing called to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Clint Hurley and Commissioner Brian Metzger present.

Ordinance No. 217-08 - An ordinance of the City of Baneberry, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate, as amended for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:15 PM.

CITY OF BANEERRY
COMMISSION MEETING
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A prayer was offered by and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hurley.

Regular Meeting: The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Hurley, Vice - Mayor Metzger, and Commissioner Hernandez were present.

Minutes: Minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting were provided to the Commissioners prior to this meeting. Public copies were available at this meeting. Vice-Mayor Metzger moved that the minutes be approved; Commissioner Hernandez seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report was provided to the Commissioners prior to this meeting. Commissioner Metzger moved that the treasurer’s report be accepted as read; Commissioner Hernandez seconded; motion carried.

April Treasurer’s Reports:

(April2017)	General Fund	Vol. Fire Dept. Fund	St. Street Aid Fund	Drug Fund	BI Fund
Previous Balance	\$ 128,501.08	\$ 37,219.17	\$ 89,265.36	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22
Receipts	\$ 15,680.13	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Disbursements Cleared	\$ -10,537.02	\$ -1,620.62	\$ -1,258.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank Balance	\$ 133,644.19	\$ 63,098.55	\$ 88,006.72	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22
Disbursements NOT cleared	\$ -137.17	\$ -3,125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Receipts NOT posted	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
04/30/2017	\$ 133,507.02	\$ 59,973.55	\$ 88,006.72	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22

	General Fund	Vol. Fire Dept.	St. Street Aid
Cert of Deposit	18 mo. CD \$150,000 12 mo. CD \$200,000 90-day CD of \$260,000	90-day CD \$40,000	90-day CD \$50,000
Accumulated Interest (Reported Quarterly)	\$3,401.23	\$132.60	320.64

May Treasurer's Reports:

(May 2017)	General Fund	Vol. Fire Dept. Fund	St. Street Aid Fund	Drug Fund	BI Fund
Previous Balance	\$ 133,644.19	\$ 63,098.55	\$ 88,006.72	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22
Receipts	\$ 11,448.69	\$ 00.00	\$ 961.37	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Disbursements Cleared	\$ -19,738.42	\$ -4,989.64	\$ -1,120.02	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank Balance	\$ 125,354.46	\$ 58,108.91	\$ 87,848.07	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22
Disbursements NOT cleared	\$ -1,129.87	\$ -91.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Receipts NOT posted	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
05/31/2017	\$ 124,224.59	\$ 58,017.41	\$ 87,848.07	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22

	General Fund	Vol. Fire Dept.	St. Street Aid
Cert of Deposit	18 mo. CD \$150,000 12 mo. CD \$200,000 90-day CD of \$260,000	90-day CD \$40,000	90-day CD \$50,000
Accumulated Interest (Reported Quarterly)	\$1,791.02	\$179.62	\$224.52

REPORTS:

City Manager: Requested change in office hours to Monday through Wednesday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm; 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm on Thursday – Commissioners agreed. Reported four inquiries to the open police chief position with one application received. Temporarily suspended insurance on the reserve officers who are not allowed to work without a POST certified Chief.

Planning Commission: Planning met prior to the city commissioner's meeting and took action on the following : (1) After lengthy discussion, disapproved the fabricated building on Mountain View; (2) Approved new house plans to be located on Back Nine, and (3) Approved combining lots on Pashley Court.

Road Commission: Survey completed on Stoneway Court and currently meeting with affected property owners. Road has met with three property owners to date – five to go. Doug Krempels stated that, in his opinion, no one is getting a bad deal. As for the drainage on Bonnevista Drive, we are waiting on completion of survey work to determine where to run the drainage.

Parks and Rec: No report.

Police Department: No report. Jefferson County Sheriff, G.W. "Bud" McCoig, speaking in place of, stated that going to digital radios for the county would cost upwards of \$10 million. The Jefferson County Sheriff department is divided into six zones. Baneberry is considered to be in zone three which is the smallest of all zones. At least one officer is assigned to a zone every shift and stays in that zone at all times. In the summer months when school is out, the Sheriff's department assigns the resource officers to patrolling also which gives some greater coverage during that time period. They try to respond to every incident in the assigned zone within 10 minutes. They are willing and able to help the city in any way possible. Sheriff considers Baneberry to be a "safe" area. Commissioner Hernandez asked what would be the costs to the City. Sheriff stated that only funds would be required when the city requested extra personnel. The rate would be \$20 hour which includes gas/car/insurance including liability. Judy Keane raised a concern about having the local paper "advertise" that we do not currently have a police department. Mayor Hurley asked Sheriff if they had a vehicle capable of getting in to the "rough" areas of the city and Sheriff responded that they have vehicles that can reach remote areas. Some discussion about the drug drop off box and whether to keep it at community center or move it, but no decision made. Carman Kammann stated that community relations are the most important and the Sheriff needs to be visible. Sheriff McCoig stated that County will continue to patrol until the City decides which direction they want to go.

Fire Department: Calls for the month totaled nine of which three were for mutual aid and three motor vehicle collisions. There was some discussion about the new fire/police tower which is being built in White Pine. The Fire Chief stated that the agreement with White Pine would be for 20 years with a onetime payment of \$10,000 plus a 50/50 split on any repairs. Another option would be a contract for 20 years at an annual cost of \$2,500 per year. Mayor Hurley asked would be the benefits to the city and Fire Chief stated the new tower would be at the same elevation plus it would be digital, which in theory is better. The construction on the tower has already begun. Discussion followed about whether we would have to purchase new radios. Kenwood series of Radios are the next stage system, however those radios run about \$700 a piece and the fire department would need between 10/12 radios. Janice Hobson asked where we were on the number of first responders in the City. Mayor Hurley said that at this time he was the only one in the City of Baneberry and was not able nor would he want to do it full time.

Firewise Community: Waiting on completion of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) from the TN Dept. of Forestry.

Web Site Report: Total return-visitors for June were approximately 9,450; up from approximately 8,675 during the month of May. After the home page, the next two top categories were the Real Estate and Website Calendar pages.

Old Business

Ordinance 217-8 – *An Ordinance Of The City Of Baneberry, Tennessee Adopting The Annual Budget And Tax Rate, As Amended For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 And Ending June 30, 2017.* Vice-Mayor Commissioner Metzger made a motion to accept; seconded by Mayor Hurley; Commissioner Hernandez voted, no. Motion carried: 2 – 1.

New Business: None

Commissioner’s Update: None

Open Floor Discussion:

Carman Kammann – Discussed the need for not having a police department and the benefits of saving money on the budget; commented on amount of property taxes paid by Warrior Golf; and asked what the City could do to help Warrior.

Lonnie Staib – Baneberry resident on Virginia Court, discussed the condition of the roads from Virginia Court to Iron Gate. Mr. Staib stated that he was willing to keep Virginia Ave. up; and that the City should maintain Waters Edge down to Iron Gate since a map in the office shows Waters Edge as a City-accepted road. Some discussion about whether the city actually assumed Waters Edge. Mayor Hurley suggested that Mr. Staib and Mr. Krempels (Road Commissioner) discuss the situation and try to resolve.

Steven Beckett – Representing Air Med Care, discussed the benefits of joining Air Med Care – in particular, members do not pay any out of pocket expenses if the services are needed.

Julie Rex – Representing Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, discussed the benefits of the City joining the Chamber of Commerce. If a member, information about the City would be included in all of the informational brochures/flyers sent out by the Chamber therefore giving the City more exposure to people that are not aware of its presence and maybe would like to become a part of the City. For instance the brochure included a graph which shows that Baneberry has the lowest tax rate of any City in the county. Also highlights the golf course. Two news letters are sent out each month to approximately 1,700 subscribers which include a County-wide events calendar.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Vice-Mayor Metzger moved to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Hurley; motion carried unanimously at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: _____
Thomas M. Blair

J. Clint Hurley, Mayor

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