

PUBLIC HEARING
March 1 @ 7:00 pm

1. Ordinance No. 218-1 – An Ordinance Approving a Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. 2nd reading
2. Resolution No. 2018-02 - A Resolution Authorizing the City of Baneberry, Tennessee to Dispose of Surplus Property and Returning a Previously Surplus Item To Inventory

Resolution and Ordinances were read by Mayor Hurley. Mayor Hurley then asked for any discussion on the ordinances and Resolution, there was none.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:15 PM.

CITY OF BANEERRY
COMMISSION MEETING
March 1, 2018

A prayer was offered by Carmen Kammann and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hurley.

Regular Meeting: The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Mayor Hurley, Vice - Mayor Metzger, and Commissioner Hernandez were present.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 24 and February 1, 2018 meetings were provided to the Commissioners prior to this meeting. Public copies were available at this meeting. Vice-Mayor Metzger moved that the minutes of the January 24, 2018 be approved; Commissioner Hernandez seconded, motion carried. Vice-Mayor Metzger moved that the minutes of the February 1, 2018 be approved. Commissioner Hernandez wanted some additional information for the meeting notes prior to approval. It was agreed that changes would be reviewed and any additional information be added; and the minutes for the February 1, 2018 minutes would be voted on at the April 5, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was provided to the Commissioners prior to this meeting. Vice-Mayor Metzger moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved; Commissioner Hernandez seconded; motion carried.

January Treasurer's Reports:

(January 2018)	General Fund	Vol. Fire Dept. Fund	St. Street Aid Fund	Drug Fund	BI Fund
Previous Balance	\$ 118,892.78	\$ 50,057.93	\$ 63,717.24	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22
Receipts	\$ 47,207.11	\$ 0	\$ 1,305.89	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Disbursements Cleared	\$ -14,049.50	\$ -1,520.30	\$ -1,472.42	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Bank Balance	\$ 152,050.39	\$ 48,537.63	\$ 63,550.71	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22
Disbursements NOT cleared	\$ -2,175.82	\$ - 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Receipts NOT posted	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10/31/2017	\$ 149,874.57	\$ 48,537.63	\$ 63,550.71	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22

	General Fund	Vol. Fire Dept.	St. Street Aid
Cert of Deposit	Money Market \$130,413 12 mo. CD \$149,822 24-mo. CD of \$333,613	1 year CD \$40,087	1 year CD \$50,284
Accumulated Interest	\$1,997	\$439	\$549

REPORTS:

City Manager: Gutters on the mail center and siding repair work on the two City buildings has been completed. Some of the City’s previous surplus items were taken to Pro Team Auction in White Pine on February 2, 2018 and were sold. The second and final appropriation payment for FY 18 from Jefferson County for the Fire Department in the amount of \$35,000 has been received.

Planning Commission: Judy Keane, Chair reported that Planning met prior to the City Commissioner’s Meeting. Permits for new house construction on Back Nine, a garage addition with a breezeway to an existing house on Pashley Court subject to homeowner’s submitting additional detail to the building inspector and his approval; and converting a garage area to a bedroom and construction of a shed on Deer Creek Trail were approved. Bonnevista Drive cul-de-sac is still progressing.

Road Commission: Mike Broughton, Road Commissioner, reported that the Road Commission was still working on improvements to Stoneway Court and Iron Gate. There are some issues related to private property and what the City can and cannot do on the properties. Plans are for a new survey on Stoneway Court to determine where the actual roadway location should be as recorded and noted on the plot maps located at the Register of Deeds Office. The homeowners will have the opportunity to “walk” the results of the survey with the Road Commission. The end result might be that some of the properties would have to be squared off before any additional work can be performed on the road due to private property issues.

Parks and Recreation: Mark Davis, Chair reported that there was no meeting in March 2018. The next meeting will be April 2. At the last meeting on February 5, the following future events were discussed: (1) the community yard sale is scheduled for May 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; (2) a street cleanup day is scheduled for April 14; (3) the Fourth of July celebration will be held on the Fourth with specific details presented at a later meeting; (4) a pot-luck dinner and auction will be held sometime in early Fall – It will include a “white-elephant” auction and proceeds

from the event will be donated to the Appalachian Outreach Christmas Event. Parks and Recreation will also be sponsoring two events for candidates running for office this year in Jefferson County. The first event, Tuesday March 27 at 6:30 p.m., will be for all candidates, except for those running for County Commission. The second event will be held on Tuesday April 3 at 6:30 p.m. and will include only those running for County Commission District 3. At both events the candidates will be provided the opportunity to speak about their ideas and platforms. Parks and Recreation will provide refreshments at both events.

Police Department: Jefferson County Sherriff, Bud McCoig, reported that there were 8 calls for the month of January 2018: 2 animal control calls and the remainder were for property checks. In February 2018, there were 10 calls with the majority being alarm related instances. Bud McCoig also reported that there was no criminal activity reported during the two month period.

Fire Department: Fire Chief, Donnie Williford, reported 4 calls for the month of February: 1 mutual aid, 1 structure fire, and 2 fire alarms.

Codes Enforcement: No Report.

Firewise Community: City Manager, Mike Blair, reported the City is now a Certified Firewise Community and we will be receiving two road signs indicating that the City is a Certified Firewise Community.

Web Site Report: For the month of February there were 11,800 + page views. Baneberry Real Estate is still one of the most viewed items.

Old Business: City Manager, Mike Blair, is still in discussion with a company for a cell tower to be located on the City owned property located outside the City limits. The cell tower company's lawyers are still reviewing the City attorney's suggested changes and comments.

New Business:

1. Ordinance No. 218-1 – An Ordinance Approving a Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. 2nd reading. Vice - Mayor Metzger made motion to adopt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez; motion carried.
2. Resolution No. 2018-02 - A Resolution Authorizing the City of Baneberry, Tennessee to Dispose of Surplus Property and Returning a Previous Surplused Item To Inventory. Vice - Mayor Metzger made motion to adopt, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez; motion carried.

Fire Chief Compensation – Commissioner Hernandez commented that the City should look into compensating the Fire Chief. Mayor Hurley stated he has spoken to Donnie Williford, Fire Chief Baneberry Fire Department and Chief Williford indicated that he did not want compensation for the position. Chief Williford confirmed that he did not want compensation.

Purchase of the Fire Truck – City Manager, Mike Blair, stated that the City has received a final bid on the fire truck at a cost of \$278,775.13, an increase of \$5,662, through HGAC. The related paperwork should be completed sometime during the week of March 5. Vice - Mayor Metzger made a motion to rescind a previous motion made during the special meeting on January 24, 2018 approving \$273,311 for the purchase of the fire truck. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez; motion carried. Vice - Mayor Metzger then made a motion to accept the current quoted amount of \$278,755.13 from HGAC; motion seconded by Mayor Hurley; motion carried. Commissioner Hernandez voted no.

Commissioner's Update: Commissioner Hernandez asked about when the budget process is scheduled to start. City Manager, Mike Blair, stated that currently Thursday, March 22, 2018 (time to be determined) is the start date. Several City residents have inquired about being on the budget planning process. They are Bob Fandetti and Mike Harris. Commissioner Hernandez stated that Nancy Zander would like to also be on the Budget Committee and the City Manager stated that Ms. Zander should notify him.

Vice-Mayor Metzger introduced three candidates that were in attendance that are running for a county office during the upcoming elections – candidate for Sheriff, candidate for Circuit Court Clerk, and candidate for the County Commission - District 3.

Open Floor Discussion: Carmen Kammann (Kammann), city resident, stated that she was concerned about the purchase of a \$300,000 piece of equipment (fire truck). She admired those volunteers who contribute their time to the fire department. Kammann asked if the people in the City realized how much we receive in property taxes with 1/2 of the total taxes coming from Warrior Corporation. Kammann stated we are a small City and need to be careful on how we spend our money. Kammann stated it is a little scary as a City resident to pay more taxes. Mayor Hurley stated that the funds that we receive from the Jefferson County are assisting in paying for the fire truck. Mayor Hurley added the Fire Department covers the City and an area outside the City limits and need more apparatus/equipment to do the job. Mayor Hurley stated as far as insurance on your home, each resident needs to check with their company to see what and how they are charging. Mayor Hurley is not aware of any large purchases that the City has made. Vice-Mayor Metzger stated that the decision to purchase the pumper /tanker was not taken lightly. The City has been looking for grant money to assist in the purchase and also compare to other cities of our size. Vice-Mayor Metzger stated the loan that the City took out might be paid off in 5 to 6 years. Vice-Mayor Metzger stated that he would like for the City to be able to pay \$110/115,000 toward the loan by September/October 2018.

Kammann stated as a taxpayer we need to be vigilant. Mike Broughton stated that the City opted out on replacing the water line instead of opting out on purchasing of a fire truck. Kammann asked - Do we need more pipes? Mayor Hurley replied that we do not need more pipes. Commissioner Hernandez stated that that the City does need the new water line pipes. Vice-Mayor Metzger stated that Witt Utility has responsibility for the pipes and Witt operates on its schedule. This fiscally does not work out – if pipes break, etc., then financially it is Witt

Utility's responsibility to repair. Witt Utility has stated in the past that it would take 3 to 4 years to replace the current 2 inch pipes within the City. Mayor Hurley added that we do not have a choice in who supplies the water. If the City changes the pipe size then we have to use Witt Utility to install and adhere to their schedule. However, it does restrict water flow for fire suppression; that is one of the reasons the City opted to the purchase of the pumper/tanker fire truck. Kammann stated that she was glad she brought it up and it is a little scary to know that if my house is on fire it would take about 15 minutes to burn down because of the response time.

Mayor Hurley and Vice Mayor Metzger stated that we are currently receiving \$65,000 this year from the Jefferson County for the fire Department and they feel that since we have been receiving funds from the County for the last 10 to 12 years they do not foresee any county commissioner being anti fire department; thus some amount of funding from Jefferson County should continue.

Commissioner Hernandez inquired about the status of the brush truck and asked (1) Is the brush truck running (2) What happens if we have a brush fire and (3) Can or could we pay someone to finish fixing the truck? Mayor Hurley stated that (1) yes the truck runs, (2) if we have a brush fire then White Pine Fire Department would respond, and (3) yes we could pay someone to finish putting the truck together.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Commissioner Metzger made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hernandez seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: _____
Thomas M. Blair

J. Clint Hurley, Mayor

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