

**TOWN of SURGOINSVILLE
BOARD of MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**BMA Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 10th, 2025, @ 6pm**

The BMA session of the Surgoinsville Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held February 10th, 2025, at 6:01p.m. in the Surgoinsville City Hall after public notice was published on *Town of Surgoinsville – City Hall* Facebook Page and posted at City Hall, Surgoinsville Utility District, Post Office, & Surgoinsville Public Library on Friday, February 7th, 2025.

INVOCATION

Mayor Graham did the invocation and asked Alderman Hoss to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Graham requested a roll call for the record of attendance as follows:

Present

Mayor Graham
Vice-Mayor Jarnagin
Alderman Collier

Alderman Bishop
Alderman Hoss

Absent

Alderman Mierek
Alderman Sandidge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES

- January 13th, 2025 - BMA Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor to approve the minutes as written.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Police Chief Hammonds read the January 2025 Police Report. Fire Chief Suthers read the Fire Department Report for January 2025. Suthers added that the Fire Department received a donation of items such as helmets, goggles, and backpack blower from The Tennessee Division of Forestry this month. Donnie Morrison read the Maintenance for January 2025. The January 2025 *Daily Vehicle Inspection Checklist* for each vehicle, January Work Orders, & January Animal Control

Log were emailed to each Board Member for review. Mayor Graham requested an update on the status trucks. Donnie informed the Board that the Ford Truck was out of service. Awaiting the parts for the Dodge 3500 to have snow plow capabilities. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin to approve the January reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving the reports as written.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- Megan Gentry, City Recorder, provided *Summary Financial Statement* and *Tax Aggregate Report* – *Summary* for all funds in January 2025.

VISITORS

- Anna Adams, Serina Marshall, Lonny Baker

OLD BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider approving the second & reading of Ordinance 180-2025 which is an ordinance repealing building permits. A motion was made by Alderman Collier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider approving the second & final reading of Ordinance 181-2025 which is the FY2025 Budget Amendment #1. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. Alderman Collier inquired about the decreased revenue on the Police Drug Task Force OT. Police Chief Hammonds states that some of this revenue will be seen this Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Alderman Collier. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider approving the first reading of Ordinance 182-2025 which is an ordinance for The Municipal Code. Vice-Mayor Jarnagin made a motion to table this item due to one Alderman having not reviewed the Code to date. Vice-Mayor Jarnagin requested Attorney Joe May to contact this Alderman prior to the March BMA Meeting so that this Ordinance can be voted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. The voting was unanimous in favor of tabling Ordinance 182-2025.
- Consider Resolution 159-2025 which is a resolution revoking residential building exempt status and adopting the State Regulated Building Program. A motion was made by Alderman Collier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider accepting the 2025 Volunteer Firefighter Equipment and Training Grant in the amount of \$31,500. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Collier. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- A motion was made by Alderman Collier to forego applying for the 2025 CDBG, appoint a committee to prepare to engage in the 2026 CDBG. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Donnie to purchase Quote# 2095 in the amount of \$576.40 at Smokies Rental & Sales, LLC to clean up property located at 293 Lauren Drive, result of an Ordinance violation and authorizing Megan Gentry, Recorder, to place a lien on property 293 Lauren Drive for work performed as a result of an Ordinance violation. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. Police Chief Hammonds added that this needed to be completed twice a year. The

motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

- A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin to appoint a Hardship Committee which includes Warren Bishop, Tim Hoss, Bobby Jarnagin, Merrell Graham, Kaley Mierek, John Sandidge, and Randy Collier. Attorney Joe May clarified that this Board was not forgiving or waiving fees but deferring payment. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin that a Hardship Committee Meeting will be scheduled on February 20th at 5pm at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Donnie to purchase 4 flood lights for the Riverfront Park bathrooms facility for approximately \$160 total, line item 110-44400-266. Donnie explained that the current light bulbs cannot be replaced due to the design. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

COUNCIL REQUESTS

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The BMA Meeting was dismissed at 6:51 pm.


Merrell Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:


Megan Gentry, Recorder