

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

**BMA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, @ 6:15pm**

The BMA session of the Surgoinsville Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:10p.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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**INVOCATION**

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Vice Mayor Jarangin who passed away February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mayor Graham spoke about Vice Mayor Jarnagin and voiced appreciation for his years of service.

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Mayor Graham

Alderman Collier

Alderman Sandidge

Alderman Bishop

Alderman Hoss

**Absent**

Vice-Mayor Jarnagin

Alderman Mierek

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTES**

- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - BMA Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Alderman Bishop to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Vice Mayor Collier. The voting was unanimous in favor to approve the minutes as written.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- Police Chief Hammonds read the January 2026 Police Report. Megan Gentry, Recorder, read the Fire Department Report for January 2026. Maintenance Report and Sewer Report for January 2026 were provided for review. The January 2026 *Daily Vehicle Inspection Checklist* for each vehicle, January Work Orders, January Animal Control Log were emailed to each Board Member

for review. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop to approve the January reports as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Collier. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.

### **FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS**

- Megan Gentry, City Recorder, provided a financial summary for all funds in January 2026

### **VISITORS**

- Sarah Monoson with *The Kingsport Times News*, Tim Carwile, Cheryl Battaglia, John Cate with *The Rogersville Review*, Mart Williams, Joshua Googe, Sharon Googe

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mayor Graham stated that there is currently vacancy for Vice Mayor. Mayor Graham opened the floor for nominations to fill this vacancy. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss to nominate Alderman Randall Collier. The motion was seconded by Mayor Graham. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider second & final reading of Ordinance No. 192-2025 which is an ordinance amending sewer extension policy. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Collier. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider second & final reading of Ordinance 193-2026 which is an ordinance to establish a minimum livable floor area requirement for dwellings. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandidge. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider second & final reading of Ordinance 194-2026 which is an ordinance adopting a schedule of reasonable charge for copies of public records. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Collier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider first reading of Ordinance 195-2026 which is an ordinance establishing time limits for demolition and building permits. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was made by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider Resolution 169-2026 which is a resolution to establish fees for building and related permits and inspections. A motion was made Alderman Bishop. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Collier. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Megan Gentry, Recorder, to apply for the 2026 Healthy Built Environments Grant to install playground equipment at Riverfront Park. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Collier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider accepting 2026 Volunteer Firefighter Equipment and Training Grant in the amount of \$47,200 & authorizing Fire Chief Suthers to purchase Airpaks with these funds. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

- Consider authorizing emergency purchase on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, which was to purchase & install heater core on 2018 Dodge 3500 in the amount of \$598.55, 110-43190-332. A motion was made by Alderman Sandidge. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Collier. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Police Chief Hammonds informed the Board of a new court software and requested approval to complete a 6-month trial at no cost with this software. Megan Gentry, Recorder, added that this would be a potential cost savings and informed the Board that Cindy Wallen, Court Clerk, has also been present and agreeable to this trial. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandidge. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Vice Mayor Collier made a motion to hire a part time general laborer for the Maintenance Dept. The motion was seconded by Mayor Graham. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.

### COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Joshua Googe voiced concerns regarding regular sized school buses travelling Surgoinville Creek Road. Police Chief Hammonds states that he will contact the Bus Administration.

### COUNCIL REQUESTS

- Board requested that Megan Gentry, Recorder, contact the Hawkins County Election Committee to obtain further details regarding the vacant Alderman seat

### OTHER BUSINESS

### ADJOURNMENT

The BMA Meeting was dismissed at 6:48 pm.

  
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 Merrell Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 Megan Gentry, Recorder