Meeting Highlights of City Meetings

Omitted months either had nothing of consequence to highlight; the meeting was cancelled; or records are not on file at City Hall. Parks & Rec and Road Commission notes began in 2003. (Highlights last updated: May 2017.)

Eighty-three (83) citizens of the Lakeland Subdivision voted (72 for and 11 against) to incorporate Lakeland as the "City of Baneberry" on 4 November 1986. The City of Baneberry was granted a charter under a Tennessee General Law Manager-Commission by the Secretary of the State of Tennessee, signed March 25, 1987 and was incorporated under a Tennessee General Law Manager-Commission; TCA 6-18-101, et seq.

The governing body consists of a City Manager and three (3) elected Commissioners. From among the three Commissioners, a Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioner-at-large are designated.

Each elected commissioner serves a four (4) year term and must be a qualified voter and reside within the corporate limits of the City.

The history of the City has included celebrations at the 4th of July, Christmas Tree lighting, potluck get-togethers, spring flings, cook-outs, pool parties, pumpkin patches, 5k runs; yard sales, dances and parties, hazardous waste days, food drives, bake sales, white elephant sales, street clean-ups, and other city-wide activities and opportunities. These are NOT listed in the highlights of City meetings that follow.

1987  Jan; First meeting held. Elected Commissioners are Joel Hice, Tom Kammann, and Albert “Bud” Denzel. Joel Hice, elected Mayor. Bob Mersman, first City Manager; Feb 87 – Feb 88. Jim Self - City Recorder.

Feb; Charles Hall from Baneberry Utility District brought City Council up to date regarding water situation. Annual assessment by Homeowners’ Association will continue for one more year. Baneberry Planning Board appointed: Ralph Carpenter, David Hayes, Will Dubose, and Greg Turner. (No record of ordinance establishing Board.)

May; Discussed problems (not identified) with City water supply and repairs needed to bring water supply in compliance with TN code.

Jun; Harry Roll provided info on City water system. Major issue is water tower.

Jul; Discussion of contract with White Pine to provide fire protection for Baneberry.

Sep; Tony Iwanowski provided update information on water situation.

Oct; Mayor Claude Musick of White Pine presented White Pine’s position on providing fire support. He suggested Baneberry obtain a “pumper truck” to expedite reaction time.
**Nov**: Verbal agreement by White Pine to provide fire protection for Baneberry.

**Dec**: Water system discussed. System can pump at 90 G.P.M., and with additions can go to 250 G.P.M. (Note: This is far below requirements for adequate fire suppression – minimum is 250 G.P.M.) Agreed to forward copy of water distribution system to State Fire Marshal. (Do we have copy?)

**1987 Ordinances and Resolutions**: Budget and appropriations; City meetings; fiscal year; bank depository; City address; liability insurance; pet controls; beer sales; and protective covenants.

There are no Planning Commission meeting minutes found on file at City Hall for the years 1986-1998.

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**1988**

**Feb**: David Hayes stated that $60,000 of the original $90,000 trust fund remained to "fix" the water system.

**Mar**: Harry Roll of the Utility Board reported that State approval for the Baneberry water system expected in the near future. Andy Hendrixson reported a trial run would be performed on the proposed purchase of excess fire truck from Dandridge. (Never purchased.)

**Apr**: Official letter from White Pine to provide fire protection. Problem with cost. (No indication of cost.) Move by Utility Board for approval to borrow up to $360,000 to complete pump house #3 and storage tank. White Pine wants $2,000 up front to provide fire protection. (Believe this was quarterly.)

Jim Self became City Manager / City Recorder Apr 88.

**May**: Baneberry agreed to $2,000 up-front money for White Pine. Pump house #3 plans approved. Bud Denzel reported that City of White Pine has agreed to quarterly payments of $2,000 for fire protection.

**Jun**: Agreement with White Pine for fire protection effective 1 July 1988.

**Sep**: Tony Iwanowski spoke at length on problems relating to Baneberry Utility District. (No record, in minutes, of problems discussed.)

**Nov**: Will Dubose volunteered to send letter to the State concerning hazardous conditions at Nina and 25E with suggestions for corrections.

**1988 Ordinances and Resolutions**: Budget and appropriations; communications franchise; hunting; meetings; interior lot lines; Club Baneberry; and capital outlay notes for road improvements.
1989

Mar: White Pine Fire Chief, Gordon Pack, presented ideas on increasing fire protection for the City. (No record as to what recommendations were.) City Council should work with Utility Board to obtain adequate storage facilities to provide water volume and pressure to fight fires.

Sep: Fire protection plan discussed. No Decision made.

1989 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations.

1990

Feb: Presentations given by R.C. Minor and Phil Eller on the progress, problems, and goals in their effort to form a Volunteer Fire Department. Subdivision Regulations drafted.

1990 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; zoning; and official depositories.

1991

Nov: Baneberry Utility District Board members, David Hughes and Charles Hall, gave a presentation on the Boards efforts to resolve the “Big Orange” water problems being experienced by the City and plans for improvement.

Dec: Lakeway Disposal asked the City to consider implementation of a recycle program.

1991 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; closure of a cul-de-sac; temporary closure of Iron Gate; and a zoning change.

1992

Jan: Resolution to have City Manager purchase recycling bins. City Council waived requirement for a building permit to construct a water tower.

Jun: Twenty citizens of Baneberry completed CPR classes in Newport.

Jul: White Pine wants $4,000 for fire protection. (Not sure if this was yearly or quarterly.)

Nov: Commissioner elected; Don Rose. City Council: Joel Hice, Tom Kammann, and Don Rose. Joel Hice, elected Mayor. Jim Self, City Manager.

Dec: Letter from lawyers stating $1,000 per call for emergency services from White Pine Fire Department.

1992 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; City-wide speed limit; building permits and certificate of occupancy; meetings; and Sub-Division Regulations.
1993  May; Lists base fee and emergency call costs for White Pine Fire department services. (FY 95-96 base fee of $4,000 and $500 per emergency call.)

Jun; Issue of Nina Road and 25E. Petition to ask State for Assistance – City Attorney to create letter. (See Resolution 94-1 and letter dated 19 July 1994 from City Manager to Department of Transportation.) By resolution, June 8th; building permit fees $5 if project less than $2500; $100 if project more than $2500.

Dec; By motion, Dec 9th; building permit fee $300 if project more than $2,500; 3 inspections; use CABO building code (residential). Building inspector added to City liability insurance; inspector from Knoxville - Terry _____?_____.

1993 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; closed a cul-de-sac; quit claim of City property; purchasing procedures; travel regulations; and regulating beer permits.

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1994  Apr; By motion, Apr 12th; building permit fees $125 for project less than $2500; 1 inspection. $350 for projects more than $2500; 3 inspections; additional inspections to be paid by person issued the permit . . . amount not specified.

Nov; Two Commissioners elected; R. Glen Householder and Jon Norwood. City Council: Jon Norwood, Glen Householder, and Don Rose. Jon Norwood, elected Mayor. Jim Self, City Manager. By motion, Nov 17th; $100 net per inspection and City will pay inspector’s Social Security. ??

1994 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; meetings; transfer cable franchise agreement; and ask State (TDOT) to resolve hazardous condition at the intersection of Nina and Highway 25E.

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1995  May; Ord. 95-2 amends 90-1 and 92-3 re: application for building permit. Includes building permit and certificate of occupancy forms.

Sep; Another request from Lakeway to initiate recycle program.

1995 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; changes to building permits; City Court; golf course signs; and discharge of firearms.

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1996  Feb; Special meeting. Taylor Watkins and lots 2115, 2123, 2124 and 2125. $25,000 price for the four. Council decided to purchase.

Mar; County Sheriff, Douglas Quarles, indicated the county “can and will donate used equipment to the City if they hire part time security.”

Ord. 96-6 makes final inspection serve as certificate of occupancy unless permit holder requests certificate of occupancy form.
1996 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; authorize Court fines; alcoholic beverages at Club Baneberry; annexation of Peterson property; Court dates; certificate of occupancy; business signs; drainage; prohibit RV parks; lot size minimums; and codify City Ordinances.

1997

Dec; Lakeway to commence recycle program first Wednesday after New Year's.

Nov; Commissioner elected; Jerry Boston. City Council: Jon Norwood, Glen Householder, and Jerry Boston. Jon Norwood, elected Mayor. Jim Self, City Manager.

1997 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; truck weight limits; developer's signs; excavations and cuts in City roads; repeal statutory depreciations tables (State); and support funding Chickamauga lock replacement.

1998

Jan; Jim Self resigned as City Manager. Judy Hodges assumed position.

Apr; Norwood discussed building a City Hall.

May; Harry Roll asked for ten minutes floor time to announce possible merger of Baneberry Utility with Witt Utility.

Jul; Jim Hutchins became City Attorney. Discussed proposed upgrades by Witt, i.e., upgrade water tanks; reduce rates by 40%; 6-inch water lines and fire hydrants for St. Andrews. “Need to get something in writing”.

Sep; Terry Harris of Witt Utility addressed questions by City Council. Harris stated Witt Utility will put in a larger water line and fire hydrants on St. Andrews within three years.

Nov; Two Commissioners elected; Roger Bragdon and Gary Zander. City Council: Roger Bragdon, Gary Zander and Jerry Boston. Roger Bragdon, elected Mayor. Judy Hodges, City Manager.

Dec; Lakeway will not pick up recycle trash. No explanation in minutes.

1998 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations and adopt codified ordinances.
1999


Apr; Mayor Bragdon received a letter from W.O. Foutch summarizing Witt’s 9 MAR meeting. (No record of meeting in files.) Proposed growth area approved.

Oct; Greg Williams of Appalachian Electric gave detailed discussion about installing power lines along Iron Gate within the year if the City cleared the right of way. Also provided insight into next five year’s upgrades in Baneberry with a cost of $200,000.

1999 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations and established business and privilege taxes.

2000

Aug; Roger Bragdon resigned as Mayor due to health issues. Stan Veltkamp appointed by Commissioners and sworn in as Mayor Bragdon’s replacement. Gary Zander became acting Mayor. Board now comprised of Zander, Boston and Veltkamp. Zander says City can use his Ford 5000 Tractor, but will need attachments; what happened?

Sep; Long Term Plan ratified.

Nov; Two Commissioner elected; Stan Veltkamp and Clint Hurley. City Council: Stan Veltkamp, Gary Zander, and Clint Hurley. Stan Veltkamp, elected Mayor. Judy Hodges, City Manager.

2000 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; 60 day burn moratorium; establish open-burning policy; rezoned two lots; accessory buildings; additions to private residences; burn permit times; and oppose State use of shared funds to resolve State budget shortages.

2001

Mar; New Roads Committee mentioned in the March 2001 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Aug; Pat Lunsford new City Manager. Carroll Reed new City Health Officer.

Aug/Sep; Mail Center Opened approx., $17.4k paving; $14,250 structure; Letter of TKS from White Pine PM; Sep 2001. Road Commission established by ordinance.

Carroll Reed, appointed Health Officer Aug 2001 and continued as such through Jan 2007.
2001 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; property maintenance; reopen Iron Gate; Jefferson County to collect taxes for City of Baneberry; establish Road Commission; accessory buildings and swimming pools; closed portion of Stoneway by quit claim; and apply for $200k Parks and Rec grant.

2002

Jan: Issue of common drain field at Lands’ End discussed. Specified homeowners pay monthly fee to Leonard Campbell. It was believed that bonds and insurance had been set up to cover the sewer problem. (Note: Do we need to follow up on this?)

Sep: Open floor discussion on the water/fire issue. Although not stated in the minutes, discussion MAY have been generated by the Hodges’ home fire. (Confirmed by meeting of 3 OCT.)


2002 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; front yard setbacks; signs; meetings; porches and decks; maintain Douglas lake levels through October; and pave three (3) roads. Ordinance 202-1 “grandfathered” all existing paved roads in Baneberry.

2003

Jan: Per City Attorney, members of boards and commission must be City residents.

Feb: Planning Board agreed to hire a State Planner to sit on Board. (Status?) By motion; Only residents living within the corporate limits of the City may be appointed to Boards and Commissions by the Mayor as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Mar: Tennessee Municipal Advisory Service (MTAS) recommended City hire its own building inspector and code enforcement officer . . . Mayor Veltkamp recommended Jess Lunsford. This non-salaried position was filled non-competitively, without position description; advertisement; or hiring process. Jess Lunsford was appointed and sworn as Baneberry Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer and remained as such through Mar 2003 – Mar 2015. Jess Lunsford received the “okay” to create an official City website – its first. By motion; Health Officer “can” issue citations.

Apr: By motion; Mike Keane was appointed Chairman of Planning Commission. By motion; Judy Keane was appointed Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Ordinance 203-2 Established Parks & Recreation department. First Parks & Recreation Meeting. Priorities: By-Laws; Officers; Community Center; Designated Park Areas; Walking / Running Trail; Re-establish Recycling Program; greenways; and community and lakefront cleanups. No references to National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).
May: Parks and Recreation reported that their Bylaws had been approved; surveys distributed, collected and analyzed; MTAS Parks & Rec Training materials distributed to members of the Department; how to use the website for P&R purposed discussed; and a mission statement drafted and adopted.

Jul; Ordinance 203-6 adopts the 2000 International Building Code as the City’s building code. Ordinance 203-7 established building permit fees. Distribution of permit fees to be 75% to the building inspector; 25% to the City. Not accomplished by motion or ratification. Not clear if done by Planning Commission or Board of Commissioners.

Jul; John Deere tractor purchased from Swann’s Marina (Stan Veltkamp) for $15,600.

Aug; Planning Commission was officially established by City Ordinance 204-2. Bylaws were drafted, reviewed and adopted.

Nov; Issue of intersection of Nina and 25E discussed, again. Still no action by the State.

Dec; Issue of intersection of Nina and 25E discussed, again.

2003 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; change street names for 911 system requirements; establish Parks and Recreation Department; franchise agreement with Charter; adopt International Building Code 2000; and establish building permit fees.

2004


Feb; Jim Hutchins, City Attorney, to look into prospect of creating Baneberry Regional Planning Board which will allow the City to have some impact on development within the City’s Urban Growth Area. The City’s new website (created and maintained by Jess Lunsford) was promoted at the February City meeting.

Mar; Issues of fire protection and evaluations by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) were discussed. Problems identified are two-fold: First, Baneberry’s distance from existing fire stations is over five miles; and second, the City’s current water supply. Planning Commission took on responsibility to evaluate problem.

Apr; Motion made to investigate the purchase of 12+ acres located at the southeast corner of Harrison Ferry and Nina roads as location for a fire station to support Baneberry. Cost of land not to exceed $90,000. (Note: Land was purchased, but decision was later made to locate the fire station within City boundaries.) ISO set at 10 for Baneberry residences . . . discussion to buy fire truck began.
**Jul:** After review of options, the Planning Commission recommended purchase of 1.6 acres of land adjacent to the mail center for $5,000 to be used for construction of new City Hall/Recreation Center and Fire Station.

**Aug:** Update provided by Skip Carter on alternate individual Septic systems available for processing relatively clean water. Cost of systems approximately $6,000-$10,000 for initial installation. Parks and Recreation established a sign-posted, 3-mile walking trail and began supplying new residents with information packets.

**Sep:** Resolution #2004-05 passed to create a Regional Planning Commission. If the City Planning Commission is also designated as a Regional Planning Commission, the City would have some say in the development of the area included within Baneberry’s existing Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). (Note: This never came to pass. Need to take another look.)

**Nov:** Mayor Veltkamp set up a committee to develop plans for a City Hall / Community Center and a Fire Station.

**Dec:** Resolution #2004-06 supported “Angelos on the Green” in becoming a premier tourist resort. Would allow Angelos’ to sell liquor by-the-drink and not required facility to be a “private” club.

**2004 Ordinances and Resolutions:** Budget and appropriations; expand duties of parks and rec; establish Municipal Planning Commission; littering; mail center use and prohibitions; utility policy; adopt NFPA Fire Code; adopt revised Zoning Ordinance; adopt proposed Urban Growth Boundary; support Worker’s Compensation Reform (State); pave five (5) streets; request creation of a Baneberry Municipal Planning Region; support change of Angelo’s Tavern from non-profit to a tourist resort.

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**2005 Jan:** Mayor Veltkamp arranged with County Sheriff for off-duty deputies to be hired by the City to establish a police presence during the week.

**Mar:** Discussed legality of golf carts being operated on City roads. Concern is with youngsters driving on the roads without adult supervision. May require an ordinance to spell out specifics. Update on proposed City Hall/Community Center and Fire Station. Estimated cost $300,000 to $400,000. Urban Growth Boundary denied by Jefferson County Council; decision will be appealed. (Result of appeal . . . ?)

Doug Reffitt on County Library Board since Mar 2005.

**Apr:** Mayor Veltkamp reported Baneberry’s “Urban Growth Plan” had been rejected by the County. Letter of rejection is attached to the 5 May 2005 Planning Commission meeting minutes.
**May** 5; City Attorney James Hutchinson reported that the required major road plan was NOT on file at the County! Planning Commission meeting minutes reads, in part: “the land purchased from Taylor Watkins, adjacent to the Mail Center, to be zoned commercial.” “Jess Lunsford will act as construction manager for the City” (i.e., serve as general contractor for construction of two buildings; the first to house City Hall and Community Center and the second; to house the fire department, police department and public works garage for a budgeted cost of $400,000).

**Apr**; Council authorized City Manager to buy Radar Unit for Police vehicle.

**May**; Public hearing on proposed City Hall/Community Center and Fire Station. Baneberry participates in County Geographical Information System (GIS) for $1500.

**Jun**; Ordinance #205-08 authorized Mayor to apply for funding for the new complex. City patrol car caught on fire due to faulty wiring; fire was extinguished with the City’s new fire truck. City Property acquired from Taylor Watkins was rezoned from R1 residential to C1 Commercial.

**Aug**; An updated ten-year plan for the City was initiated. Plan to be titled, “Envision Baneberry 2015”. Motion to expend funds for a fire truck approved. Cost to be approximately $90,000. Community Center / Fire Department to be constructed on “non-competitive” bids.

**2005 Ordinances and Resolutions:** Budget and appropriations; firearms, weapons and missiles; court date and time; occupational safety and health program; traffic laws; rezone property for City Hall, Fire Department and Mail Center; fund City Hall and Fire Department; exceed tax rate; amend property regulation; abandon City property by quit claim; oppose Jefferson County request to levy adequate facilities tax; oppose Jefferson County request for privilege tax on new developments; oppose Jefferson County request to increase occupancy tax; and interest bearing general obligation capital outlay notes.

**2006**

**Jan**; Board of Commissioners authorized purchase of Ford Explorer police vehicle; need to install lights and have it striped.

**Mar**; Envision Baneberry 2015; A Comprehensive Plan (10-year) adopted by motion of Board of Commissioners. The 2015 Plan was adopted by motion. The City’s original long term plan was never mentioned in City meeting records. Jefferson County GIS goes live.

**Apr**; Resolution #2006-01 passed authorizing an application to the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development for a grant for a new water tower. Money would be provided to Witt Utility District for construction. Witt to pay matching funds. (Note: Application for the funds was not approved by the State.) New Community Center Dedicated.
May: First City meeting held in new City Hall / Community Center building on May 4th. No record of ribbon cutting, open-house, etc. Ordinance #206-1 authorized establishment of Baneberry Fire Department. County authorized establishment of Baneberry Fire District making Baneberry eligible to receive County funds to support fire departments. Expect to receive $40,000 for FY 2007.

Jun: County Sheriff’s Department to provide “new” police vehicle to replace Baneberry’s vehicle lost in fire. (A short in the wiper assembly caused a fire during early morning hours that totaled the vehicle.) Gary Holloway, approved Baneberry’s fire suppression program. (Affiliation and position, not recorded.) State of Tennessee authorized Baneberry’s Fire Department.

Jul: City awarded the “Small City Progress” award by the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) for development of the ten-year plan, “Envision Baneberry 2015”. Held Flea Market Sale for Fire Department. Raised $1,680. Approved rental agreement for use of the Community Center. Rentals to be handled by the Parks and Rec Department. Doug Drinnon to be considered as a replacement for Jim Hutchins as City Attorney. Drinnon’s fee is $100 per hour.

Aug: Al Herzog updated Commissioners on new police vehicle acquired from the County: total cost to the City will be $2,400 to make it “road ready”. Doug Drinnon, new City Attorney.

Sep: Status of action items in the comprehensive plan to be reported to Commissioners on a quarterly basis. (Fell by the wayside; needs to be resumed.)

Oct: Discussed E-911 issues. They believe they have authority to have City re-name streets if in conflict with street names in other jurisdictions within Jefferson County. The City’s position is “new streets only; not existing streets.” City Attorney discussed police insurance issue. Jefferson County is not covering the officers we hire while they work for us. County does not want to “contract” with us. The alternative is to create our own Police Department. Estimated cost for insurance for officers and vehicle, $5k. Resolution 2006-03 authorized establishment of Police Department. Funding to White Pine for fire suppression support discussed. White Pine wants $10,000 annually. City wants to decrease funding to $4,000 due to establishment of our own Fire Department. White Pine volunteers will maintain our facility and equipment.

Nov: Two Commissioners elected; Mike Keane and Chuck Summers. City Council: Mike Keane, Chuck Summers, and Clint Hurley. Mike Keane, elected Mayor. Pat Lunsford, City Manager. City Manager gave report on steps necessary to establish a Police Department. (Details contained in minutes.)

Mike Keane, Planning Commissioner, updated City Commissioners on needed fire agreements with White Pine. Two agreements required. First would be an Automatic Aid Agreement where both departments would respond to calls within the two Fire Districts at no cost to the department receiving aid from departments outside their own fire district. (In a mutual aid scenario,
department must request aid, and could be charged by the responding department for all costs associated with the response.) The second was the “monies” agreement to compensate White Pine for operating costs associated with their volunteer force.

Dec; City received its ORI number; (Originating Agency Identifier) authorizing the police department to request fingerprint cards and training material.

2006 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; establish fire department; additions to private residences; apply for grant to improve City water system; select engineering firm to design and construct water tower; and establish a police department.

2007

Jan; City Attorney reported fire agreements with White Pine ready for signature. Commissioners discussed cost of acquiring, training and outfitting our own force vs. relying on White Pine; then agreed that the $10k would be cost effective at this time. Agreement signed. Discussed continuing traffic hazards at the intersection of Nina and 25E. No response from TDOT. Jess Lunsford was to continue trying to resolve. Parks and Recreation starts a Book Club.

Feb; Monies for distinct police uniforms approved. Estimated cost $1,000 to $1,500. Funding allocated ($1,000) to hold an annual volunteer recognition dinner. Funding allocated to conduct a City-wide special census. State-shared taxes are predicated on number of City residents reflected in the 2000 Federal Census. City will conduct a special census to determine if number of residents has increased thereby allowing for additional States-shared taxes. State Public Safety Officer said City needs an Emergency Action Plan and an update to its TOSHA Manual regarding personal protective equipment (PPE).

Mar; Ordinance #207-1, “Code of Ethics” adopted.

Apr; Resolution #2007-03 adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS). City needs to be in compliance to qualify for Federal grants. “Need to work on this during CY 2009.” Special census completed. New count reflected a gain of 103 residents over the 2000 Federal census (469 vs. 366). Results to be forwarded to the State and should result in an additional $1,200 in shared monies.

May; City to receive $40k from County to support Baneberry Fire Department. Road Commissioner requested consideration for purchase of a 12’ wood chipper and dump truck to facilitate removal and disposal of right-of-way debris. No action taken.

Jun; Issue of Nina and 25E resurfaced – still no action by TDOT.

Sep; State (TDOT) posted No Parking signs and striped the no parking area of the pavement at the intersection of Nina and 25E located in front of Douglas Market and the Victory Baptist Tabernacle building on adjacent corners as “no
parking” areas. City will continue to monitor situation. Issue of underage drivers of golf carts discussed. No City ordinance exists that authorizes, prohibits, or restricts operation of golf carts. Will have MTAS do a little research on issue. ISO evaluation packet received. Will be completed and returned to ISO prior to their office conducting an evaluation. City currently has an ISO rating of “10” – the lowest available. Would like to get back to “7” or “6”.

**Nov;** 5 year Capital Investment Plan (CIP) initiated.

**Dec;** ISO inspection scheduled for 1-11-08. Received Homeland Security grant of $22,000 for fire department equipment to outfit and service vehicle. City Manager reports “changed purchasing policy” - no change to Ordinance and no detail of change. Charter Cable Service requires 15 homes within a linear (not lineal) mile to extend service lines. Check fire extinguishers monthly; maintain 3 foot clearance around circuit breaker panels. Update to TOSHA Manual. Have Fleet One Cards to purchase fuel without state and federal taxes. Road Commission changed regular meeting schedule to quarterly and purchased 16-foot utility trailer.

**2007 Ordinances and Resolutions:** Budget and appropriations; code of ethics; animal control; wildlife habitat; AT&T franchise agreement; oppose State competitive cable and video services act; adopt National Incident Management system; and encourage Jefferson County to retain old jailhouse as a workhouse.

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**2008**  


**Mar;** Received ISO rating of 6 / 9. (The 9 rating applies to those residences outside 1000 feet of a fire hydrant.) Resolution #2008-1 authorized development of a Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the City. Baneberry Public Works Department equipped with welder and accessories; air compressor and accessories; pressure washer and accessories; a wet dry shop vac; and garage door openers as budgeted. Parks and Recreation starts Kayak Club.

**May;** Police Chief, John Yancey starts work on 5-2-08. Communication antenna tower installed behind fire department.

**Jun;** White Pine/Baneberry fire agreement signed. Cost: $10k.

**Aug;** Discussed need to initiate and complete NIMS training. Stan Veltkamp, chair of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program study group, reported that a program was not currently needed by the City, but should be looked at again as additional assets are acquired. (Complete report contained in minutes.) Received Homeland Security grant of $55,000 for fire department turnout equipment and air bottle re-charger. City is participating member of the Appalachian Quilt Trail.
Resolution: Board of Commissioners determine amount annually. Street addresses must be visible from the street (a 911 requirement).

**Sep;** $130,000 authorized for resurfacing Harrison Ferry from City limit to City limit. State denied funding to construct new water tower. (See Apr 2006.) Commissioners authorized $2,251 (donation) for this fiscal year to support Jefferson County “Building a Better Future” program. City committed $11,255 ($2,251 per year) for 5 years. After some discussion a motion by Chuck Summers to support Building A Better Future by committing to these funds, seconded by Robert Fandetti, the motion passed with yeas from Chuck Summers, Robert Fandetti, and Clint Hurley. Harrison Ferry repaired and resurfaced and pot holes throughout the City repaired for $130,000.

**Nov;** Commissioner elected; David Utley. City Council: Mike Keane, Chuck Summers, and David Utley. Mike Keane, elected Mayor. Pat Lunsford, City Manager.

**2008 Ordinances and Resolutions:** Budget and appropriations; adopt International Building Code 2006; annual Capital Improvement Plan; support Economic Development Foundation; and ratify Jefferson County Growth Plan.

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**2009**

**Mar;** Issue of need for illumination at the intersection of Harrison Ferry road and Nina road at night discussed. Commissioners authorized installation of street light by Appalachian Electric. Jan Veltkamp prepared history of Baneberry – gave copy to City. Street light installed at the intersection of Harrison Ferry and Nina Roads.

**May;** Commissioners authorized expenditure of up to $20,000 general purpose truck for the City.

**Jun;** City purchased a 2008 Dodge Ram dump truck.

**Sep;** Commissioners authorized expenditure of up to $61,000 for new mower to replace current mower.

**Oct;** Ordinance 209-3 adopted 2006 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code. Commissioners allocated funding to Wilber Smith Associates for a study to evaluate the feasibility/cost of installing a low pressure sewer system in the City. Concept is to tie individual septic system grey water discharge from existing leach fields into a low pressure line for transfer to a treatment plant located near Morristown. This second sewerage study cost $8,000 in October and another $3,000 in December. The previous study for a full blown sewage system solution cost $20,000 for the study and an additional $8,000 for preparing topographical maps.
**Nov;** Purchased new tractor ($61,717). Looking into Citizen Corps (nearly eight years after September 11, 2001); and as of April 2015 there is still no City preparedness plan of action, equipment, or supplies! Board of Commissioners accepted updates to Envision 2015.

**Dec;** Commissioners authorized $6,000 for the purchase of twenty loads of gravel to repair the unimproved portion of Iron Gate Drive. Repair required providing access from Nina to first responders, police and utility companies. Fred Holt has indicated he would provide the necessary labor at no cost to the City. (Note: as of June 19, 2011, repair had not been initiated). Wilber Smith Associates provided information on the status of the low pressure sewer system initiative. Several municipalities and counties are interested in the project. Attempts to acquire funding at the federal level are being investigated. Federal funding necessary to defray costs associated in laying necessary lines from municipalities to the treatment plant. The feasibility study provided can be viewed in the City hall.

**2009 Ordinances and Resolutions:** Budget and appropriations; adopts International Property Maintenance code; replaces burn policy; adopt Identity Theft Policy; authorize participation in Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool; and adopt Jefferson County property tax incentive program.

2010

**Jan;** Streetlight added at intersection of Back Nine and Mountain View Lane.

**Mar;** City attorney advised the City commissioners that the City cannot prohibit “political” signs on private property, but can regulate their size and duration of posting. Current zoning ordinance, which prohibits political signs, needs to be modified. Ordinance 210-1 (Road Policy for the City) adopted. Ordinance provides information and guidance on the City’s overall road construction and maintenance policies. To facilitate ratification of meeting minutes, the Planning Commission’s minutes will be sent to its members no sooner than 15 days or later than 5 days prior to the next meeting.

**Apr;** Planning Commission adopts revised By-Laws.

**May;** New, State-required, reflective street signs were installed throughout the City.

**Jun;** Commissioners met with representatives from FEMA to discuss Baneberry’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Although 99% of the land surface of the City does not lie within a designated flood plain, a small portion of some properties abutting Douglas Lake are considered within a flood plain. Baneberry needs to participate in the program to allow property owners to acquire flood insurance. FEMA representatives indicated state would be in contact to provide necessary guidance. (Note: as of June 19, 2011, State has yet to provide necessary guidance). Revised sign ordinance 210-4 moved to Board of Commissioners.
Land’s End Owners Association requested City assistance in funding repairs and maintenance of the infrastructure supporting a common drain field associated with twenty plus lots in the Land’s End sub-division. The land associated with the drain field (approximately 11 acres) is currently “owned” by the City. Decision made to investigate possible courses of action and the City’s responsibilities at a work session to be held in July.

**Jul:** No commissioners meeting held. Mediated hearing held pertaining to the drain field issue held on July 23rd. Copy of minutes held in Minutes file.

**Aug:** Commissioners reviewed results of the mediated hearing between the Lands’ End Owner’s Association (LEOA) and the City of Baneberry on the 23rd of July pertaining to the drain field. A total of five motions were presented:

1. A motion that the City continues mowing the property as long as the City was the owner of record. Motion passed.

2. A motion that the City reimburses the Association for mowing costs incurred by them during June and July 2010. Motion passed.

3. A motion that the City reimburse the Association $900 for repair of damages to the field occurring over several years. Motion failed.

4. A motion that the City initiate necessary action to divest the City of ownership of the property and transfer ownership to the Association. Motion passed.

5. A motion that transfer of ownership of the property not occur prior to November 15th, 2010. Motion passed.

Board of Commissioners deny responsibility for damages to the surface of the Land’s End drainage field. City denies request for reimbursement of repair cost. City “Quit Claims” City ownership of the property to Land’s End Owners Association and pay $400 of the $900 repair request of which the Owners’ Association eventually paid $4500 to completely re-grade the drain field surface. (Not the City’s responsibility.)

At that same meeting where $400 was approved by two of the City’s three commissioners to pay for a $900 expense; the Board of Commissioners approved a Jefferson County Library Board contribution of $1764 and a $700 contribution to the Humane Society.

**Oct:** Board of Commissioners deny Fred Holt’s request to place private sewage effluent line in public right of way per City Attorney’s recommendations.
Nov; Commissioners authorized payment of $400 to the Land’s Ends Association as full and final payment for any future claims by the Association pertaining to the City’s liability for prior damage to the field. Commissioners reviewed and approved a draft “Quick Claim” document that will transfer ownership of the drain field property from the City to the Lands’ End Owner’s Association (LEOA).

2010 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; road policy; signs (revision of Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs); and oppose State bill to protect certain agricultural properties.

2011 Jan; Commissioners authorized the formation of a City of Baneberry Web Site re-design committee. Due to industry and Internet changes, the current (original) City of Baneberry web site no longer supportable on the Internet.

Feb; Issue of logging of private property was discussed. Numerous complaints have been received pertaining to logging conducted on private property located just south of Nina road. State agencies were consulted to determine if the owner of property was in violation of any State regulations/ restrictions. After inspections by the State, the City was advised that no violations of State regulations had occurred. City was advised that the logged area would “heal” itself in short order. Planning Commissioners received a briefing and an outline of the Jefferson County “Growth Readiness Project”.

Mar; Commissioners approved the establishment of a City “Tree Board”. The Parks and recreation committee will research efforts necessary to initiate the program. As it pertains to private property, the authority of the board will be limited to advising property owners on proper procedures for maintaining growth on their property. City Manager begins Chief Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) training. Wildlife Habitat project authorized additional 3 years to 2014.

Apr; The Federal 2010 Census shows the population of Baneberry at 482.

May; The City of Baneberry Web Site re-design committee presented their recommendations to the commissioners. Commissioners authorized $3,000 for redesign/rebuilding the City web site. Work to commence at the beginning of the 2011/12 fiscal year. (Budget authorized $3,000 for demos, consulting, design, testing, cutover, technical support, and admin training; annual cost for web hosting - $500 / year. Costs were obtained comparatively and competitively.) The Board of Commissioners approved use of collections agencies to collect unpaid citations and special assessments. Ordinance 211-2, authorizing the use of a collection agency to collect unpaid fines and special assessments was adopted. $8,000 expenditure for gravel for Iron Gate Drive was approved.

Jun; Commissioner’s authorize cleaning and re-staining of mail center and large sign. Jess Lunsford to co-ordinate. Planning Commissioners received a briefing and an outline of the revisions to Baneberry’s Sub-Division Regulation. Revision moved to Board of Commissioners.
Jul; Issue of need to develop a Noise Ordinance discussed. No further action at this time.

Sep; $1500 authorized to purchase motion cameras to capture illegal trash dumping on Iron Gate . . . status?

Oct; New Baneberry website goes live.

Nov; The Mail Center Building, sidewalks, City Sign and barrier fences around the sign lights fence pressure-washed and the mail center building was re-stained and sealed. New website up – old website now off-line; same access URL: “baneberryn.com”. Web Editor added to City meeting reports. City Radar equipment re-certified.

Dec; Parks and Recreation starts the Baneberry Photo Club. Annual Christmas Potluck/Tree lighting was held on Friday, December 9th. While there was no Santa this year; a silent auction was conducted with proceeds going to the Empty Stocking Fund.

2011 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; wildlife habitat; authorize use of collection agencies; revise Sub-Division Regulation; establish debt policy; and close and abandon part of Virginia Court.

2012 Feb; Due to insufficient response, the 2012 Valentine’s Sweetheart Dance was cancelled. The annual volunteer’s dinner was held Thursday February 26th at the Brandywine Creek restaurant in Newport.

Mar; City buildings and street signs vandalized.

Apr; Picked up new police car.

May; The Beer Board met on 16 April and approved an on-site/off-site beer permit for Laurie Hrobuchak. Laurie and Richard Hrobuchak opened “Sleepy’s on the Green”, formerly the Baneberry General Store. ADT security cameras installed for $4,000 to view, monitor and record activity outside the mail center, City Hall and the Fire Department buildings.

Jun; Guardrails added on St. Andrew’s Drive and Lakeshore Dr. Last edition of “mailed” copy of the Baneberry Banter; hereafter, the newsletter will be published on the website with a few copies available at City Hall.

Aug; Municipal Flood Damage Prevention ordinance adopted. New Fire Chief appointed. Baneberry Golf Course (private – not City property) purchased by Warrior Golf Management, LLC, of Irvine California. Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan endorsed by Baneberry resolution. Planning Commissioners received a briefing and an outline of the revisions to Baneberry’s Zoning Ordinance. Revision moved to Board of Commissioners.
Sep; Council adopted Resolution of Intent (#2012-03) regarding participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the State of Tennessee and will be effective for five (5) years.

Oct; New Air Filling Station obtained for the fire department.

Nov; Commissioner elected; Robert Fandetti. City Council: Chuck Summers, and Robert Fandetti; one chair vacant. Chuck Summers, Acting Mayor. Pat Lunsford, City Manager. Baneberry area ponds were inspected by a representative from the Jefferson County Agriculture Extension Service regarding possible health issues. The ponds are not in violation of State or County laws. Jefferson County’s Health Department does not have regulations on ponds. Most of the ponds are on the Golf Course (private property). Per City Ordinance 205-10, pond owners are responsible for controlling mosquitoes. Materials are available at City Hall from the Health Department regarding control of “pond scum” (algae). The golf course manager said they would comply with requirements of City Ordinance 205-10.

Dec; Acting Mayor Summers called for a Moment of Silence in memory and honor for the passing of Mayor Michael F. Keane.

Commissioners received 2011 audit report.

2012 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; National Flood Insurance Program; fences; revised Zoning Ordinance; personnel policies and procedures; Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan; Land Use and Control Measures to reduce flood losses; and 22 Sep- Scholar Dollar Day.

2013

Feb; Clint Hurley appointed to Council by Commissioners Summers and Fandetti to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Commissioners. Beer Board approved two (2) permits for Warrior Golf; One (1) for the Snack Shop and one (1) for the pro-shop/golf cart. Both are for on and off premise. Carroll Reed and Judy Keane appointed to the Planning Commission. Carrol Reed elected Chairman; Ryan Veltkamp elected Vice-Chairman and appointed as Secretary. Judy Keane notified City Council of her intent to resign from the Parks and Recreation Department and recommended Mark Davis to fill the vacancy. $40,000 was authorized to maintain the unimproved segment of Iron Gate Drive to assure secondary ingress/egress of residents, emergency vehicles and the utility company service vehicles and equipment.

Mar; Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance adopted; City’s domain name “baneberryn.com” renewed for 5 years – good until Feb 2018. City Manager reported to the City Council that “Building a Better Future” is seeking funds for the next five (5) years. Five years ago we committed $11,255 ($2,251 per year) for 5 years. They are asking us to commit $12,500 ($2,500 per year) over the next 5 years. A motion approved allocation of $12,500 at $2,500 / year for the next five years.
**Apr:** City-wide shredding program; Planning Commission membership increased from 7 to 9 by Ordinance; Position of City Health Officer vacant and advertised (City Manager is Acting Health Officer; gravel improved section of Iron Gate Drive; graveled section of Iron Gate Drive accepted as a City roadway by Resolution 2013-02; the walking trail connection between Back Nine Drive and Bonnevilla Drive lying between the properties of the Hurleys and Reffitt’s and the Sandles’ and People’s is hereby closed to pedestrian traffic.

**May:** Road Policy Ordinance revised; Parks and Recreation Commission membership increased from 5 to 7 by Ordinance; Section of Zoning Ordinance (Building Permit Fees) deleted by Ordinance; Use of alcohol in the City Buildings and on City Property prohibited by motion in City meeting minutes.

**Aug:** Congressman Phil Roe held Town Hall Meeting in Baneberry; Use of “Burn Pile” by citizens of Baneberry terminated by motion of the Board of Commissioners.

**Oct:** Commissioners received 2012 audit report. Envision Baneberry 2015: A Comprehensive Plan is reviewed and updated by the Planning Commission every two years as provided in the text of the plan as adopted by motion, resolution or ordinance. Baneberry ratified Jefferson County 2013 Growth Plan by City Resolution 2013-03.

**Nov:** Authorization was granted, extending the Wildlife habitat on the Robert MacDonald’s property for another three (3) years.

**2013 Ordinances and Resolutions:** Budget and appropriations; occupational safety and health program; planning commission membership; road policy; Parks and Rec membership; amend zoning ordinance; motor vehicles; vehicle weight limits on City Roads; East Tennessee Mega-site; accept Iron Gate as City Street; and ratify Jefferson County Growth Plan.

**2014**

**Feb:** Stoneway Place and Stoneway Court accepted as gravel improved roads by City of Baneberry.

**Mar:** Noise Ordinance adopted. Wildlife Habitat project extended 3-years to January 2017. As with many other Cities in Tennessee, Baneberry learned it had to pay $53,000 in mixed drink alcohol taxes to the School System of Jefferson County – will pay over 10-years at no interest.

**Apr:** Phone directories mailed to citizens. No major findings from OSHA inspection. Street signs replaced throughout the City. Burglaries of several unlocked cars - offenders were apprehended and incarcerated in Cocke County.
May; Commissioners made budget cuts and reallocations to fund full-time police coverage; to accommodate reduced and shrinking revenues; and to pay back the mixed-drink alcohol tax. Board of Commissioners moved that the City can no longer allow citizens to borrow the City tables and chairs. City wide yard sale and annual volunteer’s recognition dinner was planned, advertised and facilitated by Parks and Recreation.

Oct; Mayor Charles Summers’ last meeting as mayor; did not seek reelection. Donna Hernandez and Nancy Zander appointed to Parks and Recreation Commission.

Nov; 2012 International Building Code adopted by Ordinance repealing and replacing 2006 Code books. Under the “Open Floor” portion of the meeting extensive questioning by citizens were advanced about the budget; minutes; separation of functions; why City Manager has to do it all; water leak on City Hall outside water bib; City audits and the City’s audit firm; travel and travel approval; training; volunteer’s dinner; check signing oversight; City signage; paper copies of the citizen directory vs. placed on the web; mass (bulk) mailings; parks and recreation budget; salary increases; selling City property; noise ordinance and more, ad nauseam.

Dec; Two Commissioners elected in November: Clint Hurley and Brian Metzger. The Councilmen elected Clint Hurley to serve as Mayor and Robert Fandetti, vice-mayor. Three (3) vacancies on the Planning Commission. Parks & Recreation resumed “monthly” meetings rather than every other month. MTAS confirmed that Baneberry had a “bona fide” police department.) Notice made to residents about assistance in obtaining smoke detectors from the White Pine Fire Department. December’s City Council meeting continued the debate about “required” training for City Manager; checks and balances; non-separation of functions; unanswered audit findings; purchasing decisions; street paving; phones, communication service providers; printer ink; Mayor’s breakfasts; TVs; AOL service; street paving; again - ad nauseam.

The Baneberry Bulletin – a closed group Facebook page was started by Donna Hernandez.

2014 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; noise; wildlife habitat; adopt International Building Code 2012; and accept Stoneway Court and Stoneway Place as City Streets.
2015 **Jan;** Regularly scheduled meeting rescheduled from 1 January to 8 January. December tree lighting event was well attended and enjoyed. Alternative communication services for the City were examined. Website was down for two days for maintenance. All City checks are being co-signed. The open-floor session requires sign-up and has a 5-minute time limit at the podium.

Public debate about the City’s operations and decisions of its City Manager, City Council, and other officials, continued. January’s discord included: keeping the right of way mowed to facilitate volunteer trash clean-ups; use of City equipment on private property or by unauthorized personnel; opposition to a full-time police chief; PC job description; salary; plowing Sam Ford’s road; building fees; cell phone policies; water cooler in the City Manager’s office; payroll taxes; and more. **Resolution 2015-01: Providing for the Maintenance, Preservation, and Protection of Public Records, and Establishing Procedures for Accessing and Copying Records** was tabled.

Fed up with the nit-picking, allegations, and accusations, City Manager, Pat Lunsford, resigned with one week’s notice in January 2015. A position description and vacancy announcement was drafted and advertised in the local papers (Banner and Tribune), on the mail center bulletin boards, and on the City’s web site. Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer, Jess Lunsford, also resigned.

**Feb;** The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending 31 January was tabled. No report from City Manager. Judy Keane elected Chairman of the Planning Commission; past Mayor Chuck Summers elected as Vice-Chairman to the Planning Commission and Rick Powers, Secretary. **Review of Envision Baneberry 2025 continues. Board of Commissioners approved $1,125.63 to create library / reading room in the Community Center. Great results accomplished by citizen-volunteers!**

February meeting resumed public debate about accounting; travel; internal controls; auditors; payroll taxes (again); CPA to set up Quick Books; alleged building permit over payment and refund; and more.

Former Commissioner Utley asked the Council to use microphones and publically thanked the Lunsford’s for their years of service to the City.

City Manager vacancy publically advertised; application cut-off was 16 February. Interviews for Position of City Manager were conducted.

**Feb;** Special City Meeting – from among four (4) applicants, Janice Hobson selected as City Manager.
Mar; Treasurer’s Report tabled to make corrections. Re-read in April. City accounts consolidated; monthly service charges reduced. Emergency repairs made to drain beneath Iron Gate Drive behind City Hall. Several additional drains under Iron Gate may need similar replacement repairs. All City data was backed-up. The City’s computer, which was riddled with viruses and malware, had its operating system re-installed by a computer services specialist from the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). New anti-virus software installed. Diagnostics and virus scans run to ensure hardware okay. The City’s router was properly configured to isolate guests from the backdoor to the City’s main computer. User accounts were established and configured, and all user names, account names and passwords were changed. All City-owned software was reinstalled, upgraded and configured and all City data reloaded. Judy Keane introduced new members of Planning Commission. Road Commissioner Chair position vacant. Donna Hernandez acknowledged that the Baneberry Bulletin was her “private” site. Mayor Hurley stressed that the Baneberry Bulletin was not an official communications function of the City and that it may not be used to make City announcements until such announcements are approved and published by applicable City officials.

Apr; Treasurer’s reports approved for January, February and March as corrected and reviewed. All available minutes for the Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission, and Parks & Recreation Department were catalogued into smaller 3-ring, loose leaf binders and tabbed by fiscal year. All available City minutes were scanned and saved as PDF files to be maintained in off-site storage. All City minutes were reviewed and a historical list of meeting highlights was updated and given to the City Manager, the City Commissioners, and the chairmen of the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Department; and Road Commission. A copy is available on the City website. This same review, organize and backup process was applied to all City Ordinances and Resolutions. Indexes of the Ordinances were verified and an index of resolution created and bound with the resolutions. The City Manager and members of the Board of Commissioners were provided a report of the review of ordinances and resolutions. Thanks to past City Manager, Pat Lunsford for sharing her expertise with new City Manager. Thanks, also, to Nancy Zander, Donna Hernandez and Clare Davis for assistance in records review, retention and purging. Clare Davis is back-up City Court Clerk / Recorder. New Building Inspector: Mr. Tom Jones of Jefferson City, TN will serve on a contract basis. City of Baneberry’s Police Department fully certified and eligible for Federal grants. City’s water tower painted inside and out by Witt Utility. Two Parks and Recreation Commission vacancies announced. Road Commission Chair remains vacant. Mayor Hurley summarized pros and cons of surrendering City’s Charter and dissolving the corporation. Building permit fees set at $125 per inspection. Complaint made by Rick Powers regarding City’s relocation of a deer carcass. Request made by Nancy Zander regarding additional street lights.
May; Eleven (11) ordinances (215-1 through 215-11) and one (1) resolution introduced (first readings). Resolution carried. Additional work being conducted on Baneberry 2025 – A Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Commission. Mr. Darrell Helton, CEO of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce briefed the City Commissioners (and audience) on efforts of the Building a Better Future committees in promoting tourism and encouraging business relocation to Jefferson County. City-wide yard sale and open house was very successful. New Parks and Recreation members: Brenda Slot and Nancy Broughton introduced. Media/Reading room fully stocked. City dump truck put up for sale. Police Chief Yancey received semi-automatic rifle from City of New Market – no cost. Baneberry funding of Building a Better Future withheld until; mid-year budget review.

Jun; Second reading of ordinances 215-1 through 215-11. First reading of new ordinances 215-12 through 215-15 and resolution 2015-03. (Resolution 2015-03 tabled.) New Roads Chairman, Bob Stamper and two new members: Pat Donahue and Rick Powers introduced. WIFI classes, facilitated by Donna Hernandez, which have been a big success, have been cancelled for the summer. CPR classes were held for nineteen (19) participants. Volunteer’s recognition dinner at the Blue Ridge Bar and Grill (Baneberry Golf Course restaurant). Two new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) received, set up and installed – one in City Hall foyer, the other in the City’s police patrol vehicle.

Jul; Second reading of ordinances 215-12 through 215-15. 215-12 tabled; remainder carried and adopted. Mr. Chad Davis, a regional planner of the East Tennessee Development District was introduced to the City Commissioners and audience. Mr. Davis and the East Tennessee Development District have contracted with the City to upgrade its master road plan, zoning and other maps. Repositioning of City funds into First Tennessee high yield CDs began. Monthly, open Jam sessions for singers and instrumentalists began and will continue through October and again in December. Parks and Rec’s 4th of July event was hugely successful and enjoyed by many. Several street lights were relocated and the City’s dump truck was sold for $23,940. Debate about use of City land at the intersection of Harrison Ferry and Nina roads, continues. Nineteen (19) citizens attended and qualified in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Forty-eight (48) volunteers attended the volunteer’s recognition dinner at the (then) Blue Ridge Bar and Grill.

Aug; Following citizen criticism, the second reading of Ordinance 215-12; re-establishing the City’s Road Commission and Road Policy was again tabled for further MTAS review. A “draft” Zoning map was received from the East Tennessee Regional Development District; the Planning Commission approved a request by Ron Chapman to relocate a home from the Alpha area of Morristown to his properties on Iron Gate Drive in Baneberry; a sub-committee of Planning Commission was formed to examine and propose ideas to promote the City; Mr. Jose Hernandez was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission; City funds were placed in high yield CDs earning higher interest than in prior years. This was done without fees or penalties. Bob Stamper resigned from the Roads Commission; Fire Chief Mike Romines resigned. In
conjunction with the Tennessee Drug Task Force, Chief Yancey seized and destroyed 3200 Marijuana plants being raised on land in the City of Baneberry. Chief Yancey affected a 100% recovery of property valued at $8,000 that was stolen from a new home construction site in Baneberry. Resulting from an “illegal-sale-to-minors incident”, the Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) agents conducted mandatory training for the Baneberry (Warrior) golf course servers and managers. The City Manager and two of the City Commissioners attended. National Incident Management System (NIMS) training scheduled for September 11-12 & 18-19. Hyperlinks to Jefferson County’s Geographic Information System (GIS) and Tennessee’s State Property Viewer (tax records) were set up on the City computer. New spreadsheets for Fire Permits; Building Permits; City Ordinances and the City’s major and minor property inventories were created and pinned to the City Computer’s desktop. Detailed review and update of the City’s website completed.

**Police Chief Yancey died 21 August 2015.** Applicable notices published and significant recognition and memorials followed. A friend and true public servant, too soon departed. RIP.

In the interim, the City Commissioners and several citizens stepped up to provide a modicum of safety observation, vacation checks, construction site checks; and a degree of visibility. (Their efforts were criticized by a handful of citizens.) Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department increased its patrols, also.

A position description and vacancy announcement was drafted; vetted by the Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS); posted at the City mail center and on the website; placed in the Standard Banner newspaper and on several State and National police information websites.

The Chapman house was relocated, without incident, from Morristown to Baneberry as approved by Baneberry Planning Commission.

**Sep;** City meetings canceled due to Labor Day. Special City meeting held for the City Council to review and discuss the police budget and salary package. City Manager attended 2015 Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Recorders (TAMCAR) conference on a State-funded scholarship.

**Oct;** Resolution 2015-04: Recognizing Baneberry’s Veterans first reading carried. Doug Krempels was appointed as Baneberry Road Commission Chairman. A street lateral drain on Lake Front Place was relocated to redirect storm water outflow between adjacent lots rather than directly into the middle of owner’s property (new home construction site). The required Tennessee Incident Based Reports System (TIBRS) reports for Baneberry were not submitted in August and September. Reports will resume once a new Police Chief is on the job. Paperwork completed with New Market documenting the transfer of the Police Departments assault rifle from New Market to Baneberry. New Fire Chief, James “Donnie” Williford was introduced and provided Fire Department reports.
Baneberry Fire Department Volunteers identified: Clint and Sandee Hurley, Ronnie Chapman, Pat Donahue; and Robert Fandetti who will receive initial and recurring training to drive the City’s equipment to an incident. First meeting scheduled for 17 October 2015. Firehouse software updated. Applications reviewed and applicants for Police Chief Position interviewed by City Manager and City Council. Applicant, William “Chip” Kain of Clinton, TN was hired 9 October, introduced and sworn in at a Special City meeting on 13 October, and began work on 19 October.

Nov; Resolution 2015-05, Take Home Car first reading carried. Ordinance 215-12; re-establishing the City’s Road Commission and Road Policy, re-read as a first reading due to extensive editing. The Board of Zoning Appeals heard and approved two (2) area variances approved for encroachment of building setbacks; one for Ron Chapman, Lot 980R, Iron Gate Drive, for an eight (8) foot variance of the frontline offset; the other for Michael Joy, Lots 1151 & 1153, for 20 foot variance to site (construct) the front line of his home and the septic system at thirty-five (35) feet from the road centerline rather than the required 55 feet due to the steep grade of his property. Michael Joy’s adjacent lots 1151 and 1153 were approved for re-platting as a single property. These approvals pend submission of site plans drafted by a Tennessee licensed surveyor with applicable signed stamps including final approval by signature of the Baneberry Planning Commission Secretary. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training begins in December 5th. Baneberry’s ISO Rating (structural fire protection) improved from 6/9 to 05/5Y. Five (5) students from nearby Carson-Newman University helped weed and beautify the Baneberry entrance sign as part of their day-of-service program. A special Veteran’s Day event was held, honoring Baneberry’s veterans. Road commission cleaned ditches on Back Nine; put gravel where needed on Iron Gate; added drainage ditch by Rustic Drive; and have commenced strip paving (crack repair). Police Chief sending weekly and monthly reports to City Manager and City Council. Open Floor: More of the same.

Dec; Ordinance 215-12; re-establishing the City’s Road Commission and Road Policy, carried on second reading. First reading of 215-16, budget amendment. Ms. Emma Kammann received Baneberry Certificate of Recognition reading, “This award is presented to Ms. Emma Kammann of Knoxville, TN for taking immediate actions in a medical emergency, resulting in the saving of a human life. On Friday, 27 November 2015, Ms. Angie Turnmire of Baneberry was electrocuted while operating an electric leaf blower. Ms. Kammann, age 14, who was golfing on the 17th hole with family members, responded to the emergency and applied cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), successfully resuscitating Ms. Turnmire.” Bravo, applause and gratitude from the person saved and her family.

Site plans approved for new construction by the Zimbas on lot 914, Stoneway Court. A photo album of the images from the November Veteran’s Day events celebrating Baneberry’s veterans was placed in the Community Center library. The City’s Christmas tree lighting was well attended.
Police efforts included numerous vacation and construction site checks; traffic control stops; a burglary investigation, a credit card fraud investigation resulting in identification and partial loss recovery; a littering case resulting in a citation; unlawful discharge of a firearm resulting in a citation; and unsolved vandalism. Reserve police officer applications received and processing begun. Four (4) Baneberry volunteer fire fighters undergoing training. No negative findings in the 2014 (FY15) independent audit report.

Three Charter TV signal boxes (converters) returned and service cancelled. One retained in the Fire Department office. (This is a no cost box.)

Open Floor: Suggestion. Add gutters and downspouts to mail center to prevent ice during the winter. Clean gutters and fix downspouts on City Hall and Fire Department buildings.

To insure no one fell through the cracks with regard to past City Meeting minutes, all current commission and department volunteers are to be assumed “officially appointed”.

2015 Ordinances and Resolutions: Budget and appropriations; maintenance of public records; corrections to past ordinances; established police department; adoption of NFPA Uniform Fire Code 2015; personnel policies adopted; purchasing liability insurance for City; property maintenance code revised; identity theft; peddlers and soliciting; revised road commission and road ordinance; building permit fees and inspections; repealed ordinance 214-5 and replaced with ordinance adopting the International Building Code 2012 with applicable regional and City amendments; adoption of a new long-term plan – Baneberry 2025; confidentiality agreements and release of liability by City Volunteers; Baneberry Veterans recognition; and take home vehicle.

2016

Jan; 215-16, budget amendment carried on second reading. Ordinances 216-1 through 216-3 – presented for first reading. Annual ethics reports are due from City Council and Planning Commission members. The City’s annual Christmas activities and the centerpiece decorating class led by Nancy Broughton were both well received. Reserve police officer Dr. Jay Brombach trained, equipped, uniformed and certified for patrol assignment. In cooperation with State Law enforcement, City patrols stepped up enforcement activities regarding driving under the influence during the holidays. The City has eleven (11) volunteer fire fighters; three who volunteer in White Pine and Baneberry and eight (8) who volunteer in Baneberry only. Sealed bids opened and Emergency Vehicle Specialists (EVS) were selected to provide five (5) sets of turn out gear for Baneberry’s volunteer firefighters. Donna Hernandez and Nancy Zander resigned from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Jose Hernandez and Karl Kammann resigned from the Planning Commission.

Feb 4; Failing to achieve a quorum, the City’s regularly scheduled City Council meeting was rescheduled.
Town Hall Meeting: With more than eighty (80) citizens present, a Town Hall Meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m., so that those so concerned could ask questions regarding surrendering the City’s Charter and dissolving the City of Baneberry, Tennessee. In advance of the meeting, a written notice of the meeting’s purpose was mailed to citizens listed in the 2015 Baneberry directory. Baneberry City Mayor, the honorable Clint Hurley introduced invited guest speaker, the Honorable Alan Palmieri, Mayor of Jefferson County, Tennessee. Mayor Palmieri in turn introduced the other county representatives present, including: Ms. Susan Gass, Assessor of Property, Jefferson County; Mr. Darrell Helton, President and CEO, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Charles Tipton, Superintendent of Roads, Jefferson County; Sheriff G.W. McCoig, Jefferson County Sheriff; County Commissioner, Randy Baxley, 3rd District Representative, Jefferson County; Mr. Langdon Potts, Finance Director, Jefferson County; Chief Chad Cotter, Chief of Police and Fire Chief, White Pine, Tennessee.

A town hall meeting report prepared in a question and answer format and was published on the City website and was affixed to the City Council meeting minutes of 19 February.

Gist of the discussion:

- No City taxes – just County taxes (residents currently pay both)
- Requires petition from 33⅓% of Baneberry’s registered, resident voters to get on the ballot of a special or general election; then takes simple majority of voters to pass . . . and if passed:
  - City Council members become Trustees and have up to 36 months to conclude City business; but can do as soon as possible
  - Trustees liquidate all assets; pay all obligations
  - Assets turned over to County trustee to be deposited into County’s General Fund
  - Street lights off – County does not light streets (including the light at the Nina Road Harrison Ferry Road intersection)
  - Garbage collection ends – County does not provide garbage collection
  - Residents become responsible for roads – the County will not accept roads into County roads system unless they are built to and meet County road standards
  - County will not provide:
    - Snow or debris removal
    - Repairs
    - New roads
    - Road edge mowing
  - City ordinances become null and void – County codes prevail
  - County zoning and subdivision ordinances prevail
  - City Police Department ends – County Sheriff patrols
  - Fire Department ends
  - ISO rates re-evaluated and return to 9/10 (negatively impacts home owner’s, renter’s and commercial fire insurance premiums)
  - City buildings liquidated – no Community Center / Fire Department
• Mail Center building could be liquidated, also – alternative cluster boxes would be necessary
• Parks and Recreation activities and events terminated
• Building code, fees and construction inspections by County
• Septic – no change – County prevails
• City records (history) archived to Nashville or purged, depending on subject
• Website turned off
• Beer licenses revoked; re-apply to County (takes County Commission approval)
• Mixed drink licenses – up to State
• Direction signs to Baneberry removed from US, State and County roads

Feb 19 – Special Meeting; Ordinances 216-1 and 216-3 – were adopted after their second reading. Ordinance 216-2 was edited per MTAS recommendations and re-read as a first reading. Resolutions 2016-1 and 2016-02 were read, discussed and adopted. City applied for a Community Block Grant to facilitate purchase of a tanker/pumper truck for the Baneberry Fire Department. Surveys were conducted within the City’s fire district boundary to attempt to qualify Baneberry for a Community Development Block Grant to help purchase a tanker truck for the Fire Department. Baneberry received two DOD surplus emergency generators (15 and 10 KVA), three laptop computers, a laser printer, and three digital cameras valued at approximately $57,000 from the Department of Defense (DOD) 1033 program. 2016 Membership in the program was $200. Police Chief working with County 911 to establish a Baneberry Emergency Management plan that dovetails with Jefferson County. Received and set up signal repeater to improve police radio communications in the City. The repeater will be installed and powered on the City Water Tower. Three City firefighters have completed extrication training. MTAS municipal advisor, Mr. Pat Hardy, led City leaders through a goal setting process in preparation for FY2017 budget planning.

Mar; Insufficient number of surveys were returned to qualify for the Community Block Grant to help fund a tanker truck for the Baneberry Fire Department. The surveys are good for three (3) years so we will canvass door-to-door this summer and reapply January 2017. East Tennessee Development District updating five key maps for the City: (1) Master Road Plan; (2) Topo/ Soil; (3) Existing Land Use; (4) Community Facilities Locations; and (5) Location of Utilities. The five (5) parcels of land on which the City Court House, Fire Department and Mail Center are located were re-platted into one parcel, #2124R. Cracks in all City roads sealed. Received two emergency generators; three laptops; a printer; and three digital cameras from the Department of Defense (DOD), 1033 surplus property program. Police Chief created a Baneberry Police Department page on Facebook that is linked from the City website. Traffic control signage at the mail center and at two golf course crossings still being debated – signs, no signs, speed bumps, speed humps, rumble strips, alternate signage, etc. Likewise, the issue of the photograph of an area citizen’s residence (a mobile home) taken by a Baneberry resident and used to make a visual statement about the difference between City and County zoning was publically discussed – again.
The writer/photographer took a legal photo and wrote a personal position, as protected by law. The writer was not on duty and his personal opinions in no way represented the City of Baneberry – NOT city business. City received and accepted, a “For the Record” document from the web administrator that was attached to the March meeting minutes. The document addresses each of the disparaging comments recorded on the Baneberry Bulletin – a private Facebook group hosted by Donna Hernandez. Mayor Hurley explained, “Mr. Hobson has served Mayors Keane, Summers, and continues to serve me, and I just want to say I am grateful for his service and the help he gives the City. The things that he voluntarily does are at the request of the City officials. We look over the items and ordinances which are then vetted by our attorney and/or MTAS. Again, I am grateful for all he does for our City.”

**Apr:** First reading of four ordinances, each updating existing ordinances. Culverts repaired / replaced. Right of way set back issue resolved by Mr. Chapman at 3248 Treeline Drive. Officer Parke Slot is leading the City’s CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) program. Emergency generators are functional. Rescue 180 – Substance Abuse Program – a public awareness presentation. Additional fire hydrants and upgraded water lines would cost approximately $140,000 – no action taken.

**May:** Petition from non-City residents opposing annexation received by City Council. No annexation being considered. Discussion continued regarding additional fire hydrants and upgrades to some of the City’s water mains. NO action taken. Discussion continues of size of Bonnevista cul-de-sac, drainage and the right-of-way set back violation of the Ballard/Kelly adjacent the cul-de-sac. Prescription Drug take-back program. Second reading of ordinances. Countering complaints of too many ordinances, Commissioner Fandetti reported that of the twenty-four (24) ordinances recently passed, two (2) were new – the remainder updated existing ordinances in compliance with changes in State law. Among the new ordinances, several repealed existing resolution and adopted the content as City ordinances.

**Jun:** Extensive discussions: Fire hydrants and water mains – no action. The City-owned property (12 acres) outside the City limits. State representatives said the City could not annex the 12 acres as an isolated “spot”. Annexation would have to unite the 12 acres with City boundaries by incorporating adjacent land. Citizens applauded. Mayor responded, “You don’t want a tax increase yet you applaud our inability to annex – a way by which the City would receive additional tax revenue?” Recycling bins have to be removed from Golf Course property. Culvert’s now thirty years old and are failing. New Planning Commission member: Mike Harriss (will serve as Secretary). New Parks & Rec members: Julie Rex; Wendy Krempels; and Bucky Miller. Community-wide yard sale to be held in June. The 4th of Jul events to be on the 2nd. City-wide celebrations of Baneberry’s 30th Anniversary to be held throughout August 2016. Police handled ten arrests. On was a felony charge. Nine vehicle stops. Public permitted to discuss – ad nauseam – the possibility of the City obtaining a drug dog via a grant . . . and why didn’t they (citizens) know about said dog? . . . And golf carts operated on City streets.
Golf Carts: Mayor Hurley has been asked about Golf Carts in the city. We have no authority to make Golf Carts legal in our City. We cannot write an Ordinance to do this and we must follow the State law. Golf Carts, ATVs and similar recreational vehicles are NOT legal on the City’s streets and right of way. There are modifications that can be made to make golf carts “slow moving legal”. You can look up the state statutes on it. We have had an unofficial City practice that we did not care if golf carts were driven on the streets. We only want licensed drivers and not unaccompanied children on the golf carts. There are those who would like to make this a legal issue – the Mayor is not one of those. He personally thinks it is a great convenience to drive your golf cart through the City to play golf, visit friends, get your mail, or enjoy the ride, but we cannot ask the Police Chief to disobey the law. We cannot prevent the County Sheriff’s officers or the State Police from writing tickets. If you disagree, I would suggest that you contact your State representatives and suggest that since we are a premier resort City, we should be allowed to drive golf carts on our City streets. I understand that the State laws are written for all cities, but it is my opinion that it be allowed, here. The Mayor asked our lawyer, Doug Drinnon for his opinion and he stated that the Mayor is correct – golf carts are not allowed on the street unless they are modified to be “slow moving legal”. A pilot program was started in 2009 but it ended in 2015 and the State did not pass a bill to make golf carts legal in those pilot cities. So, as it stands, the Sheriff or State Police could ticket golf carts and ATVs operating on the City streets. This has been an issue over the 23 years I have been here. The Manager of the Golf Course says it is a requirement that you have a driver’s license to operate on the golf course.

Jul; Public hearing . . . Personnel Ordinance (a new city ordinance repealing and replacing a 2012 resolution, the content of which was provide by the State) was discussed for nearly 45 minutes! City needs code enforcement officer. Only one bid received to do pothole repairs. Accepted. June’s City-wide yard sale successful and 4th (2nd) of July events well attended and received. Many events planned for August 30 Year Anniversary. Property theft, computer fraud, identity theft, 3rd offense DUI, and a child pornography cases were handle by the Baneberry police and TBI. Body cameras purchased. “Be Aware” program starts in September. Fire hydrants tested and serviced. No action to be taken at the golf cart crossing on Harrison Ferry Road and no change regarding the stop sign.

Personnel Policy Change: The current two employees (City Manager and Police Chief) will receive 2 weeks of annual leave per year beginning on the date of Chief Kain’s hiring (Oct 21, 2015), and 1 week of sick leave per year beginning when this Ordinance is passed. Sick leave will accrue, but is on a “use or lose” basis when the employee leaves. Accrual of annual leave will be on an as- earned based, calculated on the percentage of time worked per week. Annual leave balances will be payed to an employee when s/he leaves.

Paid holidays will be: New Year’s, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
**Aug:** New fund accounts opened and the blocked old fund accounts will be closed when statements reconciled and there are no outstanding drafts. This action was the result of an attempted, unsuccessful computer fraud against the City. City buildings power washed and landscaped (maintenance). Tanker truck, fire hydrants, 6-inch water mains, recycle bins, and curbside recycling discussed extensively. No actions taken.

**Sep:** County says no repairs to Harrison Ferry Rd for at least one year. 12.8 acre parcel of City land is zoned residential and posted for sale. Engineering firm asked to provide erosion repair recommendations on the East Atherton dam (levy). Street cleanup planned for this month. August activities for Baneberry’s 30th Anniversary celebration well attended and appreciated – all volunteers thanked and congratulated. Everything funded by contributions and sales of memorabilia (including the cost of advertising and memorabilia). Special thanks to all who donated money, door prizes and time, especially the Committee members (Steve and Julie Rex, Tom Clemmons, Stacey Caughorn, Marilyn and Jerry Boston, Mark and Clare Davis, Judy Keane, Bucky Miller, Nancy Broughton, Janice Hobson, and Wendy Krempels. Also thanks to Tim Buckner and Jeff Ryczek from Warrior Golf for allowing us to use their facilities and supplying food, specials and door prizes. Estimate for equipped, NFPA compliant Tanker/Engine truck: $300,000.00. Officer Parke Slot presented comprehensive report on the City’s PD, law enforcement activities, and challenges with which the PD deals on a daily basis. Closing Iron Gate Drive, bullet proof vests, new police car, larger parcel boxes in the mail center, and $400,000 loan for the City discussed – no actions taken. Potholes repaired on all City roads.

**Oct:** Vacancy Notice published for City Manager’s position. City volunteers are still canvassing in an attempt to obtain the qualifying number of low income families to justify a block grant to fund the tanker/engine truck. Parks and Rec reported on upcoming events. Unable to solve the problem, City officials voted to have the Recycle Bins removed by the County. Recycling in Baneberry ended! Closing Iron Gate discussed (AGAIN) – no actions taken. Shredding vendor will be available at the Community Center on the 22nd of Oct. Bob MacDonald provided a Firewise Community description. Mike Broughton was introduced as Baneberry’s new Codes Enforcement Officer. (3-hr. meeting!)

**Nov:** Police Chief not moving his office. City will purchase a flammable storage locker to store flammable fuels, fluids and aerosols outside of the Fire Department / Public Works building. Stoneway Court is being surveyed to determine actual right of way, current traveled surface and to make decisions regarding right of way revisions, if needed. Firewise Community meeting scheduled. Closing Iron Gate discussion continues without action. Debt obligation read into the record. Julie and Steve Rex received thank you plaque for their efforts with the City’s 30th Year Anniversary celebrations.

**Gatlinburg – WILDFIRE – November 28th.** 17,000 acres; 1700 structures destroyed; 14 deaths. East Tennessee placed under outdoor burn moratorium.
Dec; Commissioner-elect, Ms. Donna Hernandez and newly appointed Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Michael Broughton were each sworn in by the Honorable Rebecca D. Slone, Judge. New City Manager, Thomas Michael Blair introduced. Will assume duties in January 2017. Chief Donnie Williford acknowledged for his work on the Gatlinburg fires. City achieved goal of 132 eligible surveys to apply for a Community Block Grant to purchase a pumper/engine fire truck. Pinto Bean goal for the holiday food drive was again reached by Baneberry’s citizens. FY16 annual audit finished and delivered to City officials. Road sweeper/sweeping discussed (again). Parks and Rec for December: Tree Lighting, refreshments, Ugly Sweater contest; Christmas Market event at Blue Ridge Bar & Grill; Toys for Tots collection; Holiday Centerpiece workshop. P&R recognized past City Commissioner Bob Fandetti for his participation and contributions to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Baneberry PD will participate throughout the holidays with the State sponsored Booze It and Lose It program. A medications drop box has been received and installed in the Community Center foyer. (Please do not dispose of medications in the trash or your septic system – protect the water table.) An FBI Cyber Division Security Presentation was made at the Nina Baptist Church. The Baneberry Photography Club disbanded after five years. Mayor Hurley recognized Carol Lloyd, Firewise Committee Chairperson; Bob McDonald; Judy Keane; Bob Forker; and Janice Hobson as Baneberry’s Firewise Committee. Cable communications discussion (again). Facts: The franchises are now State-level. The City cannot spend public funds (received franchise fees) on private property. Nothing in a franchise agreement can tell a municipality what to do with its funds. It’s entirely up to the service provider to determine where and when to extend service – as a business, potential customer density is paramount in those decisions.

2016 Ordinances and Resolutions: Ordinances: Budget and appropriations; Amend Fire Department and Police Department ordinances; Revise Baneberry’s purchasing, contracting and property management ordinance; Revise Beer Permit and Sales ordinance; Revise ordinance about Discharging Firearms and Hunting within the City of Baneberry, TN; Revise City’s Travel Reimbursement Regulations for City Officials and City Employees Conducting Official Business; Repeal and replace City Ordinances 95-3, 96-1, 96-4, and 205-2, each Regarding the City Court of Baneberry, TN. Resolutions: Authorize City to participate in POOL’s Property Conservation Matching Grant Program; Authorize City to dispose of surplus City property.
2017  **Feb**: New City Manager, Thomas Michael Blair assumed duties on 16 Jan and was sworn in by Mayor Hurley at the 2 February meeting. Charter representative addresses Commission and public about franchise agreement with State and the company’s service extension policies and costs. Representative from the Economic Development Alliance addressed the Commission and public asking for Baneberry participation (contributions). Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors/alarms installed in Community Center / City Hall and Fire Department buildings. New Baneberry flags purchased. A section of Iron Gate Drive has been reshaped, re-graveled, compacted, and drainage ditches created from the end of the asphalt at the Stoneway intersection extending approximately one-third of Iron Gate Drive heading north and east towards the Iron Gate / Nina Road intersection. City attorney, Doug Drinnon clarified the sunshine law (again) stating *that any governing body meeting has to be open in which deliberations/decisions are being discussed or made. By Tennessee law, there are few exceptions where a meeting can be held without public notice.* The City hosted a Firewise “Community” meeting – 12 citizens attended.

**Mar**: The City’s new (used – low mileage) police vehicle (Dodge Charger) that was purchased and picked up in December 2016 has been striped, logoed, equipped and is in service. City purchased and received a used brush truck (sometimes called a "grass rig", the main purpose of a brush truck is for fighting brush and grass fires. Typically, the rig is a 4WD pickup or larger truck with heavy duty suspension, wheels and tires; skid-protected power train and running gear, with a bed mounted tank, independently powered water pump, and rubber hose on a hose reel. Brush trucks can drive and pump at the same time, something our engines cannot do. Brush trucks can also serve as medical trucks, responding to medical emergencies in the area.)

**Apr**: Building Inspection fees increased from $125 per inspection to $150. While out of sequence, City Council approved purchase of the brush truck by City Resolution 2017-006. Fund signatories confirmed by City Resolution per request of the City's bank. New City resident, Betty Driscoll addressed the City Council and public regarding their experiences and losses in November’s fires in Gatlinburg. Flammable storage locker installed behind Fire Department building. Charter cable to be extended on Bonnevista and Lakefront and natural gas was extended on Iron Gate Drive. The City’s long-range plan – Baneberry 2025 and the 2025 Progress Record have been updated. Mark Davis reappointed as Parks and Recreation Chairman.

**May**: The remainder of Iron Gate Drive has been reshaped, re-graveled, compacted, and drainage ditches created.

**2017 Ordinances and Resolutions**  **Ordinances**: Budget and appropriations; Amend the Building Code Ordinance; Adopt Personnel Policy (formerly a resolution); Establish Police Advisory Board; Repeal and replace City’s Open Burning Ordinance; Amend FY17 Budget Ordinance; Amend Wildlife Habitat Ordinance; Repeal Franchise Ordinances 88-1 and 203-3 without replacement.  **Resolutions**: Authorize disposal of old police badges; Authorize issuance of interest bearing obligation (loan) to the City by the State of $400k; Set policy
for Rental and Public and Private Use of the Community Center; Authorize 2017 Submission of Community Block Grant application and Matching Block Grant Funds, if so awarded; Adjust Building Inspection Fees; Purchase Brush Truck; Change City Fund Account Holders (Signatories).