

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on April 20, 2009 in the Council Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Vice Mayor Eugene Lambert presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Swiney. The councilmen present were Mike Cartwright, Lewis Garner, and Lynn Millsaps. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills, City Attorney Edwin Arnold and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. Vicky Newman of the *News Herald* represented the press. Chris Smallen videotaped the meeting for TV3. Approximately thirty visitors were present.

Councilman Garner held the invocation. Councilman Cartwright led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Vice Mayor Lambert asked if council members had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2009 and the special meeting held on March 24, 2009. **A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Cartwright and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2009 and the special meeting held on March 24, 2009.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from the low bidder, Rogers Petroleum Company (\$1.507 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$1.5375 per gallon for diesel fuel). **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Cartwright and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from Rogers Petroleum Company (\$1.507 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$1.5375 per gallon for diesel fuel).**

City Manager Mills presented bids for the replacement of a four inch pressure reducing valve for the irrigation system at Loudon Municipal Park. The low bidder was Loudon Ditching Co., Inc. for \$4,375. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Cartwright and unanimously passed to accept the bid from the low bidder, Loudon Ditching Co., Inc., in the amount of \$4,375 for the installation of a four inch pressure reducing valve for the irrigation system at Loudon Municipal Park.**

Vice Mayor Lambert welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. Retired Police Chief Bill Anderson asked city council to name the Police and Fire Building after Officer Bob Hickey who was the only officer in the history of the City of Loudon to lose his life in the line of duty.

Vice Mayor Lambert said he knew Bob Hickey and he was a good man; but he thought the building should remain named the City of Loudon Fire and Police Building so as not to make it confusing for people trying to find it. He suggested naming a room in the building after Officer Hickey.

Councilman Millsaps said previous city councils had never named buildings after anyone. He expressed concern that if they got it started people would be requesting something named after someone at every meeting. He pointed out that a monument in front of the building had been erected recognizing Officer Hickey. He said they could consider it later if they decided to name other things.

Misty Newman said that this all started because she found the information about Officer Hickey on the Internet. She said she felt that this was a special instance. It was the only time it had ever happened that an officer had lost his life in the line of duty in the City of Loudon. She said this was a rare circumstance that was more significant than years of service.

Vice Mayor Lambert said he felt the memorial being unveiled on Saturday accomplished the honoring of Officer Hickey, as well as the proclamation of that day as Bob Hickey Day in the City of Loudon.

Vice Mayor Lambert proceeded to present Officer Hickey's grandson, Jim Hickey, a plaque proclaiming Saturday April 25, 2009 (the 55th anniversary of his death) as Bob Hickey Day in the City of Loudon. Mr. Hickey thanked city council and said if there was a fitting place in the police department to hang the plaque, he would like to see it there. Vice Mayor Lambert thanked him. He assured Mr. Hickey they would find a place to hang the plaque.

Vice Mayor Lambert presented a resolution authorizing supplemental funding to the planning office. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08

**AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE LOUDON
COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered a resolution to amend the Wharf Street Greenway and Downtown Fountain Projects. Mr. Pat Phillips, Executive Director of the Loudon County Economic Development Agency, explained there were three changes. There was a need for additional topsoil, a catch basin and the installation of trees obtained through a tree grant. A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-09

**AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE WHARF STREET
GREENWAY PROJECT AND DOWNTOWN FOUNTAIN PROJECT**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered the approval of an application for two positions in the police department to be funded through the COPS grant program. A motion was made by Councilman Cartwright, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10

**APPROVING SUBMITTAL FOR APPLICATION FOR A
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICE HIRING
RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered authorizing \$3,000 in expenditures for the 2009 Fourth of July events. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11

AUTHORIZING 2009 FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Manager Mills reminded council of the Saturday afternoon Police Memorial dedication at 2:00 PM.

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Lambert adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor