

## REGULAR MEETING

### LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

February 17, 2009

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on February 17, 2009 in the Council Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. Those present were Mayor Bernie R. Swiney, Councilmen Mike Cartwright, Lewis Garner, Eugene Lambert 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. Six citizens were present.

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

Mayor Swiney asked if council members had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2009. **A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Lambert and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2009.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from the low bidder, Sweetwater Valley Oil Co. (\$1.435 per gallon for gasoline and \$1.356 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 Sweetwater Valley Oil Co. (\$1.435 per gallon for gasoline and \$1.356 per gallon for diesel fuel).**

Mayor Swiney recognized Ms. Gwen Brown of Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon. She reported on the changes for the 2009 HOME grant program. She said the City of Loudon had a very good chance of being funded. If funded there were some remaining funds in the 2006 HOME grant that could be combined with the new grant funds to repair a home. She said extra points would be awarded for leveraging by either the city or the homeowner contributing funds toward the repairs.

After some discussion, **a motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Millsaps and unanimously passed authorizing the filing an application for a 2009 HOME Grant with a \$500 leverage to be provided by the homeowner.**

Mayor Swiney presented an ordinance for first reading amending the ordinance pertaining to pool rooms. Manager Mills explained he had received a request from a local restaurant and game room to change the ordinance so pool tables could be used on Sunday.

Councilman Garner also recommended the deletion of section 9-503 pertaining to minors. A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Millsaps that the following ordinance be passed on first reading with the additional deletion of section 9-503:

**AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 502 AND DELETING  
SECTION 9-503 OF THE CITY OF LOUDON MUNICIPAL CODE  
PERTAINING TO POOL ROOMS**

Upon a vote the AYES were Garner, Millsaps, Cartwright, Lambert and Swiney. There were no NAY votes. Mayor Swiney declared the ordinance passed on first reading. He called for a public hearing to be held at 7:15 P.M. on March 16, 2009.

Mayor Swiney presented a resolution disclaiming any interest in abandoned roadways on the property owned by the Estate of J.J. Griffiss. Attorney Arnold explained that the Griffiss family and their surveyor had requested this action.

A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01**

**APPROVING DISCLAIMER OF ANY INTEREST IN ABANDONED  
ROADS ON COUNTY TAX MAP 40, PARCEL 164, TAX MAP 48,  
PARCEL 70 AND TAX MAP 48, PARCEL 100 SUBJECT TO EXISTING  
UTILITY EASEMENTS**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered a resolution authorizing the sale of land in Centre 75 Business Park contingent upon receiving a Certificate of Compliance for a liquor store from the City of Loudon. Two applicants were interested in purchasing the same property. Both of the applicants were represented at the meeting. Mr. Johnny James stated that he wanted to purchase the land regardless of whether he received a Certificate of Compliance. He said he had plans for the property.

There was considerable discussion, but no action was taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Swiney adjourned the meeting at 9:04 P.M.

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Recorder

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Mayor