

Regular Meeting

Loudon City Council July 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on July 20, 2009 in the Council Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Those present were Mayor Bernie Swiney, Councilmen Mike Cartwright, Lewis Garner, Eugene Lambert, and Lynn Millsaps. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills, City Attorney Edwin Arnold and Secretary Meghan Hull. Additionally present were Jim Hunt, Mike Lambert, and James Webb. Vicky Newman of the *News Herald* represented the press. Stephanie Smallen videotaped the meeting for TV3. There were two citizens present.

City Attorney Arnold 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 June 15, 2009. Councilman Millsaps requested that "Kingston" be added as one of the cities he had reports from. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner and unanimously passed to approve as corrected the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 15, 2009.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from the low bidder, Rogers Petroleum Company on June 18, 2009 (\$2.1000 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$1.9500 per gallon for diesel fuel) and on July 7, 2009 (\$1.7955 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$1.7190 per gallon for diesel fuel). **A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Cartwright and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from Rogers Petroleum Company on June 18, 2009 (\$2.1000 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$1.9500 per gallon for diesel fuel) and on July 7, 2009 (\$1.7955 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$1.7190 per gallon for diesel fuel).**

Bids have been received for the purchase of eight (8) dumpsters (*8 cubic yard*) as follows:

Gregory Design & Manufacturing	(\$874 each)	\$6,992
Stringfellow Inc.	(\$899 each)	\$7,192

A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Cartwright and unanimously passed to accept the low bid from Gregory Design & Manufacturing for the purchase of eight dumpsters (8 cubic yard) in the amount of \$6,992.

Mayor Swiney welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. There was no response.

Council considered a resolution to accept the certified property tax rate as calculated by the Property Assessor at \$1.0287 per \$100 of assessed value. A motion was made by

Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-16

ACCEPTING CERTIFIED TAX RATE

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered approving the purchase of up to four (4) police vehicles from the Missouri State Police. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-17

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
UP TO FOUR (4) POLICE VEHICLES
FROM THE MISSOURI STATE POLICE**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council next considered a resolution to approve out of state travel for up to five (5) people to Missouri for the purpose of vehicle transport. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-18

APPROVING OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Swiney introduced an ordinance for first reading to set the property tax rate for the 2009 tax year. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Lambert that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Upon a vote the AYES were: Garner, Lambert, Swiney, Cartwright, and Millsaps. There were no NAY votes. Mayor Swiney declared the ordinance passed on first reading.

Mayor Swiney called for a public hearing to be held on August 10, 2009 at 6:15 P.M. for the fiscal year 2009-2010 tax rate.

Mayor Swiney scheduled a Special Called Loudon City Council meeting to be held on August 10, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of a second reading of an ordinance to set the tax rate for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Mayor Swiney stated that the Loudon City Council Workshop meeting will follow the Special Called Loudon City Council meeting on August 10, 2009.

Mayor Swiney stated that a resident has requested a street light to be installed at 204 Ferry Street. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Lambert and unanimously passed that a street light be installed at 204 Ferry Street.**

Attorney Arnold stated that Furrow Auction Company has withdrawn the City owned parcel from the listing for their upcoming auction of properties located on Queener Road.

Councilman Garner requested that meeting minutes of other organizations be forwarded in a timelier manner.

Councilman Garner inquired as to whether better water rescue equipment could be acquired by the City. Manager Mills stated that equipment and pricings are being investigated.

Councilman Cartwright stated that he wished to allow Ms. Betty McAllister to speak in his stead.

Councilman Millsaps asked if there was an update from the State of Tennessee on cities making decisions on whether to allow guns in parks or not. Manager Mills stated that we are not yet required to make a decision locally.

Councilman Millsaps requested that Building Permit Reports be included in the packets to Council even if there is no activity for the month.

Ms. Betty McAllister was invited to speak. Ms. McAllister explained that a number of residents on Main Street feel that it would be safer to have a section of Main Street one way. After discussion, Manager Mills was directed to further investigate the situation.

Manager Mills explained that Council named a pedestrian bridge in Legion Park the "Ray Lovin Memorial Bridge" in October 2007. A donation has been received for a walking bridge in Legion Park from the First National Bank. **A motion was made by Councilman Cartwright, seconded by Councilman Lambert and unanimously passed that a plaque be placed on the new walking bridge "Donated by First National Bank, Will Allen "Bill" Hildreth, President."**

Councilman Garner asked about the status of the Centre Seventy-five Business Park lights in the Dry Valley Road area. Manager Mills explained that the infrastructure for the lighting has not been provided for at this time. The billboard rental fees go toward the maintenance of the area and the sale of property goes toward the infrastructure.

There being no further business, Mayor Swiney adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor