

REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON CITY COUNCIL
June 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on June 15, 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 City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. Mary Hinds of the *News Herald* represented the press. Stephanie Smallen videotaped the meeting for LCTV3. There were two citizens present.

Councilman Garner held the invocation. Attorney Arnold 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 May 18, 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 May 18, 2009.**

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.

Mayor Swiney presented the ordinance for final reading adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Councilman Millsaps stated that he thought the police department was using too much of the General Fund budget. He reported police department budget figures from Sweetwater, Rockwood, Harriman and Lenoir City. After some discussion, Councilmen Cartwright and Garner said they would like to start receiving a monthly schedule of work for the police department including the calls answered.

Councilman Millsaps also stated his concern that the revenues were over projected. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-04

ADOPTING THE 2009-2010 ANNUAL BUDGET

Upon a vote the AYES were: Lambert, Garner, Cartwright and Swiney. Millsaps voted NAY. Mayor Swiney declared the ordinance passed.

Mayor Swiney presented a resolution amending the pay classification. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14

AMENDING THE PAY CLASSIFICATION

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered a resolution to amend the Wharf Street Greenway Project by an increase of \$28,756 to provide additional drainage. A motion was made by Councilman Cartwright, seconded by Councilman Lambert that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE WHARF STREET GREENWAY PROJECT

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Mayor Swiney recommended the following appointments:

Planning Commission	Ken Brewster Dennis Brennen	Term Expires June 30, 2014 June 30, 2014
Utility Board	John Hutton	June 30, 2013
Merchants & Property Owners Assn	Lynn Millsaps	December 5, 2010
Committee of 100	Mayor Swiney	December 5, 2010
Cable TV Authority	Lynn Mills	December 31, 2011

A motion was made by Councilman Cartwright, seconded by Councilman Lambert and unanimously passed to approve the appointments as recommended by the mayor.

Councilman Cartwright recommended that city council consider reducing the liquor store inspection fee from 8% to 5%. He said all of the surrounding towns and cities only charge 5% and it will put the businesses in the City of Loudon at a disadvantage.

Manager Mills said that Kingston originally charged 8%, but has since reduced it to 5%.

Councilman Cartwright made a motion to pass an ordinance changing the liquor store inspection fee from 8% to 5%. It failed for lack of a second.

Councilman Cartwright stated there was a significant need for increased parking for vehicles with trailers near the boat ramp on Ferry Street. Since the dock has been built there is increased use of the facility.

Councilman Millsaps commended the recreation department on the success of the Smoky Valley Bike Rally.

There being no further business, Mayor Swiney adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor