

Regular Meeting

Loudon City Council May 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on May 18, 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 Lewis Garner and Lynn Millsaps. Councilman Mike Cartwright was absent. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills, Attorney Edwin Arnold, Secretary Meghan Hull, and Recreation Director Mark Harrell. Vicky Newman of the *News Herald* represented the press. Stephanie Smallen videotaped the meeting for TV3. Amy Williams, Erica Jenkins, and Kristi Johnson of Leadership Loudon County were also present.

Councilman Garner held the invocation. Councilman Millsaps 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 April 20, 2009. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 20, 2009.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from the low bidder, Rogers Petroleum Company (\$1.7691 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$1.5460 per gallon for diesel fuel). **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from Rogers Petroleum Company (\$1.7691 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$1.5460 per gallon for diesel fuel).**

City Manager Mills presented bids for the Loudon Municipal Park including: new playground equipment (low bidder was Outdoor Recreation for \$14,434), dog park fencing (low bidder was Loudon County Fencing for \$12,936), and a picnic pavilion (low bidder was Precision Builders for \$93,00). Recreation Director Harrell explained the way the bids were received, the anticipated equipment to be placed in the park, monetary donations toward the projects, and in-kind donations to be received. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner and unanimously passed to accept the bid from the low bidders as follows: Outdoor Recreation in the amount of \$14,434 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment, Loudon County Fencing in the amount of \$12,936 for the purchase and installation of the dog park fencing, and Precision Builders in the amount of \$93,800 for a picnic pavilion in the 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. Amy Williams spoke for the

Leadership Loudon County representatives thanking the council for their continued support of the program. Vice Mayor Lambert thanked them for attending and being involved with Leadership Loudon County.

Vice Mayor Lambert introduced an ordinance for first reading to adopt the 2009-2010 annual budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Millsaps that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

ADOPTING THE 2009-2010 ANNUAL BUDGET

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

Council considered a resolution to authorize a quit claim deed for a property located at Steekee Street and Ward Avenue. Attorney Arnold stated that the City has an ingress and egress clause in the quit claim deed document. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered approving the purchase of a panel Christmas tree for the downtown triangle area from Universal Concepts for \$8,395. The tradition of the tree being decorated with ornaments created by elementary children is anticipated to continue. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A PANEL CHRISTMAS TREE

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Vice Mayor Lambert called for a public hearing to be held on June 15, 2009 at 7:15 P.M. for the annual budget.

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Lambert adjourned the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor