

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

May 17, 2010

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on May 17, 2010 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 Attorney Edwin Arnold, City Manager Lynn Mills and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. Vicky Newman of the *News Herald* represented the press. Chris Smallen videotaped the meeting for LCTV3. There were six people present.

Councilman Garner held the invocation. Councilman Cartwright 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 April 19, 2010. **A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Garner and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 19, 2010.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.2755 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$2.327 per gallon for diesel fuel) from the low bidder Rogers Petroleum on April 19, 2010. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Cartwright and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.2755 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$2.327 per gallon for diesel fuel) from Rogers Petroleum on April 19, 2010.**

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 an ordinance to adopt the 2010-2011 Budget. Manager Mills stated he had received a request from the Senior Citizens Center for a \$2,000 donation. It was not included in this year's budget nor in the proposed budget for next year. He said if council desired to make the donation there were funds budgeted for the Loudon Merchants and Property Owners Association that had not been utilized and could be used. **A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Cartwright and unanimously approved to donate \$2,000 to the Loudon County Senior Citizens Center.**

Manager Mills said another requested change to the budget was to change the title "Street Construction-Queener Road" to "Street Projects." **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Lambert and unanimously passed to change the title in the budget "Street Construction-Queener Road" to "Street Projects."**

Following more discussion a motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

ADOPTING THE 2010-2011 ANNUAL BUDGET

Upon a vote, the AYES were: Millsaps, Garner, Cartwright, Lambert and Swiney. There were no NAY votes. Mayor Swiney scheduled a public hearing to be held at 7:15 P.M. on June 21, 2010.

Mayor Swiney presented an ordinance setting the tax rate for 2010 at the same rate as 2009, \$1.0287 per \$100 of assessed value. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Cartwright that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

Upon a vote, the AYES were: Lambert, Cartwright, Garner, Millsaps and Swiney. Mayor Swiney scheduled a public hearing to be held at 7:20 P.M. on June 21, 2010.

Mayor Swiney presented a resolution authorizing easements at Highlands Business Park pertaining to storm water detention and other issues pertaining to the location of Tennessee Packaging Company. **After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Garner that the following resolution be passed with the contingencies that a letter of agreement be obtained from Emory River Investments and a letter from the president of Tennessee Packaging clarifying that after construction the city will be the owner and responsible for maintenance:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-16

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EASEMENTS AT HIGHLANDS BUSINESS PARK ON ELIZABETH LEE PARKWAY FOR STORM WATER DETENTION AND GRADING FOR EXCESS FILL MATERIAL FOR THE FUTURE LOCATION OF TENNESSEE PACKAGING CO., A DIVISION OF BUCKEYE CORRUGATED, INC.

Upon a vote, the resolution with the contingencies was unanimously approved.

Mayor Swiney presented a resolution authorizing a \$6,000 expenditure for the 2010 July 4th events to be divided equally with Loudon Utilities. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-17

AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE 2010 FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered contracting with Duffield Aquatics in an amount not to exceed \$7,000 for the repair of the kid's pool. A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Lambert that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-18

APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DUFFIELD AQUATICS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE FILTERING AND CHLORINATION SYSTEM AT THE KID'S POOL

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered the donation of the 2005 Yamaha golf cart to Blairland Baptist Church. Manager Mills explained that he had received an opinion from Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) that if council wished to donate rather than lease the golf cart to the church, it could be declared surplus and donated. A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Lambert that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-19

APPROVING THE DONATION OF A 2005 YAMAHA SEVEN (7) PASSENGER GOLF CART TO THE BLAIRLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Mayor Swiney presented a resolution accepting a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase equipment for the Fire Department. The grant requires a 5% match. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-20

ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Mayor Swiney presented a resolution authorizing the third round of grant applications for the Courthouse Square Revitalization Act Commercial Building Rehabilitation Program. Applications would be accepted from June 1, 2010 to July 30, 2010. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21

AUTHORIZING THE THIRD ROUND OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LOUDON'S COURTHOUSE SQUARE REVITALIZATION ACT COMMERCIAL BUILDING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Manager Mills said the Courthouse Square Revitalization Committee had met and discussed a residential grant program. He said the concern of the committee was that low income homeowners in the area would not participate due the grant being taxable. He recommended pursuing a possible partnership with Loudon County Habitat for Humanity for low income homeowners.

Councilman Garner stated that since he lived in the area he had a potential conflict of interest and would probably abstain from voting, but he knew there were people in the area that it would be a hardship to them if it was subject to income tax. **A motion was made by Councilman Cartwright, seconded by Councilman Lambert and unanimously passed to pursue a partnership with Loudon County Habitat for Humanity to provide residential grants in the Courthouse Square Revitalization Area for low income owners of owner occupied homes.**

Manager Mills said the committee also wanted to pursue obtaining proposals for a branding and marketing strategy for the downtown area. **A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Lambert and unanimously passed to authorize requesting proposals for a branding and marketing strategy for the downtown area.**

Mayor Swiney recessed the meeting at 8:16 P.M. to have an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session was called to order at 8:20 P.M. Those present were Mayor Swiney, Councilmen Cartwright, Garner, Lambert and Millsaps. Others present were Manager Mills, Attorney Arnold and Recorder Putkonen.

The purpose of the executive session was to discuss personnel issues.

Mayor Swiney adjourned the executive session at 9:12 P.M

Mayor Swiney reconvened the regular meeting at 9:12 P.M.

There being no further business, Mayor Swiney adjourned the meeting at 9:13 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor

