

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

August 15, 2011

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on August 15, 2011 in the Council Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Judy Keller, Council members Mike Cartwright, Judy Jones, Lynn Millsaps and Jimmy Parks. Also present were City Attorney Edwin Arnold, City Manager Lynn Mills and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. The press was represented by Vicky Newman of the *News Herald*. Stephanie Smullen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were ten people present.

Attorney Arnold held the invocation. Councilmember Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Mayor Keller asked if council members had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 18, 2011. **A motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 18, 2011.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$3.158 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.226 per gallon for diesel fuel) on July 26, 2011 from the low bidder, Coffman Oil Company, and on August 10, 2011 from Rogers Petroleum (\$2.793 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$2.872 per gallon for diesel). **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel (\$3.158 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.226 per gallon for diesel fuel) on July 26, 2011 from the low bidder, Coffman Oil Company, and on August 10, 2011 from Rogers Petroleum (\$2.793 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$2.872 per gallon for diesel).**

Council considered the administrative approval of the removal of bleachers and debris from Legion Field by Mike Ingram in the amount of \$5,000. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks and unanimously passed to administratively approve the removal of the bleachers and debris from Legion Field by Mike Ingram in the amount of \$5,000.**

Mayor Keller 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 Keller presented an ordinance for first reading to set the tax rate at \$1.06 for tax year 2011. After some discussion Councilmember Cartwright made a motion to amend the ordinance to set the rate at \$1.08. The motion died for lack of a second.

After significant discussion, Mayor Keller asked Vice-Mayor Millsaps to preside over the meeting.

Vice-mayor Millsaps called for a motion to set the tax rate at \$1.06 for tax year 2011.

Mayor Keller made a motion to pass on first reading an ordinance to set the tax rate at \$1.06 for tax year 2011. The motion died for lack of a second.

Vice-mayor Millsaps returned control of the meeting to Mayor Keller.

Mayor Keller then presented an ordinance for second and final reading to set the tax rate at \$1.0287. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following ordinance be passed on final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04

SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Upon a vote the AYES were: Millsaps, Jones and Parks. The NAY votes were Cartwright and Keller. Mayor Keller declared the ordinance passed on final reading.

Councilmember Millsaps then made a motion to reduce the budget an additional \$94,000 before considering it on final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parks. Upon a vote the AYES were: Millsaps, Parks and Jones. The NAY votes were Cartwright and Keller.

Mayor Keller called for a special meeting to be held on September 1, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the budget on final reading and to consider a resolution to amend the pay classification plan.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution to declare certain fire equipment to be surplus and either sold on govdeals.com or donated to local volunteer fire departments. A motion was made by Councilmember Jones.

Councilmember Cartwright stated that he thought it was decided at the workshop that the equipment would be donated. After some discussion, Councilmember Jones withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones to pass the following resolution with the amendment that the equipment be donated at the fire chief's discretion:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-36

AUTHORIZING FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution proclaiming September 11, 2011 as Loudon Bridge Day. Manager Mills explained that a group of volunteers planned to have a memorial service and then paint the bridge crossing the Tennessee River.

Attorney Arnold expressed his concern about the potential liability of getting paint on vehicles and also the conflict with special memorial services that the downtown churches had planned for that morning.

Manager Mills responded that the paint would be rolled on and not sprayed as it had been in years past. He added that he thought the events could coexist.

Councilmember Cartwright added that the memorial service for Bridge Day would be held at 7:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-37

CITY OF LOUDON, TENNESSEE PROCLAMATION OF LOUDON BRIDGE DAY

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered the replacement of a drainage tile in Blair Bend Industrial Park along Blair Bend Drive in front of Transport Services. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-38

APPROVING THE REPLACEMENT OF A DRAINAGE PIPE ON BLAIR BEND DRIVE

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller rescheduled the public hearing for the ordinance to rezone property located at 641 Clyde Street for September 19, 2011 at 7:20 P.M. The public hearing was originally scheduled to be held at 7:20 prior to this meeting, but was not advertised at least fifteen days prior to the hearing as required by state law.

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor