

## **Regular Meeting**

### **Loudon City Council December 19, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on December 19, 2011 in the Council Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. Those present were Mayor Judy Keller, Council members Judy Jones, Lynn Millsaps, and Jimmy Parks. Council member Mike Cartwright was absent. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills, City Attorney Edwin Arnold and Secretary Meghan Hull. Additionally present were Eddie McAllister, Buddy Bradshaw, Ken Brewster, Mike Campbell, Mikie Campbell, and Mark Harrell. Vicky Newman of the *News Herald* represented the press. Stephanie Smallen videotaped the meeting for TV3.

City Attorney Arnold held the invocation. Council member Parks 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 November 21, 2011. **A motion was made by Council member Jones, seconded by Council member Parks and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 19, 2011.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from the low bidder, Coffman Oil Company on November 22, 2011 (\$2.6130 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.0660 per gallon for diesel fuel). **A motion was made by Council member Millsaps, seconded by Council member Parks and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from Coffman Oil Company on November 22, 2011 (\$2.6130 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.0660 per gallon for diesel fuel).**

Mayor Keller introduced an ordinance for third and final reading establishing a debt policy. Manager Mills explained that the comptroller's office had given cities further instruction on requirements. After direction from Attorney Arnold, the ordinance died from lack of motion.

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 thanked Mike and Mikie Campbell for their interest in attending.

Council considered a resolution to accept the bid proposed by Progression Electric in the amount of \$39,919.12 for the Wharf Street Greenway Lighting project. A motion was made by Council member Millsaps, seconded by Council member Jones that the following resolution be passed:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-50**

#### **ACCEPTING BID FOR WHARF STREET GREENWAY**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council member Parks inquired about the traffic light maintenance program. Manager Mills explained that Progression Electric currently maintains the traffic lights and replaces the \$5,000.00 timing controllers when necessary. There are no controllers currently available for replacement.

Council next considered approving a contract with Houla Entertainment LLC for a concert series in 2012 at the Loudon Tate & Lyle Performing Arts Center. The contract allows for the continuation of the City of Loudon Recreation Department's annual programs. A motion was made by Council member Jones, seconded by Council member Parks that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-51**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH HOULA ENTERTAINMENT LLC**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution to approve a contract with Gutterman Sports, Inc. for tournaments for the 2012 baseball/softball season at the Loudon Municipal Park Ball Complex. A motion was made by Council member Millsaps, seconded by Council member Jones that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-52**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH GUTTERMAN SPORTS, INC.**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council next considered a resolution to comply with the requirements set by the Comptroller's Office of State and Local Finance. Manager Mills explained that the policy under consideration has been drafted by Bass, Berry, and Sims and has been approved by the Comptroller's Office of State and Local Finance. A motion was made by Council member Millsaps, seconded by Council member Parks that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-53**

**ESTABLISHING A DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller stated that a street light has been requested to be installed at the juncture of Natalie Boulevard and Kimberly Way. Malibu Boats has stated that they will pay for fifty percent (50%) of the cost of installation. **A motion was made by Council member Parks, seconded by Council member Jones and unanimously passed that a street light be installed at the juncture of Natalie Boulevard and Kimberly Way.**

Manager Mills stated that the City had received notification from TDOT that they have approved a traffic signal on Highway 72 at Carding Machine Road. TDOT will not assist in the cost of the traffic signal. Bids will be sought in the near future for this installation.

Mayor Keller asked if anyone had anything else to bring before Council.

Council member Millsaps inquired as to when the quarterly report would be received. Manager Mills said it would be after December.

Council member Parks thanked Mark Harrell and Lynda Randolph for all their hard work on the City of Loudon Christmas Parade.

Mark Harrell explained about a huge old oak tree in Lions Club Park that is hollow and must be removed due to the potential danger of it falling. Harrell also mentioned that the Bradford Pear trees on the waterfront are causing problems in the river bank. Ken Brewster, Brewster's Services Group LLC, stated that if the trees were cut leaving stumps the ground could be better stabilized.

Manager Mills reminded Council of the upcoming schedule with the holiday closings and wished all a Merry Christmas.

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

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Recorder

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Mayor