

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on March 21, 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 Smallen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were eight citizens 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 February 22, 2011. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 22, 2011.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.8313 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.083 per gallon for diesel fuel) on March 15, 2011 from the low bidder Rogers Petroleum. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.8313 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.083 per gallon for diesel fuel) on March 15, 2011 from Rogers Petroleum.**

Mayor Keller presented an ordinance for second and final reading to vacate an unopened portion of an alley from Pine Top Road to Blair Street. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following ordinance be approved on final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-01

VACATING UNOPENED PORTION OF AN ALLEYWAY FROM PINE TOP ROAD TO BLAIR STREET

Upon a vote, the AYES were: Millsaps, Cartwright, Jones, Parks and Keller. There were no NAY votes. She declared the ordinance passed on second and final reading

Mayor Keller recognized the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. She recognized Mr. Robert Keeble who lives on Roberson Springs Road.

Mr. Keeble complained that his driveway had still not been repaired after a water line break.

Manager Mills stated that this was a Loudon Utilities matter, but he thought it had been taken care of. He said he would follow up with the Public Works Director regarding the status of the repair.

Mayor Keller said she would also follow up.

Mayor Keller presented the budget for the HOME Grant to be approved on second and final reading. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following ordinance be passed on final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02

AMENDING THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO INCLUDE HOME GRANT

Upon a vote, the AYES were: Cartwright, Parks, Jones, Millsaps and Keller. There were no NAY votes. She declared the ordinance passed on final reading.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution to approve one member of the Air Quality Task Force to meet with Viskase representatives pertaining to the proposed Viskase expansion project. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-07

REPRESENTATION OF LOUDON COUNTY AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered the approval of a medical insurance premium increase. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-08

AMENDING THE SELF FUNDED MEDICAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered bids for an aerial ladder truck for the fire department. Bids were received as follows:

M3 Fire Apparatus	\$549,000
Heritage Fire Equipment	563,092
Pro-Fire Equipment	608,000.

Manager Mills said that after careful evaluation by Fire Chief Brubaker the recommended truck was the high bid from Pro-Fire Equipment. It was the only one that met all specs, had a better warranty and provided training. A grant reimbursement in the amount of \$522,500 would offset most of the cost. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-09

APPROVING EXPENDITURES OF 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 passed.

Manager Mills presented a draft of a lease agreement with Mr. Joe Webb, owner of Modern Fitness Center located across the street from city hall. The lease would allow Mr. Webb to utilize the old fire bay, currently being used by the Recreation Department, to have exercise classes in conjunction with Modern Fitness Center. In exchange, Mr. Webb would offer to anyone covered by the City of Loudon or Loudon Utilities medical insurance plans memberships for \$15 a month. The lease provided for a payroll deduction for the collection and remittance of the membership fees. Mr. Webb had requested some changes in the verbiage of the lease. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to approve the lease agreement subject to modifications by Attorney Arnold and Manager Mills.**

Mayor Keller recommended the appointment of Debbie Hines to fill the seat vacated with the death of Planning Commission Member Tommy Melton. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to appoint Debbie Hines to the Planning Commission (term expiring 6/30/2015).**

Councilmember Millsaps asked the status of the street light installation approved last month. Manager Mills responded that Electric Superintendent Nichols had been busy in Vonore and would get to it as soon as possible.

Councilmember Parks asked if the sign on Highway 72 displaying the civic organizations' emblems could be taken down as it was an eyesore. There was some discussion as to who owned the sign and how it and other signs like it came to be. It was agreed by council members that the removal of the sign and replacing it with something more appropriate were worth pursuing.

Councilmember Parks asked if any progress had been made toward getting cable television to the Sweetwater Creek subdivision.

Manager Mills replied that the decision was out of the city's hands. He suggested that the residents contact the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. He said the subdivision certainly met the density requirement when the city had control of the franchise agreement.

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:14 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor