

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on February 21, 2012 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 with the *News Herald*. There were fourteen people present.

Attorney Arnold held the invocation. Councilmember Millsaps 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 January 16, 2012. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 16, 2012.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.8739 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.1145 per gallon for diesel fuel) on January 10, 2012 from the low bidder Rogers Petroleum. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.8739 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.1145 per gallon for diesel fuel) on January 10, 2012 from Rogers Petroleum Company.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$3.0548 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.2279 per gallon for diesel fuel) on February 7, 2012 from the low bidder Sweetwater Valley Oil Company. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$3.0548 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$3.2279 per gallon for diesel fuel) on February 7, 2012 from Sweetwater Valley Oil Company.**

Mayor Keller recognized Mr. Rolf Randby, representing Loudon citizens regarding traffic light repair. He stated that he wanted the city to spend more money fixing the traffic lights it has before investing in a new traffic light on Highway 72 at Carding Machine Road. He said he wanted sensors installed at the Highway 72 and Highway 11 intersection. He said the light at Highway 11 and Highland Avenue was also a problem, and the light at Highway 11 and Ward Avenue should be removed. He said there was incorrect signage in front of Food City. He said he could not understand why the traffic sensors can't be fixed.

Manager Mills said that the lights are operating on a timer. He said that safety is the priority and the intersection is safe. The sensors embedded in the road are damaged due to the road buckling caused by heavy tractor trailers. He said the city was waiting until the state paves the intersection. If the sensors were installed now, they would be destroyed when the state paves the intersection.

Manager Mills said he would check into the issue of the signage in front of Food City. The necessary changes would be made.

Mr. Randby had a letter from the Tennessee Department of Transportation stating that if they damage the sensors they would reimburse the city. Manager Mills said that was the first he had heard about the willingness of the state to pay for damages. Mr. Randby said he was told that Highway 11 was scheduled to be paved in three years.

Manager Mills said that safety is also the issue at Highway 72 and Carding Machine Road. The traffic volume there has grown since the new Food City has opened. There will be additional traffic as the other stores in the shopping center fill. There are also plans to build another strip of shops, and plans to build an additional apartment complex on Carding Machine Road.

Mr. Randby said that the light might be needed sometime in the future, but not now.

Manager Mills said that the city does not want to wait until there is a bad accident.

Mayor Keller presented an ordinance to rezone 8.13 acres of property located at 343 Georgia Street from M-1 to R-1-S. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LOUDON, TENNESSEE, PURSUANT TO §13-7-203 AND §13-7-204 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, TO REZONE 8.13 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 343 GEORGIA STREET REFERENCED: TAX MAP 48, PARCEL 97.00 FROM M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO R-1-S SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Upon a vote the AYES were: Millsaps, Cartwright, Jones, Parks and Keller. There were no NAY votes. Mayor Keller declared the ordinance passed on first reading. She called for a public hearing to be held at 7:20 P.M. on March 19, 2012

Manager Mills said that Mr. Jason Vance, director of Loudon County schools, was present to discuss a potential drainage issue at Liberty Park. The entrance to the new middle school was being located so close to the walking trail that it was the cause of the concern. He asked that this issue be discussed at this time as it was not on the agenda and Mr. Vance needed to leave.

Mr. Vance apologized. He said he thought this issue was resolved. He said he would have to go on the recommendation of the engineer, but would work to come up with a common sense solution.

Planning Commission Member Ken Brewster said that Public Works Director Fagg, Building Inspector Branam, Loudon County Planner Newman and himself had met with Chris Ogle on February 15th. He said they had come to an agreement of changes that needed to be made. He said he found out today that they were not included on the final plan.

Director Vance said that was the first he had heard about it. He said he would speak with Chris Ogle tomorrow. He added that they will work with the city.

Mayor Keller asked Planner Newman to set up a meeting with all of the parties to sit down and discuss the problem and solutions to it.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution to fund up to \$4,000 as a grant match for a market and feasibility and economic impact study for a multi-use agricultural facility to be located in the Loudon area. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-06

AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO ASSIST LOUDON COUNTY WITH A COST SHARE MATCH FOR A USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT TO FUND A MARKET FEASIBILITY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF A MULTI-USE AGRICULTURAL FACILITY

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the submission of a 2012 Community Development Block Grant. Manager Mills explained that this resolution is essentially the same as was passed last month with the addition of the date of the public hearing, January 24, 2012. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-07

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2012 HOUSING REHABILITATION APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR \$500,000 IN CDBG FUNDS

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered the \$10,000 purchase of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria from Loudon Utilities for the police department. A motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-08

APPROVING PURCHASE OF A 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA FROM LOUDON UTILITIES

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered the \$5,800 purchase of a 2004 Ford Escape from Loudon Utilities for the recreation department. A motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-09

APPROVING PURCHASE OF A 2004 FORD ESCAPE FROM LOUDON UTILITIES

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Manager Mills reminded council of the disc golf course dedication on March 3, 2012 at 1:00 P.M.

There was some discussion about improving the lighting in the parks to help reduce vandalism. There was also some discussion about burned out street lights and a procedure for identifying and reporting them.

Donna Eason-Pile invited city council to go to Rainsville, Alabama on March 2nd to see an agricultural facility similar to the one for which the feasibility study is to be done. An event will be going on at that time.

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor