

## REGULAR MEETING

### LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on January 16, 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*. Stephanie Smallen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were six people present.

Attorney Arnold held the invocation. Councilmember Cartwright 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 December 19, 2011. **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 December 19, 2011.**

Mayor Keller recognized Mr. Jim Eller, resident of 1115 Carding Machine Road. He was there to present his concern about speeding on Carding Machine Road particularly at the curve near the new apartment complex, Peaks of Loudon. He said there had been three accidents there recently. A pole was hit and almost fell into a home. In other accidents the cars ran out of the road and into front yards. He said people on the street are afraid to let their children play in the front yard. He requested speed bumps be installed to slow down traffic. He added that traffic on the street had increased since the new Food City opened.

Manager Mills said that it was his understanding that they plan to build eighty additional apartment units in the summer. That would further increase the amount of traffic.

Mayor Keller asked Police Chief Webb what the speed limit was. He said it was thirty miles per hour.

After some discussion, Mayor Keller asked Manager Mills to look into possible traffic calming solutions and the costs associated with them. She asked Police Chief Webb to increase the monitoring of speed in the area.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the application of a 2012 Community Development Block Grant for a housing rehabilitation project. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR \$500,000 FROM 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the purchase of two Dodge Chargers for the police department. The cars were to be purchased from Tennessee Fleet Sales for \$22,464 each. Additional equipment in the amount of \$5,500 for each vehicle would be paid from the Drug Fund. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following resolution be passed:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2012 DODGE CHARGER POLICE PURSUIT SEDANS**

Prior to the vote, Councilmember Parks read a conflict of interest statement. Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the retirement of the canine unit, Bear. Manager Mills explained that the dog was having health issues. Officer Jonathan Yates, who had been the caretaker, agreed to continue to care for the dog for the remainder of its life. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03**

**AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CANINE UNIT BEAR**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered the approval of amendments to the Section 125 cafeteria plan for employees. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04**

**APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS OF THE SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered authorizing engineering services for intersection improvements and the installation of a traffic light at Highway 72 and Carding Machine Road. Manager Mills explained that representatives of Food City have agreed to share in the cost. He recommended approving the firm of CDM Smith. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05**

**AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND SIGNALIZATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 72 AND CARDING MACHINE ROAD**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered the installation of a street light on Bob White Drive. Manager Mills said that a resident, Margie Kirkland, had requested the street light, and he recommended the installation. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to install a street light between 515 and 519 Bob White Drive.**

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

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Recorder

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Mayor