

## REGULAR MEETING

### LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

February 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on February 19, 2013 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 Joe Ford, City Manager Lynn Mills and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. The press was represented by Vicky Newman with the *Loudon County News Herald*. Stephanie Smallen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were thirteen people present.

Mayor Keller held the invocation. Councilmember 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 January 21, 2013. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 21, 2013.**

Mayor Keller presented a plaque to Mr. Ted Lomax in recognition of his service on the Industrial Development Board from 1975-2013. Mr. Lomax said he appreciated the opportunity to serve for 37 years.

Mayor Keller asked Manager Mills to respond to criticisms Ms. Laverne Howard expressed at the workshop meeting held the previous week.

Manager Mills reported the following:

- The downtown signage bids were due on March 4 and will be on the March agenda.
- There is ongoing funding for awnings and signage. A business owner downtown whose awning is in disrepair has been contacted about the program.
- A Courthouse Square Revitalization Committee meeting is being scheduled to look at other programs.

Manager Mills stated the city has made great strides in downtown improvements. The money from property owners combined with the Courthouse Square grant funds has provided over \$1 million in storefront improvements.

Mayor Keller welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. She recognized Ms. Laverne Howard.

Ms. Howard passed out information to council. She said the business owners needed printed brochures to put in the visitors' centers. She added that she was proud of what has already been done, but she said the businesses needed something to entice more people to downtown. She said several businesses have closed and even her business is closing four nights a week. She said the businesses need directional signage on I-75 and Highway 11. She said they need benches, pots for plants and trash receptacles. She also requested that the Christmas lights be put up before Thanksgiving.

Manager Mills said that the signage on Highway 72 at I-75 and on Highway 11 was included in the specs that are out for bid. He said the Courthouse Square Revitalization Committee was reconvening to look into some of these requests. He said the Christmas light installation was a workload issue for the Electric and Public Works Departments.

Mayor Keller presented for second and final reading the following ordinance. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following ordinance be passed:

**ORDINANCE NO 2013-02**

**PROVIDING FOR THE DE-ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES  
ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF LOUDON, TENNESSEE BY ORDINANCE  
NO. 2003-08 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES AND REFERENCED  
ON TAX MAP 31, PARCELS 59.00, 59.01, 59.02, 59.03 AND 59.04 PURSUANT  
TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §6-51-201(B)(2)**

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

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the sale of 0.3852 acres of frontage property on Elizabeth Lee Parkway to Ms. Cody Hudson for \$5,778. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08**

**APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY  
ON ELIZABETH LEE PARKWAY TO MS. CODY HUDSON**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution to approve the donation of a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria to the Blount County Sheriff's Department to be used as a training vehicle. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09**

**APPROVING THE DONATION OF A 2000 FORD CROWN VICTORIA  
TO THE BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing a Super Rake 2, Model 13-551-C belonging to the Recreation Department to be considered surplus. A motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10**

**AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
EQUIPMENT TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the removal of five trees along the Legion Field side of Grove Street. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-11**

**AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF FIVE (5) TREES ALONG  
THE LEGION FIELD SIDE OF GROVE STREET**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing Home Pro LLC to do the carpentry and masonry work at the pool house for \$3,840. Manager Mills explained that last month a resolution was passed authorizing John Russell to do the work, but he didn't have proper insurance. He added that a quote was also obtained from Jerry Russell in the amount of \$6,800. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12**

**AUTHORIZING THE CARPENTRY AND MASONRY WORK  
ON THE LOUDON MUNICIPAL POOL HOUSE**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered leasing the concession stand at Loudon Municipal Park to the Quarterback Club. Manager Mills explained that a contract was still being worked on. He recommended approval contingent on Attorney Ford's approval. That would allow the Quarterback Club to begin preparations in time for the beginning of baseball season. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13**

**APPROVING INTENT OF LEASE OF CONCESSION  
STANDS AT LOUDON MUNICIPAL PARK**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller recognized Assessor of Property Mike Campbell. He reported that the hearings before the administrative law judge pertaining to the tax appeals of Tate & Lyle and Kimberly Clark are scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that this was a reappraisal year. He said April 5<sup>th</sup> is the target date to send notices to property owners.

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:13 P.M.

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Recorder

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Mayor