

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

March 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on March 18, 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 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 seventeen people present.

Mayor Keller 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 February 19, 2013. **A motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Parks and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 19, 2013.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase on February 19, 2013 of diesel fuel (\$3.362 per gallon) from the low bidder Coffman Oil Co.; and on March 15, 2013 of unleaded plus gasoline (\$3.1919 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$3.0799 per gallon) from Pilot Travel Centers. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase on February 19, 2013 of diesel fuel from Coffman Oil Co. for \$3.362 per gallon; and on March 15, 2013 the purchase of gasoline for \$3.1919 per gallon and diesel fuel for \$3.0799 per gallon from Pilot Travel Centers.**

Manager Mills explained that bids had been received for banners, but it was realized that the type of material was not specified and the bids were for different types. He recommended that council reject and rebid the banners with material specifications. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to reject all bids for banners and rebid them.**

Council considered the bids for way finding signage. Bids for the signage without installation were as follows:

- Ortwein Sign Group \$13,762.
- Signs Co., Inc. \$18,994.
- Thomas Sign & Awning Co. \$17,204.

A motion was made by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps and unanimously passed to award the bid for way finding signage to the low bidder, Ortwein Sign Group for \$13,762.

Mayor Keller recognized the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that was not on the agenda. There was no response.

Mayor Keller recognized David Brashears, a member of the executive committee, who gave copies of a feasibility study for a Loudon County Multipurpose Exposition Center to the mayor. He explained that the study was funded by \$20,000 from a Rural Development Grant, \$4,000 from the City of Loudon and \$6,000 from Loudon County. He thanked other members of the executive committee for their time and input. He introduced Mr. Curtis Catron representing Bullock Smith & Partners.

Mr. Catron explained that they were given the task of determining the feasibility of locating an agricultural exposition facility in Loudon County. He said they were given two locations, one in Loudon Municipal

Park and one in Centre 75 Business Park. It was determined that neither site could accommodate the facility as proposed. He said it would take at least 35 acres.

Mr. Bill Owens representing Owens Economics, LLC presented the marketing analysis. He said there was no large venue in Loudon County at the present time. He said rodeo and equestrian events would be the most probable use. The least use would be for concerts due to the proximity to Knoxville. He said there was reason to develop a facility because of the community benefits. He estimated the taxes into the community would exceed the public financial support. He said the facility would have an operating deficit, but would be revenue positive. He reiterated that the sites given were not adequate for the size of the facility proposed, so their report explored the feasibility of the facility on an ideal site.

Mayor Keller asked if they had a site in mind.

Mr. Brashears responded that they did not have a site in mind. He said the ideal site would have at least 35 acres of relatively flat land with additional contiguous land available for future growth. The site should be easily accessible to the Interstate, hotels and restaurants. He added that he believed with private and public participation it could become a reality.

Mayor Keller thanked them for the presentation and the participation by all in the study.

Mayor Keller presented an ordinance for first reading to accept certain streets in Sweetwater Creek Subdivision. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUDON, TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §6-2-201 AND §7-31-104 TO ACCEPT AS CITY STREETS LLEWELLYN LANE, KLINE DRIVE, EVELYN DRIVE, AND OLIVIA CIRCLE, ALL LOCATED IN SWEETWATER CREEK SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 OR 2

Upon a vote the AYES were: Cartwright, Millsaps, Jones, Parks and Keller. Mayor Keller declared the ordinance passed on first reading. She scheduled a public hearing to be held on April 15, 2013 at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor Keller presented an ordinance to rezone property located at 801 Poplar Street from R-1 to C-3. Manager Mills stated that the Planning Commission had voted 4-3 against recommending this rezoning. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones 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 0.082 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 801 POPLAR STREET REFERENCED: TAX MAP 41B, GROUP C, PARCEL 16.00 FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-3 (LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT)

Upon a vote the AYES were: Cartwright, Jones, Millsaps, Parks and Keller. Mayor Keller declared the ordinance passed on first reading. She scheduled a public hearing to be held on April 15, 2013 at 7:20 P.M.

Councilmember Millsaps thanked Planner Russ Newman and the Planning Commission for the job they do. He said that the 4-3 vote was indicative of what a tough job it can be.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application for the replacement of the swimming pool. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR
THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LOUDON SWIMMING POOL**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the exchange with Mohawk Armory of 49 seized and confiscated firearms for patrol rifles and magazines. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15

**AUTHORIZING FIREARMS EXCHANGE AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE CHIEF**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution approving the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for employees. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16

**APPROVING THE CITY OF LOUDON SECTION
125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Manager Mills reported that the sinkhole discovered near the pier of the bridge in Sugarlimb Industrial Park leading to the site of the future Del Conca plant was not as deep as feared and had been repaired for under \$800.

Mayor Keller recommended Jim Thomason be appointed to the Industrial Development Board replacing Ronnie McNabb who was appointed January 21, 2013. The term expires August 23, 2017. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to appoint Jim Thomason to the Industrial Development Board – term expiring 8/23/2017.**

Mayor Keller recommended Russell Alford be appointed to the Industrial Development Board replacing Ross Millsaps. The term expires August 23, 2013. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to appoint Russell Alford to the Industrial Development Board – term expiring 8/23/2013.**

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor