

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on November 17, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Meeting Room. Those present were: Mayor Judy Keller, Council Members: Mike Cartwright, Lynn Millsaps and Jimmy Parks. Council Member Judy Jones was absent. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills, City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen and City Attorney Joe Ford. Stephanie Smallen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. The press was represented by Katherine Fernandez with the *Loudon County News Herald*. There were sixteen people present.

City Manager Mills 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 October 20, 2014. **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 October 20, 2014.**

Mayor Keller recognized the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. She recognized Barbara Bohannon.

Ms. Bohannon stated that she lived at 250 Shubert Street. She said she was concerned about a vacant home next to her. She said the door had been removed and the windows broken. She said she was concerned about children in the area running in and out of the house.

Mayor Keller asked Police Chief Webb if he was aware of the situation. He responded that they had responded to some trespassing calls.

Mayor Keller asked City Manager Mills to have the codes enforcement officer check on the situation.

Mayor Keller presented an ordinance to accept three streets located in Hampton Place Subdivision, as well as Cedar Park Drive located off of Highway 72. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps that the following ordinance be passed on final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12

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: HAMPTON PLACE CIRCLE, STONE CREEK DRIVE, MILL CREEK DRIVE AND CEDAR PARK DRIVE

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

Mayor Keller presented an ordinance authorizing the city to enter into a mutual agreement with the City of Lenoir City Fire Department to provide automatic assistance for structure fires and other potential life threatening situations. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following ordinance be passed on final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-13

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOUDON TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LENOIR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Mayor Keller presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the 2014-2015 Budget. Manager Mills explained the amendments included reallocating \$50,000 from the Courthouse Square Residential Grants line item to Other Downtown Improvement; \$10,250 for the special election and creating a project fund for the 2014 Capital Outlay Note proceeds and expenditures. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

AMENDING THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Upon a vote, the AYES were: Cartwright, Parks, Millsaps and Keller. Mayor Keller declared the ordinance passed on first reading. A public hearing was scheduled for 7:20 P.M. on December 15, 2014.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution calling for a special run-off election between Lois Snow and Dennis Stewart to be held on December 20, 2014. Manager Mills said the election commission had certified the election results, and there was a tie for the fourth council seat. He said early voting would begin December 1st. The hours would be eight hours Monday through Friday and three hours on Saturday. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-43

CALLING FOR A SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION ON DECEMBER 20, 2014

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing a turkey shoot fund raiser by the police and fire departments for the children's Christmas fund. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-44

**AUTHORIZING A LOUDON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND LOUDON
POLICE DEPARTMENT FUND RAISER FOR CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS FUND**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution to extend the acceptance of applications for the Courthouse Square Revitalization Act Commercial Building Rehabilitation Program until February 27, 2015. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-45

**EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEVENTH ROUND OF GRANT APPLICATIONS
FOR THE CITY OF LOUDON'S COURTHOUSE SQUARE REVITALIZATION ACT
COMMERCIAL BUILDING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the removal of nine trees at Liberty Park near the swimming pool. Manager Mills explained that the leaves from the trees will cause filtration issues with the new pool. After significant discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps. There was no second to the motion, therefore, it failed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of new lighting on the perimeter of the pool. Manager Mills explained that the lighting is necessary for using the pool at night. He said the total cost would be approximately \$15,800 including installation by Loudon Utilities. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-46

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF POOL LIGHTING

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the construction of a section of sidewalk on Poplar Street connecting the existing sidewalk with the parking lot on College Street. Manager Mills said the cost would be \$4,613 and funded from the Courthouse Square Revitalization Act Fund. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-47

**AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF
SIDEWALK ON POPLAR STREET**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of decorative fence for the property located at Poplar Street and Wharf Street. Manager Mills said three quotes were obtained: Loudon County Fencing - \$13,636; Champion Fence Company - \$9,776; and Quality Fencing - \$8,630. He recommended the low quote. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION 2014-48

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FENCING
AT PARK PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN LOUDON**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Manager Mills said that Susan Harrison brought the Certificates of Election for the mayor-elect and councilmembers-elect when she brought the certified election results. He presented the certificates to: Mayor-elect Jim Greenway; Councilmen-elect Jeff Harris and John James; and Councilman Millsaps. A special election will be held December 20th to determine the fourth council seat.

Manager Mills stated this was the final meeting for Mayor Keller and Councilmembers Cartwright, Parks and Jones (who was absent). He said it had been a pleasure working with all of them over the years.

Councilmember Millsaps said he enjoyed working with this council and is looking forward to serving with the new council.

Councilmember Cartwright said it had been an honor and a pleasure to serve the City of Loudon.

Mayor Keller said it had been an honor and a pleasure to serve the City of Loudon. She said she had enjoyed working with Manager Mills, Attorney Ford, Recorder Putkonen and all of the department heads. She said she had learned a lot and seen a lot of good things during her term. She added that she leaves the office in the capable hands of the new mayor.

Councilmember Parks said he had the same sentiments. He added he would be happy to help the new council anyway that he can.

Recreation Director Mark Harrell handed out a schedule of events for Christmas in Olde Loudon.

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor