

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on January 19, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Meeting Room. Those present were: Mayor Jim Greenway, Councilmen: Jeff Harris, Johnny James, Lynn Millsaps and Dennis Stewart. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills, City Attorney Joe Ford and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. Stephanie Smallen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. The press was represented by Katherine Fernandez with the *Loudon County News Herald*. There were twenty-eight people present.

Councilman Harris held the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Greenway asked if council members had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15, 2014. **A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James and unanimously passed to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15, 2014.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$1.922 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.928 per gallon) on December 22, 2014 from Rogers Petroleum. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase from Rogers Petroleum of gasoline (\$1.922 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.928 per gallon) on December 22, 2014.**

Mayor Greenway recognized the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. No one had anything to discuss that was not on the agenda.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing the sharing in the cost with Loudon County of the hiring of former state tax attorney Tommy Lee to act as the legal representative in the tax appraisal disputes with Tate & Lyle and Kimberly Clark. The city's portion would be \$2,500. Mayor Greenway asked that action be deferred until March. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously passed to defer action on this resolution until the March meeting.**

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution requesting an extension of the deadline until June 30, 2015 of the grant from USDA for the Sugarlimb Industrial Park sign. Manager Mills explained that the bids all came in over budget. The recommendation was to reject all bids. An extension was necessary to allow time to rebid. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01

REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SIGN AT THE SUGARLIMB INDUSTRIAL PARK ENTRANCE

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution approving the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for employees. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

APPROVING THE CITY OF LOUDON SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution designating the city manager and the Courthouse Square Grant Ratification Committee as the administrators of the Courthouse Square Revitalization Pilot Project programs. Manager Mills explained that East Tennessee Development District had administered the programs in the past, but they requested to be replaced. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

**DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE
GRANT RATIFICATION COMMITTEE AS THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE
COURTHOUSE SQUARE REVITALIZATION INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution amending the Courthouse Square Revitalization Commercial Building Rehabilitation Grant application program to allow the Loudon Merchants and Property Owners Association (LMPOA) to include interior and roof repairs at 100% reimbursement up to \$75,000. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03

**AMENDING THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE REVITALIZATION
COMMERCIAL BUILDING REHABILITATION GRANT
APPLICATION PROGRAM**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to amend the program policies and procedures of the Courthouse Square Revitalization Act Commercial Building Rehabilitation Program to allow interior and roofing repairs as eligible expenses for the LMPOA; and to allow the LMPOA to receive advances on their approved grant. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04

**AMENDING THE PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
CITY OF LOUDON'S COURTHOUSE SQUARE REVITALIZATION ACT
COMMERCIAL BUILDING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing the replacement of a 2014 Ford F250 truck in the Parks and Recreation Department as part of the ongoing vehicle replacement program. The cost of the exchange of the vehicle for a 2015 Ford F250 truck was \$600. A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05

**AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUING VEHICLE REPLACE-
MENT PROGRAM OF CITY VEHICLES**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to authorize the purchase of ten self-contained breathing apparatus bottles for the Fire Department. Manager Mills explained that rather than replace two per year at \$900 each, it was recommended that they purchase ten at the current available price of \$660 each. The savings would be \$2,700 over five years. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED
BREATHING APPARATUS BOTTLES**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN ...5430) owned by the Fire Department to be considered surplus. A 2000 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN ...4909) will be transferred from the Police Department to the Fire Department. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07

**AUTHORIZING 1997 FORD CROWN VICTORIA TO BE
CONSIDERED SURPLUS**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway appointed Jeff Harris to the Planning Commission as the city council representative. The term will expire with the term of council.

Mayor Greenway appointed Jimmy Parks to the Planning Commission representing the mayor. The term will expire with the term of the mayor.

Mayor Greenway appointed Bart Watson to the Industrial Development Board replacing Ken Brewster. The term will expire August 20, 2019.

Mayor Greenway appointed John Cardwell to the Industrial Development Board replacing Whitney Cardin. The term will expire August 21, 2017.

Mayor Greenway appointed Lynn Millsaps to the Loudon Merchant and Property Owners Association as the city council representative. The term will expire with the term of council.

Mayor Greenway appointed Dennis Stewart to the Recreation Advisory Committee as the city council representative. The term will expire with the term of council.

Mayor Greenway appointed Jeff Harris to the Historic Zoning Commission as the city council representative. The term will expire with the term of council.

Mayor Greenway appointed Dennis Stewart to the Blair Bend Industrial Park Committee as the city council representative. The term will expire with the term of council.

Mayor Greenway appointed Johnny James to the Courthouse Square Area Grant Ratification Committee as the city council representative. The term will expire with the term of council.

Mayor Greenway recommended Johnny James be appointed to the Loudon Utilities Board as the city council representative. The term will expire with the term of council. All voted AYE except Harris who voted NAY.

Mayor Greenway recommended Lynn Millsaps be appointed vice-mayor. All voted AYE except Harris who voted NAY.

Recreation Director Mark Harrell reported that he had been notified that TVA had awarded the city a \$15,000 matching grant for erosion control on the riverbank at Riverside Park. He said he should have more information next month.

Mr. Robert Harrison introduced himself and stated that he had served on the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission for twenty years. He invited city council to attend their commission meeting to be held on Wednesday January 21 at the County Office Building.

Councilman Harris thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their fundraising for the children's Christmas gift program. He also thanked them for their work at a recent fire at Blairland Baptist Church.

Councilman Millsaps thanked the Lyric Theatre Company for all of their work in putting on the plays at the theatre. He also wanted to publicly thank volunteers who picked up trash on Highway 11 from the high school to Bell Road.

Manager Mills reported that the new traffic lights on Highway 11 at Ward Avenue and at Highway 72 were operational. He added that they were still being tweaked.

Mayor Greenway recessed the regular meeting at 8:45 P.M. for an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Greenway called the executive session to order at 8:48 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Jim Greenway, Councilmen: Jeff Harris, Johnny James, Lynn Millsaps and Dennis Stewart. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills, City Attorney Joe Ford, City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen and Loudon Utilities Assistant Manager/Chief Finance Officer Mike Lambert.

The purpose of the executive session was for City Attorney Ford to explain the background and the reasons behind the decision to cease negotiations with the labor union representing certain employees of Loudon Utilities.

Mayor Greenway adjourned the executive session at 9:20 P.M.

Mayor Greenway reconvened the regular meeting at 9:21 P.M. Others present were Stephanie Smallen, Mike Campbell and Eddie McAllister.

Mayor Greenway asked if there was anything else to bring before city council. There being nothing, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 9:22 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor