

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL February 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on February 17, 2015 at 7:32 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. The press was not represented. There were seven people present.

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

Mayor Greenway commended all who responded to the recent ice storm.

Mayor Greenway asked if council members had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2015. Councilman Harris made the following corrections: he voted NAY on the motion to defer action on the hiring of an attorney to act as the legal representative in the tax appraisal disputes with Tate & Lyle and Kimberly Clark, and that the action was deferred to the February meeting not the March meeting. Lynn Millsaps asked that VFW Post 5150 be added to his comment thanking volunteers for picking up trash on Highway 11. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Harris and unanimously passed to approve as corrected, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2015.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$1.682 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.751 per gallon) on February 2, 2015 from Rogers Petroleum. Manager Mills stated that this purchase reflected the change from 89 octane to 87 octane gasoline. **A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Harris and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase from Rogers Petroleum of gasoline (\$1.682 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.751 per gallon) on February 2, 2015.**

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.

Council considered the waiver of the \$200 rental fee for the use of Loudon Municipal Park (LMP) for the Loudon Lions Club to enable them to have a carnival from April 20 – 26, 2015. **A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Millsaps and unanimously passed to waive the \$200 rental fee for use of the LMP for the Loudon Lions Club to hold a carnival.**

Council considered naming the newly renovated pool facility, Loudon Water Park. **A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously passed to name the newly renovated pool facility, Loudon Water Park.**

Council considered naming the city owned property at the corner of Poplar Street and Wharf Street, Loudon Veterans' Park. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously passed to name the city owned property at the corner of Poplar Street and Wharf Street, Loudon Veterans' Park.**

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance to amend the zoning map by rezoning approximately eleven acres of property referenced by Tax Map 48, Parcel 41.08 from R-2 to C-2. Manager Mills explained that the owner of the property plans to expand the storage business located off of Highway 72 behind the "old Food City" shopping center. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James 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 APPROXIMATELY 11 ACRES OF PROPERTY
REFERENCED: TAX MAP 48, PARCEL 41.08 FROM R-2 (HIGH DENSITY
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO C-2 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT)**

Upon a vote the AYES were: Harris, James, Millsaps, Stewart and Greenway. Mayor Greenway declared that the ordinance passed on first reading. A public hearing was scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 7:20 P.M.

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance to allow thirty (30) minute parking on the Highway 72 frontage road beginning at Centre Park Drive and ending at the intersection of the driveway opposite Cedar Grove Drive. A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Millsaps that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

REGULATING PARKING ON CERTAIN HIGHWAY 72 FRONTAGE ROAD

Upon a vote the AYES were: James, Millsaps, Harris, Stewart and Greenway. Mayor Greenway declared that the ordinance passed on first reading. A public hearing was scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 7:25 P.M.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution setting the Loudon Water Park fees. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08

LOUDON WATER PARK FEES

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing a contract with ACAA/Dr. K's Baseball for the use of up to twenty-eight (28) weekends this season at Loudon Municipal Park. Recreation Director Harrell explained that the fee was \$300 instead of \$700 because the organization will prep and maintain the fields during the tournament and guarantee \$300 per weekend even if they cancel for rain. He added that he felt the organization will use the fields 15 to 20 weekends. Attorney Ford stated he was comfortable with the language in the contract. A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-09

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH ACAA/DR. K'S BASEBALL

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution approving the lease of the concession stands at Loudon Municipal Park to the Loudon Middle School Football Booster Club. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

APPROVING LEASE OF CONCESSION STANDS AT LOUDON MUNICIPAL PARK

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution approving the repair of the river bank erosion at Riverside Park. Manager Mills explained that TVA has offered to pay fifty percent (50%) of the costs up to \$15,000 for the project. He said three quotes had been received. Manager Mills recommended contracting with Bayside Docks & More as suggested by Recreation Director Harrell. Councilman Millsaps asked how the city would provide the match. Recreation Director Harrell responded that funds previously designated for other things would be used. He added that the work had to be completed before TVA raised the water level.

Councilman Harris asked Attorney Ford if it was legal to approve the contract without getting bids. Manager Mills said there was a provision in the charter. Attorney Ford said he would have to check the charter.

Mayor Greenway went on to the next item on the agenda while Attorney Ford reviewed the charter.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of a decorative gate from Quality Fencing in the amount of \$623.81. The gate would be installed at the property named earlier in this meeting as Loudon Veterans' Park. The gate would match the fence that was approved in November 2014. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A DECORATIVE GATE AT PARK PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN LOUDON

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

After review of the charter, Attorney Ford said that according to page C-19 (Article IX) Section 14 the contract could be awarded by a unanimously approved resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12

APPROVING THE REPAIR OF THE RIVER BANK EROSION AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to extend the application deadline until March 31, 2015 for the Courthouse Square Revitalization Act Commercial Building Rehabilitation Act Program. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13

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 Greenway presented a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Manager Mills said Fire Chief Mike Brubaker wanted to apply to add one firefighter per shift for a total of three. He said at this point the chief was only asking to make application. The final commitment would not be made until the grant was awarded and council accepted it.

Councilman Millsaps expressed his concerns about the costs the city would incur for the firefighters after the grant was over. He estimated it could require a \$0.04 tax increase to fund the positions. He pointed out that the median income in the City of Loudon in 2010 was \$18,200. He added that three industries had closed in the past few years.

Fire Chief Brubaker said the grant did not mandate retaining the firefighters at the end of the grant. He added that the deadline to apply was March 9, 2015.

Mayor Greenway asked how Loudon's fire department stacked up compared to other cities our size.

Fire Chief Brubaker said Sweetwater was about the same, but Kingston had more firefighters.

Councilman James said he would go on record to support applying for the grant. If it comes back for approval, he would have to see in writing that the firefighters could be terminated.

Councilman Millsaps said he could not see offering a job, possibly requiring relocation, and then terminate the person in two years.

Mayor Greenway called for a motion. Councilman Harris made a motion and Councilman James seconded the motion to approve the following resolution:

APPROVING SUBMITTAL FOR APPLICATION FOR A STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT

Upon a vote the AYES were: Harris and James. The NAYS were: Millsaps, Stewart and Greenway. Mayor Greenway declared the resolution failed to pass.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution for which action was deferred until this month. The resolution pertained to participating with Loudon County in the cost of hiring former state tax attorney Robert T. Lee as the legal representative in the tax appeals filed by Tate & Lyle and Kimberly-Clark. The city's portion would not exceed \$2,500. A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Harris to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14

AUTHORIZING LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution adopting the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) consultant selection policy. Manager Mills explained this was a requirement of TDOT for the Queener Road grant. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-15

**ADOPTING THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT SELECTION POLICY**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway asked that potential charter changes and changing of the meeting time be on the agenda for discussion at the next workshop.

There being no further business, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 8:52 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor