

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on April 20, 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. The press was not represented. Stephanie Smullen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were nine people present.

Mayor Greenway asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to lead the invocation. He recognized Reverend Walt Simmerman. Councilman Harris 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 March 16, 2015. **A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously passed to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2015.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$1.7934 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.8119 per gallon) on April 14, 2015 from Pilot Travel Centers LLC. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Harris and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase from Pilot Travel Centers LLC of gasoline (\$1.7934 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.8119 per gallon) on April 14, 2015.**

Mayor Greenway recognized the visitors and department heads. He asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. There was no response.

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance for second and final reading to change the time of the regular city council meetings from 7:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. effective with the July 2015 regular meeting. A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following ordinance be passed on final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-101, OF THE CITY OF LOUDON MUNICIPAL CODE

Upon a vote the AYES were: James, Stewart, Harris, Millsaps and Greenway. Mayor Greenway declared that the ordinance passed on final reading.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing the sale of approximately two to three acres at \$15,000 per acre in Sugarlimb Industrial Park to Noverhed, Inc. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-18

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SUGARLIMB INDUSTRIAL PARK TO NOVERHED, INC.

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution approving the lease or sale of five to seven acres at \$15,000 per acre (or ten percent of \$15,000 per acre if a lease) to Restoration Services, Inc. in Sugarlimb Industrial Park. A motion was made by Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19

APPROVING THE LEASE OR SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SUGARLIMB INDUSTRIAL PARK TO RESTORATION SERVICES, INC.

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to approve the replacement of certain vehicles participating in the vehicle replacement program through Jacky Jones Ford-Mercury. A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20

**AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUING VEHICLE
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM OF CITY VEHICLES**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Council considered the approval of a certificate of compliance for Jim Purdy, owner of Grove Wine & Spirits. **A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman James and unanimously passed that a certificate of compliance for Jim Purdy, owner of Grove Wine & Spirits, be approved.**

Manager Mills explained that there had been a raid in the city performed by the Ninth Judicial Drug Task Force (Task Force). Several weapons were confiscated during the raid. State law prohibits the Task Force from disposing of the weapons. The sale is required to go through the local jurisdiction. The police department has completed the sale on govdeals.com in the amount of \$10,562.98. The money now has to be transferred back to the Task Force. There should be a contribution back to the city at some time in the future. It is asked that council approve the conveyance of the money to the Task Force. **A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Millsaps and unanimously passed to approve the payment of \$10,562.98 to the Ninth Judicial Drug Task Force for the sale of confiscated weapons.**

Manager Mills reminded council that the Loudon Water Park ribbon cutting ceremony would be held Friday April 24, 2015 at noon.

City Attorney Ford asked for an executive session.

Mayor Greenway recessed the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Greenway called the executive session to order at 7:50 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Greenway, Councilmen Harris, James, Millsaps and Stewart, City Manager Mills, City Attorney Ford and City Recorder Putkonen.

Attorney Ford brought council up to date on potential litigation regarding the Poplar Springs Landfill and a lawsuit that had been filed pertaining to a fall in Lions Club Park.

Mayor Greenway adjourned the executive session at 8:12 P.M.

Mayor Greenway reconvened the regular meeting at 8:14 P.M. Stephanie Smallen, five department heads and one citizen were also present.

Councilman Stewart asked about the status of repairs to the property on Commerce Street owned by Bill Watkins. Manager Mills responded that he had turned in a Courthouse Square Commercial Building Rehabilitation grant application for exterior repairs to the building.

Councilman Millsaps asked that the following be looked into: a turn lane on Highway 72 at Grove Street, a traffic light at the southbound exit of I-75 and a turn light on Highway 11 at Highland Avenue. Public Works Director Bill Fagg said a grant was currently being sought to upgrade all of the traffic lights. Manager Mills said he did not know how long that will take. Councilman Millsaps asked that the turn light be checked into in the meantime.

Recreation Director Harrell said he had received some donations for the July 3rd fireworks show to be held at Loudon Municipal Park.

Mayor Greenway said he would donate \$100 and challenged the other councilmen to also donate.

There being no further business, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor