

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on February 16, 2016 at 6:30 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. Maureen Colvin video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were ten people present.

Mayor Greenway asked Councilman Harris to lead the invocation and 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 January 18, 2016. **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 January 18, 2016.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$1.3315 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$0.9927 per gallon) on January 18, 2016 from Rogers Petroleum. **A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Millsaps and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase from Rogers Petroleum of gasoline (\$1.3315 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$0.9927 per gallon) on January 18, 2016.**

Mayor Greenway recognized the visitors. He asked if there was anything that did not appear on the agenda that anyone wanted to address. There was no response.

Mayor Greenway stated that Jay (Amjad Lufti) Alawadi, the owner of Redskin Cafe, Inc. has made application to the City of Loudon for a Certificate of Compliance for a liquor store located at 12353 Highway 72 N. Manager Mills added that Mr. Alawadi was in the process of purchasing the business, 72 Wine & Spirits, currently at that location. The required three notices have been published in the Loudon County News Herald, and a background check was performed by the police department.

Mayor Greenway opened the meeting for anyone who may have any comments pertaining to this application. There was no response. Mayor Greenway called for a motion.

Councilman Millsaps made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Amjad Lufti (Jay) Alawadi for a liquor store located at 12353 Highway 72 N. Upon a vote, all voted AYE except Councilman James who abstained.

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance for first reading to abandon an unopened roadway from Highland Avenue to Osborne Street. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

ABANDONMENT OF THE UNOPENED ROADWAY FROM HIGHLAND AVENUE TO OSBORNE STREET

Upon a vote, the AYES were: Harris, Stewart, James, Millsaps and Greenway. Mayor Greenway declared the ordinance passed on first reading. A public hearing was scheduled for 6:25 P.M. on March 21, 2016.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to reject the bids for improvements at the Riverside Park peninsula. Manager Mills explained the reason to reject the bids was the extreme difference in the two bids received. The low bid was from Harvey Lowe Construction for \$16,470 and the other bid was from Herrco, Inc. for \$74,900.

Councilman Millsaps asked when the work needed to be completed to receive the TVA grant. Manager Mills responded that the work needed to be completed by March 31.

A motion was made by Councilman Harris to approve the resolution. Mayor Greenway called for a second. There was none. Mayor Greenway said the resolution failed for lack of a second.

City Attorney Joe Ford explained that the low bidder's bid did not comply with all of the requirements. He added that it was not a big project. He recommended the rejection of the bids; and that the city take the project in-house by purchasing all of the materials and contracting for the construction of the sidewalk.

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05

**APPROVING THE REJECTION OF ALL CONCRETE BIDS
FOR THE RIVERSIDE PENINSULA PROJECT**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to authorize contracting with Harvey Lowe Construction for the construction of a sidewalk and fishing deck near the boat dock at Riverside Park. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06

**AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK
AND FISHING DECK AT THE TENNESSEE RIVER**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to approve Nathan Scott as the project manager for the construction of a concession stand and restrooms at the amphitheater in Loudon Municipal Park. Manager Mills said Mr. Scott would be paid six payments of \$1,500 for his services. A motion was made by Councilman Stewart to approve the resolution. Mayor Greenway called for a second to the motion.

Mayor Greenway asked Vice-mayor Millsaps to preside over the meeting. Vice-Mayor Millsaps called for a second to the motion. Mayor Greenway seconded the motion that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07

**APPROVING A PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE LOUDON
MUNICIPAL PARK CONCESSION & RESTROOM FACILITY**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Vice-mayor Millsaps returned the control of the meeting to the mayor.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to authorize the purchase and installation of a heat and air system for the Lions Club Pavilion. **After some discussion, Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Harris and unanimously passed to table the resolution.**

Mayor Greenway presented for council consideration two options from Springfield Asphalt Paving Co. pertaining to the refurbishing of the Liberty Park tennis courts and parking area. One option would be to only refurbish the tennis courts at a cost of \$31,393. The other option would be to also repave the tennis courts at a total cost of \$78,613. The paving of the parking lot for both options was an additional \$22,885. After some discussion, the mayor recommended the \$31,393 plus the \$22,885 for the parking lot. Council concurred. A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08

**APPROVING THE REFURBISHING OF THE LIBERTY PARK
TENNIS COURTS AND PARKING AREA**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to amend the pay classification plan by adding the position of accountant. Manager Mills stated that this position should have been created years ago in recognition of the additional workload on the position of bookkeeper and to provide additional flexibility for the future.

Mayor Greenway said he felt it needed to be done. He added that they had discussed at the workshop breaking the pay raise into three parts.

Councilman Harris asked if the first raise was effective March 1 and the second one the first of July. Manager Mills responded affirmatively.

Mayor Greenway said there was recently a similar situation in the utilities. He asked if it was divided out. Manager Mills responded no that the salary increase was all at once.

Councilman Stewart said he could not support it.

A motion was made by Councilman Harris to approve the resolution. Mayor Greenway called for a second to the motion.

Mayor Greenway asked Vice-mayor Millsaps to preside over the meeting. Vice-Mayor Millsaps called for a second to the motion. Mayor Greenway seconded the motion that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-28 (AMENDING THE
PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN) ADOPTED JUNE 15, 2015 TO
PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF ACCOUNTANT**

Upon a vote, all vote AYE except Stewart who voted NAY. Vice-mayor Millsaps declared the resolution passed.

Vice-mayor Millsaps returned the control of the meeting to the mayor.

Mayor Greenway asked if there was anything else to come before the council.

Manager Mills said that Mr. Rick Russell with Brown, Pearman and Russell contacted the city recorder late in the afternoon asking if the city wanted to apply for a HOME grant. He added that the deadline to apply was March 4th.

City Recorder Putkonen explained that the application would be for \$500,000; and Mr. Russell thought the city had a very good chance of being awarded the grant.

Council concurred that it would be good for the citizens of the city. **A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously passed to apply for the HOME grant.**

Councilman Millsaps asked about camera policies in the police department. Police Chief Webb said the department had a policy for the body worn cameras as well as in car cameras. Councilman Millsaps asked for copies of all of the camera policies for the police department.

Councilman Millsaps praised the public works department for the good job they did during the recent snowfall. He also thanked them for the help provided to Ken Brewster in cleaning off the lot on Main Street at the river.

Councilman Stewart said Butch Thompson had asked if it might be possible to provide parking for vehicles with boat trailers on the property on Main Street recently purchased from Rick Dover. He said they didn't need it paved or graveled. They just need a drive up to park on the hill. Manager Mills asked if the access would be from Main Street. Councilman Stewart said yes. Manager Mills said he would check into it.

Mayor Greenway asked to receive budget information earlier this year than last year. Manager Mills said he would try to get preliminary budget information earlier.

There being no further business, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor