

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

April 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on April 18, 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 Attorney Joe Ford and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. City Manager Lynn Mills was absent. The press was represented by Heidi Lara with the *Loudon County News Herald*. Maureen Colvin video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were sixteen 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 March 21, 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 March 21, 2016.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$1.588 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.2562 per gallon) on March 31, 2016 from Rogers Petroleum. **A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman James and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase from Rogers Petroleum of gasoline (\$1.588 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.2562 per gallon) on March 31, 2016.**

Mayor Greenway recognized the visitors. He asked if there was anything that did not appear on the agenda that anyone wanted to address. He recognized Mr. Jimmy Parks.

Mr. Parks said he was there to surrender his weapon and uniforms. He explained that he had received a certified letter from the police chief stating that he was terminated (as a part time police officer) because he did not attend in-service training. He said he wasn't aware of the in-service training because they have not called him to work since his son (who also worked as a part time officer) got into an argument with the chief about scheduling. His son had arranged his full time job work schedule and showed up to work only to be told he was not needed. He was further told that no one in the department had to notify him of schedule changes.

Councilman Millsaps asked how long he had been a part time police officer. Mr. Parks responded he had been a part time officer for 38 years.

Councilman James said he would like to hear the other side of the story.

Mayor Greenway asked if it was mandatory to go to training. Parks responded that it was.

Councilman Stewart asked Mr. Parks if wanted to continue to work as a part time police officer. He responded that he did not. He wanted the chief to apologize to his son for not notifying him that he was not scheduled to work.

Mayor Greenway said he would speak to Police Chief Webb.

Mr. Parks asked if he should take his uniforms and weapon back until things are resolved. Mayor Greenway told him yes.

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget. A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

AMENDING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Upon a vote, the AYES were: James, Harris, Stewart, Millsaps and Greenway. Mayor Greenway declared the ordinance passed on first reading. He scheduled a public hearing to be held at 6:25 PM on May 16, 2016.

Mayor Greenway presented the resolution to approve a gift agreement with VanHooseCo Precast LLC. He welcomed Mr. Don Atkins and Mr. Jeff Vanhose and asked Recreation Director Mark Harrell to explain the agreement. Director Harrell said the construction cost of the concession and restroom facility at the Tate & Lyle Amphitheatre was well under budget thanks to their generosity. He added that the walls they installed expedited the project by three weeks. In exchange for naming rights of the building they are donating \$23,562 to be paid over the next two years.

Councilman Millsaps thanked them for all they do for the community. He added that he was happy to have voted for the PILOT agreement that was approved several months ago.

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14

APPROVING A GIFT AGREEMENT WITH VANHOUSECO PRECAST LLC

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to authorize the annual payment of the sign near the Loudon exit on Interstate 75 that says "Historic Downtown Loudon." He explained that the Loudon Merchants and Property Owners Association (LMPOA) had been paying for the sign with a \$500 reimbursement from the Loudon County Visitors Bureau. This year the bill went up from \$575 to \$1,600. Ms. Patti Wells, representing the LMPOA, said they did not have the money to pay the additional \$1,100.

There was considerable debate about the funding and the necessity of the sign. Mr. Wayne Flynn, owner of Past Tymes Antiques, said he had recently purchased and remodeled a house in downtown Loudon for his business. He said the businesses downtown depend on the signs to draw people off of the Interstate. He said the State has hurt a lot of small businesses with the increase in the cost of the Interstate signs.

Councilman Millsaps suggested a separate line item in next year's budget be created for the funding of the sign. The city go ahead and pay the \$1,100 this year. Next year's budget would include the \$1,600 and reduce the Visitors Bureau contribution by \$500.

A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution with Councilman Millsaps' recommendation be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15

**AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL PAYMENT FOR
"HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LOUDON" SIGNAGE**

Upon a vote, all voted AYE, except Stewart who voted NAY.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing Kimley-Horn to perform professional consulting services for the CMAQ Congestion Mitigation Grant and the CMAQ Air Quality Improvement Grant. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to approve a final invoice in the amount of \$12,701.11 for the bridge lighting from the Tennessee Department of Transportation. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17

APPROVING THE FINAL INVOICE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE BRIDGE LIGHTING

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to approve the donation of a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria police car to the Blount County Sheriff Department. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18

APPROVING THE DONATION OF A 2000 FORD CROWN VICTORIA TO THE BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance to approve VC Veterans Contracting LLC for the installation of the roof on the concession and restroom building in Loudon Municipal Park for \$14,010. A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19

AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF NEW ROOFING

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to authorize additional sidewalk and fishing deck construction at the river. The cost of the project from Harvey Lowe Construction was \$7,575. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-20

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIDEWALK AND FISHING DECK AT THE TENNESSEE RIVER

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authoring the submission of a Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant application. Recreation Director Harrell advised that the deadline was Friday, April 22. He said he planned to apply to extend the greenway. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUND FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway said a list of projects for the Loudon Transportation Mobility Plan had been prepared by the Loudon County Economic Development Agency Director Pat Phillips. Director Phillips had asked for council to rank them as to their importance.

Public Works Director Bill Fagg explained that the projects can be done over a period of four years and there is no commitment to do all of the projects. The grant reimburses 80%, therefore, requiring a 20% match. He said his list included Maremont Parkway, but the one given to council did not.

A motion was made by Councilman James to make a commitment to fund the listed road projects.

Councilman Millsaps suggested they also include Maremont Parkway.

Councilman James amended his motion to include Maremont Parkway. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion. Upon a vote it unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway recommended the appointment of Patty Quincey to replace Rebecca Willis on the Historic Zoning Commission. All voted AYE.

Mayor Greenway reminded council members of a joint meeting with the Lenoir City Council and Loudon County Commission on April 19 at 6:00 PM.

Battalion Chief Mark Harvey reported about a class he attended. He said those who attended received certification from the Veterans Administration. The class was for first responders, police officers and emergency medical technicians. The class was about post-traumatic stress syndrome and suicide

Councilman Millsaps said he wanted to point out that the class was a good example of other things the Veterans Administration does in addition to helping veterans.

Councilman Harris commented on how clean the restrooms in the parks were. He asked Director Harrell to pass his appreciation on to the employees.

Councilman Millsaps recommended the city fund the \$3,500 seed money for the "Farm to Table Event" that the LMPOA had approached them about in the workshop meeting. He asked that the Courthouse Square Approval Committee consider funding it from the Courthouse Square Revitalization Fund. He also recommended the LMPOA keep the seed money to use year after year instead of giving it back. There was no stated opposition from other members of council.

There being no further business, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor