

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

July 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on July 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 Manager Lynn Mills, City Attorney Joe Ford and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. The press was represented by Heidi Lara with the *Loudon County News Herald*. Stephanie Smallen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were thirteen 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 June 20, 2016. **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 June 20, 2016.**

Mayor Greenway asked if council members had a chance to review the minutes of the special called meeting held on July 11, 2016. **A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman James and unanimously passed to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 11, 2016.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$1.5495 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.4227 per gallon) on July 14, 2016 from Rogers Petroleum. **A motion was made by Councilman James seconded by Councilman Harris and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase from Rogers Petroleum of gasoline (\$1.5495 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.4227 per gallon) on July 14, 2016.**

Mayor Greenway recognized Mr. Doug Rucker. Mr. Rucker said he was in need of a letter of subordination stating that the city would remain the second lienholder on his house that was built with HOME Grant funds. He said he was trying to refinance the house.

Attorney Ford stated that he had been in touch with Mr. Rucker's lender. They said they would contact him when they needed the letter. He added that he had not heard anything further from them.

Councilman Millsaps made a motion, seconded by Councilman James and unanimously passed that upon approval of the city attorney, a letter of subordination be issued to enable the Rucker's to refinance their house.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-07

AMENDING THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

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

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the 2016-2017 budget. Manager Mills explained that a couple of items had occurred since the passage of the budget. The items were signs for Blair Bend and Sugar Limb Industrial Parks and the HOME grant was awarded to the city. A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

AMENDING THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Upon a vote the AYES were: James, Harris, Millsaps, Stewart and Greenway. Mayor Greenway declared the ordinance passed on first reading. A public hearing was scheduled for August 15, 2016 at 6:25 P.M.

Mayor Greenway presented for discussion two options for making an exception to the picking up of tree limbs that a resident may have paid someone to cut up when it is the result of a severe storm. One option was to amend the ordinance. The other option was to pass a resolution. After considerable discussion, council decided to authorize the exception by resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35

ALLOWING FOR A SEVERE STORM DISPOSAL EXCEPTION

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution accepting the HOME Grant and authorizing a contract with Brown Pearman Russell, LLC (BPR) for administrative services. Mr. Rick Russell, representing BPR was present. He said his firm would be unable to provide the services. He said that he would recommend some other firms, but that the resolution adopting the policies and procedures for the HOME Grant did need to be approved.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution approving the policies and procedures for the HOME Grant program. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-36

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF LOUDON 2015-16 HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution approving the expenditures of \$15,000 for a sign in Blair Bend Industrial Park and \$15,000 for a sign in Sugar Limb Industrial Park. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-37

APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGNAGE

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to grant a permanent easement to RSI to enable them to better access their property. A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-38

AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A PERMANENT ACCESS EASEMENT TO RSI FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE INSTALLATION AND SERVICE OF SOLAR ARRAY EQUIPMENT IN SUGARLIMB INDUSTRIAL PARK

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing the replacement of a 2016 Ford Explorer (leased to Loudon County Economic Development Agency) and a 2015 Ford F150 (Parks & Recreation Department). The vehicles are part of the continuing vehicle replacement program with Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln Mercury. A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-39

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

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to continue the vehicle lease with the Loudon County Economic Development Agency. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-40

**AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOUDON
COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to declare as surplus a 2004 Ford Escape in the Parks and Recreation Department. The vehicle is to be traded in for a 2016 Ford Transit Connect XL van. The trade in value is \$3,500. The net cost of the new vehicle to be purchased from Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln Mercury is \$17,047. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-41

**AUTHORIZING RECREATION DEPARTMENT VEHICLE
TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS AND REPLACED**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

There was considerable discussion about a storm water problem at 802 Poplar Street. Mayor Greenway recommended the discussion be continued at a workshop.

Mayor Greenway recommended the re-appointment of Ham Carey and Patty Quincey to the Historic Zoning Commission. He asked for council approval. **A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously passed that Ham Carey and Patty Quincey be re-appointed to the Historic Zoning Commission.**

Mayor Greenway recommended Councilman Jeff Harris be appointed to the Loudon Merchants and Property Owners Association and the Courthouse Square Revitalization Committee. He asked for council approval. **A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman James and unanimously passed that Councilman Harris represent city council on the Loudon Merchants and Property Owners Association and the Courthouse Square Revitalization Committee.**

There being no further business, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor