

## REGULAR MEETING

### LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

December 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on December 19, 2016 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 seven people present.

Mayor Greenway called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He asked Councilman Harris to hold the invocation and lead 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 November 21, 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 November 21, 2016.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$1.7875 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.6797 per gallon) on December 16, 2016 from Rogers Petroleum. **A motion was made by Councilman James seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase from Rogers Petroleum of gasoline (\$1.7875 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.6797 per gallon) on December 16, 2016.**

Mayor Greenway welcomed the visitors and 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 amend the 2016-17 budget. Manager Mills explained the amendments for various grants, a donation to East Tennessee Foundation and the purchase of 96 gallon garbage cans. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following ordinance be passed on final reading:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12**

#### **AMENDING THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

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

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance for second and final reading to prohibit parking on the southwest side of Highway 72N around the intersection of Prospect Church Road. Manager Mills explained that the owner of the Over the Hill Grill (located at 16471 Hwy 72N) had made the request to prohibit tractor trailers from parking in front of his business. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following ordinance be approved on final reading:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-13**

#### **PROHIBITING PARKING OF A SECTION ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 72N**

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

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. Manager Mills explained the amendments were to provide the funding for the clean-up of dilapidated properties, the repair of a drainage issue and the lighting on Municipal Park Drive. A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Harris that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

#### **AMENDING THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

Upon a vote the AYES were: Stewart, Harris, James, Millsaps and Greenway. Mayor Greenway declared the ordinance passed on first reading. A public hearing was scheduled for 6:20 P.M. on January 16, 2017.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for a grant to resurface Blair Bend Drive. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-60**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOUDON, TENNESSEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING FOR RESURFACING OF BLAIR BEND ROAD**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to authorize the purchase and installation of LED lighting in Loudon Municipal Park. Manager Mills said the quote from Loudon Utilities was \$20,000 for seven LED lights and poles to be installed along Municipal Park Drive. A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-61**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE LIGHTING IN THE CITY OF LOUDON MUNICIPAL PARK**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to authorize the even trade of a 2016 Ford F150 in the Police Department for a 2017 Ford F150 through the Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln Mercury vehicle replacement program. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-62**

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

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to surplus and trade in a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$10,000 and purchase a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUV from Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln Mercury for \$30,688 (net cost \$20,688). A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-63**

**AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS OF A 2009 CHEVROLET TAHOE AND PURCHASE OF A 2017 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution authorizing the development of an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) grievance procedure. Manager Mills explained this was necessary to comply with Federal Highway Administration requirements. He added that future steps will have to be taken. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-64**

**DEVELOPING AN AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Manager Mills reported that Codes Enforcement Officer Travis Gray had issued orders to demolish properties at 402 Angel Row and 734 Highland Avenue due to their state of dilapidation. He will begin the process of securing bids.

There was a short discussion about a potential manufacturer interested in locating in Blair Bend Industrial Park.

Councilman Millsaps thanked everyone responsible for the Christmas lights around town. He also thanked the VFW Post 5150 for picking up litter.

Councilman Millsaps stated that former Mayor Bernie "Inky" Swiney had recently passed away. He wanted to state a thank you for all of his years of public service to the City of Loudon.

Recreation Director Harrell reported that the Christmas parade was the largest one he could remember. There were fourteen floats. The winners were: first place Blairland Church, second place Loudon Utilities and third place Marantha Church of the Harvest. He added that the judging was done by a third party, and not by anyone connected to the City of Loudon.

Mayor Greenway called for an executive session. He recessed the meeting at 6:56 P.M.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Greenway called the executive session to order at 6:57 P.M. Members of council present were: Councilmen Jeff Harris, Johnny James, Lynn Millsaps, Dennis Stewart and Mayor Jim Greenway. Others present were City Attorney Joe Ford, Attorney Howard Jackson and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen.

City Attorney Joe Ford reported that City Manager Mills had hired an attorney to represent him as a result of the action taken by city council last month. Attorney Jackson and he reported to council on the negotiations.

**Mayor Greenway adjourned the executive session at 7:20 P.M.**

Mayor Greenway reconvened the regular meeting at 7:21 P.M. Heidi Lara, Stephanie Smallen, Eddie McAllister and Mark Harrell returned to the meeting.

Attorney Ford asked for an extension until the January meeting to continue negotiations with Manager Mills pertaining to the vacating of his position.

**A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously approved to grant an extension until the January meeting for Attorney Ford to continue negotiations with City Manager Mills.**

There being no further business, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

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Recorder

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Mayor