

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on January 16, 2017 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. The press was represented by Heidi Lara with the *Loudon County News Herald*. Stephanie Smullen video recorded the meeting for LCTV3. There were twelve 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 December 19, 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 December 19, 2016.**

Council considered the awarding of a bid for the demolition of a house at 734 Highland Avenue. Three bids were received: Curtis Excavating Company, Inc. - \$9,500, Stephens Excavating LLC - \$12,400 and Asbestos Management Company - \$16,995. **A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Harris and unanimously approved to award the bid for the demolition of a structure at 734 Highland Avenue to the low bidder, Curtis Excavating Company, Inc.**

Council considered the awarding of a bid for the demolition of a house at 402 Angel Row. Two bids were received: Stephens Excavating LLC - \$12,800 and Asbestos Management Company - \$11,000. **A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously approved to award the bid for the demolition of a structure at 402 Angel Row to the low bidder, Asbestos Management Company**

Mayor Greenway welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. He recognized Brendan DeBoer representing the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force.

Mr. DeBoer reported on the arrests and prosecutions in 2016. He added that the officer provided by the City of Loudon was irreplaceable. He thanked city council for allowing the officer to participate with the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force.

Mayor Greenway recognized Loudon County Property Assessor Mike Campbell. Mr. Campbell said he was there for any follow up questions from the workshop. There were no questions.

Mayor Greenway presented an ordinance for second and final reading to amend the 2016-17 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following ordinance be passed on final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

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 a resolution approving the City of Loudon Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

APPROVING THE CITY OF LOUDON SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to concur with the plan presented by Public Works Director Bill Fagg for proposed improvements to the drainage system in the Poplar Street and Church Street area. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

CONCURRING WITH THE PROPOSED DRAINAGE DITCH IMPROVEMENTS

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

City Attorney Ford reported he had been unable to work out an agreement with City Manager Lynn Mills regarding the vacation of his position. He recommended the city council rescind the motion made at the November meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman James, seconded by Councilman Stewart and unanimously approved to rescind the motion from the November city council meeting to have City Manager Mills vacate his position as city manager subject to working out a severance agreement with Attorney Ford.

Mayor Greenway asked if the budget could be given to council for review in April. Upon recommendation of Attorney Ford, Mayor Greenway directed the city manager to provide the budget to city council for its review prior to May.

There was a discussion about the fence removal at Centre 75 Business Park. There was also a discussion pertaining to a broken boat dock at Legion Park.

There being no further business, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor