

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on February 21, 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 fourteen 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 January 16, 2017. **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 January 16, 2017.**

Mayor Greenway asked Recreation Director Mark Harrell to introduce the Project ABLE representatives from Loudon High School. He recognized Jason Vance, Superintendent of Schools, Melanie Amburn and other supervisors that were present. He thanked them for the great working relationship between the schools and the parks and recreation department. He then introduced Mr. Bob Tripp who explained the program.

Mr. Tripp explained that the program allows students in CDC to go out to local businesses in Loudon County on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This opportunity equips the students with both life and job skills. He said twelve students were currently participating. He added that no business he had asked to participate had turned him down.

Mayor Greenway thanked him for his work with the students and the administration for its support of the program.

Council considered the withdrawal of the bid awarded last month for the demolition of a house at 734 Highland Avenue. **A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James and unanimously approved to accept the withdrawal of the bid for the demolition of a structure at 734 Highland Avenue from Curtis Excavating Company, Inc.**

Council considered the awarding of a bid for the demolition of a house at 734 Highland Avenue to the next lowest bid, Stephens Excavating LLC in the amount of \$12,400. **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 734 Highland Avenue to the second low bidder, Stephens Excavating LLC in the amount of \$12,400.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$1.7037 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.6229 per gallon) on January 19, 2017 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 (\$1.7037 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$1.6229 per gallon) on January 19, 2017.**

Mayor Greenway presented a resolution to authorize payment of up to \$5,000 to Loudon Utilities for the services of John Canada for assistance in human resources. A motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman James that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03

AUTHORIZING THE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MR. JOHN CANADA FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

Upon a vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

Mayor Greenway re-appointed Dennis Stewart to the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission with the term ending March 2023.

Councilman James brought up the bicentennial celebration. He said a decision needed to be made to move forward. He said it needed to be discussed at the next workshop. He asked Recreation Director Harrell if he had any objections to taking the lead on it. Recreation Director Harrell said he would be willing to take it on.

Councilman James said he had been approached by Jim Purdy and Pete Stimpson about removing the one-way designation of Fort Hill West. They are working on getting the seashell museum open in about sixty days in the old high school building. After a short discussion, the mayor asked for it to be put on the workshop agenda.

Councilman James said it had been brought to his attention that there were three or four vehicles without city seals on them. He said that Public Works Director Bill Fagg told him they weren't brought in to the maintenance department for the seals. He added he thought it should be a policy.

Recorder Putkonen asked if the vehicles in question were city or utility vehicles. Councilman James said he was not sure.

Councilman Harris said if the vehicles belong to Loudon Utilities, then the utility board would have to deal with it. He asked Councilman James if he was going to bring this issue up at the utility board meeting. He said he would.

Councilman Millsaps suggested that a possible solution to the Fort Hill West situation might be to designate one-way traffic between certain hours in the evening when the football field might be used for practice and the museum would be closed.

Attorney Ford asked that the sale of property to Carroll Tuck be on the workshop agenda. He said he now had a survey in order to write the deed, but needs to know the dollar amount of the sale.

Attorney Ford asked for direction to give to John Canada, the human resource consultant. After a short discussion, Attorney Ford said he would have him contact each of them individual to discuss what they are interested in.

There being no further business, Mayor Greenway adjourned the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor