

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 5, 2012

The Loudon City Council held a special called meeting on April 5, 2012 in the Council Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. Those present were Mayor Judy Keller, Council members Mike Cartwright, Judy Jones, Lynn Millsaps, and Jimmy Parks. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills and Secretary Meghan Hull. The press was not represented.

Mayor Keller called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a City Attorney (due to the untimely death of City Attorney Edwin H. Arnold).

Manager Mills stated that upon recommendation of Mayor Keller he had spoken with Attorney Joe Ford regarding the position of the City of Loudon City Attorney. Mills explained that the City must have a city attorney in order for the delinquent property taxes to be turned over to the Clerk and Master for collection. Mills defined the general expectations of the position of city attorney. He stated that area cities are paying \$3,500 monthly, 80% of the insurance premium, and hours in excess [of twenty-two (22) hours] billed at the attorney's standard rate. Mills suggested payment of \$4,000 monthly retainer and hours in excess billed at the attorney's standard rate as an acceptable rate for the city attorney. Mills further stated that the Loudon Utility Board would be sharing the cost of the City Attorney by half of the compensation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to appoint Attorney Joseph R. Ford as the City of Loudon City Attorney with compensation of \$4,000 monthly retainer plus in excess hours billed at his standard rate.

Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 2:15 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor