

## REGULAR MEETING

### LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

February 22, 2011

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on February 22, 2011 in the Council Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Judy Keller, Council members Mike Cartwright, Judy Jones, Lynn Millsaps and Jimmy Parks. Also present were City Attorney Edwin Arnold, City Manager Lynn Mills and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. The press was not represented. There were eight citizens present.

Attorney Arnold held the invocation. Councilmember Cartwright led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Keller asked if council members had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17, 2011. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17, 2011.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.5379 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$2.7955 per gallon for diesel fuel) on February 7, 2011 from the low bidder Rogers Petroleum. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.5379 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$2.7955 per gallon for diesel fuel) on February 7, 2011 from Rogers Petroleum.**

Mayor Keller recognized the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. She recognized Mr. Wayne Arden, a resident of Green Acres Subdivision.

Mr. Arden had a problem understanding his utility bill. Manager Mills told him to come to the office the next day. He would be happy to go over it with him.

Mr. Arden then questioned who had the right of way at a red light. He said he had been run out of the road twice. He said he told a police officer that if he/she would watch at the traffic light he/she would catch people illegally turning right on a red light. He said the officer told him that since there is no sign prohibiting turning right on a red light, he/she could not enforce.

Manager Mills said the law requires stopping at the red light before turning right unless there is a sign posted prohibiting turning right on a red light. Police Chief Webb agreed.

Mayor Keller presented an ordinance to vacate an unopened portion of an alley from Pine Top Road to Blair Street. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following ordinance be approved on first reading:

#### **VACATING UNOPENED PORTION OF AN ALLEYWAY FROM PINE TOP ROAD TO BLAIR STREET**

Upon a vote, the AYES were: Millsaps, Parks, Cartwright, Jones and Keller. There were no NAY votes. She declared the ordinance passed on first reading

Mayor Keller presented the budget for the HOME Grant. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

#### **AMENDING THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO INCLUDE HOME GRANT**

Upon a vote, the AYES were: Cartwright, Jones, Millsaps, Parks and Keller. There were no NAY votes. She declared the ordinance passed on first reading.

Mayor Keller scheduled the public hearing pertaining to the alley to be held at 7:15 P.M. and the public hearing pertaining to the HOME grant budget at 7:20 P.M. on March 21, 2011.

Council considered accepting grants from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA to purchase equipment for the fire department. Manager Mills explained that one grant for \$550,000 was for an aerial ladder truck. The second grant in the amount of \$48,075 was for equipment. Both grants require a five percent match. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-05**

**ACCEPTING GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered the authorization of the purchase from the Missouri State Police of a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe for the police department. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2009 CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE POLICE**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered the request by Recreation Director Mark Harrell to install street lights at the entrance to the dog park and the entrance and exit to the Lions Club Pavilion both located on Highway 72. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to approve the installation of street lights on Highway 72 at the entrance to the dog park and at the entrance and exit of the Lions Club Pavilion.**

Manager Mills said he had received a request from the members of Calvary Baptist Church to have a street light installed in the area of the intersection of Grove Street and Blair Street. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks and unanimously passed to approve the installation of a street light in the vicinity of the intersection of Grove Street and Blair Street.**

Mayor Keller said the council had discussed at the workshop the creation of a Zoning Rules and Regulations Committee to study the current Zoning Rules and Regulations of the City of Loudon for the purpose of recommending potential updates to the rules and regulations. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to create a Zoning Rules and Regulations Committee and to appoint the Planning Commission Chairman, the Planning Director, the Codes Enforcement Officer and the City Manager to serve on the committee.**

Council then discussed adding to the Zoning Rules and Regulations Committee an at large planning commission member. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to amend the appointees to the Zoning Rules and Regulations Committee to also include an at large planning commission member to be appointed by the mayor at a later date.**

Mayor Keller said it was the wish of council to continue the discussion from the workshop meeting regarding the residency requirement and part time employees. Police Chief Webb and Fire Chief Brubaker were present to answer the questions of council. After considerable discussion, Mayor Keller thanked them for their explanations.

Manager Mills said that the term of Robert Harrison on the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Committee (LCSWDC) was expiring. Mr. Harrison had indicated that he would be more than happy to serve another term.

Mayor Keller recommended the re-appointment of Robert Harrison to serve on the LCSWDC. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks and unanimously passed to re-appoint Robert Harrison to serve another term on the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (term expiring February 28, 2017).**

Manager Mills commended City Recorder Putkonen on the completion of the Certified Municipal Finance Officer program. Mayor and council concurred with the commendation. Recorder Putkonen thanked them.

Recreation Director Mark Harrell gave the mayor and council members a copy of the bid document for the mowing contract. He asked them to review it, and if they had any feedback to get back to him before Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> as that was the day the document would be available to the bidders.

Councilman Millsaps reported that Riverview Baptist Church had been having problems in their parking lot. He asked the police chief to pay special attention to the situation.

Police Chief Webb responded that the situation had been brought to his attention the previous week. Officers had been checking it.

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

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Recorder

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Mayor