

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

January 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on January 17, 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 represented by Vicky Newman of the *News Herald*. There were thirteen 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 December 20, 2010. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 20, 2010.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel (\$2.5294 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$2.5695 per gallon for diesel fuel) on January 5, 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 (\$2.5294 per gallon for unleaded plus gasoline and \$2.5695 per gallon for diesel fuel) on January 5, 2011 from Rogers Petroleum.**

Council considered the award of a bid for lighting of the walkway/driveway and seating area at the Tate & Lyle Performing Arts Center. Bids were received from Home Pro LLC for \$18,418 and Holley Electric Construction Co., Inc. for \$20,067. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to approve the award of the bid for lighting at the Tate & Lyle Performing Arts Center to Home Pro LLC for \$18,418.**

Council considered the award of a bid to pave three entrance areas from Highway 72 into Loudon Municipal Park. Bids were received from: Patty Construction, Inc.-\$16,400; Ingle Trucking & Paving-\$16,500; Stringfield Asphalt Paving Company, Inc.-\$26,975 and J.G. Mullins Construction Company-\$29,900. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Parks and unanimously passed to award the bid to pave three entrance areas into Loudon Municipal Park from Highway 72 to the low bidder, Patty Construction, Inc. for \$16,400.**

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 said that a couple of employees had asked him to come to city council to raise a question about the way Public Works Director Bill Fagg was promoting employees.

Manager Mills responded that the policy is that the most senior employee is promoted if qualified. If not qualified then the position goes to someone else.

Mayor Keller asked Manager Mills to discuss the situation with Public Works Director Fagg.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the submission of a State Industrial Access Road Grant application to construct a turn lane on Highway 72 at Elizabeth Lee Parkway and extend the road approximately 4,200 feet to intersect with Dry Valley Road. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Parks that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD APPLICATION FOR TENNESSEE PACKAGING CO., A DIVISION OF BUCKEYE CORRUGATED, INC., AN OHIO CORPORATION AND AN UNIDENTIFIED INDUSTRIAL PROSPECT

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution authorizing the branding and marketing concept for downtown Loudon as presented by Tommy Stokes of National Service Associates, Inc. There was discussion in the workshop meeting regarding the date of origin to use in the marketing. The city seal has 1817, and Mr. Stokes could not confirm the date.

It was found in the City of Loudon Historic District Design Guidelines Manual that. "In 1817 the County Court of Roane County granted Blair the right to operate a ferry across the Tennessee River." Councilmember Cartwright found the same information on the Internet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones that the following resolution be passed using the date 1817:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02

AUTHORIZING CONCEPT FOR BRANDING AND MARKETING STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF LOUDON DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE SQUARE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller read the proposed City of Loudon mission and vision statements. A motion was made by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03

ADOPTING A MISSION STATEMENT AND A VISION STATEMENT BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUDON

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered approving the storm water drainage repair of a section of Mulberry Street from Atlanta Street to Grove Street. A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04

APPROVING THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE REPAIR OF A SECTION OF MULBERRY STREET

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller requested council approval of the appointment of John Dutton to replace her on the Planning Council. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously passed to appoint John Dutton to the Planning Council.**

Manager Mills reported that Recreation Director Mark Harrell had been notified by Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation that the Tate & Lyle Performing Arts Center would be included as a site for the “Best Dam Ride in Tennessee” which is part of Wing Ding 33, a Honda Goldwing event being held in Knoxville this July. He commended Harrell and his staff as they have been working on being included in this event for months. Mayor Keller congratulated and thanked them for their hard work.

Councilmember Millsaps suggested there should be a time frame for implementation of the goals they as a council established at their work session. He recommended they begin with the request for expansion of the Courthouse Area Revitalization zone. **A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps, seconded by Councilmember Cartwright and unanimously passed to request the Courthouse Area Revitalization Committee to recommend an expansion of the boundary for council approval and submission to the state.**

Councilmember Millsaps requested a list of the industrial property available and its estimated price. He asked if the debt had been looked at to see if money could be saved by refinancing.

Manager Mills said most debt consists of loans through the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund at a variable rate which is very low at the present time.

Councilmember Parks wanted to know what could be done to get cable television in the Sweetwater Creek development. He said there were over thirty homes currently in the development.

Manager Mills said the state legislature took franchises away from the cities. He said a letter could be sent to Charter Communications expressing the city’s concerns with a copy to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA).

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:34 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor