

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

September 1, 2011

A special called meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on September 1, 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, City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen, Recreation Director Mark Harrell, Fire Chief Mike Brubaker, Fleet Maintenance Director Jim Hunt, Police Chief James Webb and Public Works Director Bill Fagg. The press was represented by Vicky Newman of the *News Herald*. There were three people present.

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

Mayor Keller stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to approve the 2011-2012 Budget on second and final reading and to consider amending the pay classification plan.

Manager Mills stated that the budget as presented at this time included \$94,100 in expenditure cuts as requested. The cuts were made across all departments. He said the budget was in balance with the inclusion of \$187,000 appropriated from fund balance. He added that he had received word earlier in the day that the school board was not going to fund the additional \$70,500 requested for the two school resource officers provided by the city.

A motion was made by Councilmember Millsaps to approve the budget as presented. The motion died for lack of a second.

There was significant discussion and questions by Councilmembers to the department heads.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright to adopt the budget with the return of \$4,000 to the Police Department budget and \$7,000 to the Fire Department budget, and to reduce the contributions to the Loudon Merchants and Property Owners' Association (LMPOA) and the Visitors' Bureau by comparable amounts.

After some discussion, Councilmember Cartwright amended his motion to return \$4,000 to the Police Department and \$6,000 to the Fire Department budgets; also to reduce the LMPOA budget to \$7,000 and eliminating the Visitors' Bureau contribution entirely. The motion died for lack of a second.

After more discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Jones to adopt the budget with the elimination of the one percent salary increase for full time employees. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Keller asked Vice-mayor Millsaps to preside over the meeting.

Vice-mayor Millsaps called for a motion pertaining to the adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget.

Mayor Keller made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the following ordinance on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LOUDON, TENNESSEE
ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012**

Upon a vote, the AYES were Keller, Jones and Millsaps. The NAY votes were Cartwright and Parks. Vice-mayor Millsaps declared the ordinance passed on second and final reading.

Vice-mayor Millsaps returned control of the meeting to Mayor Keller.

Mayor Keller presented a resolution to approve a one percent salary increase for all full time employees. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-41

AMENDING PAY CLASSIFICATION

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed as there were no NAY votes or abstentions.

There being no further business, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor