

REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON CITY COUNCIL
April 25, 2022

The properly advertised regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on April 25, 2022 in the meeting room at Loudon Municipal Building located at 2480 Highway 72 N. Those present were Mayor Jeff Harris and Council Members: Tim Dixon, and Admiral Webster. Council Members Tammi Bivens and Johnny James were absent. Others present were City Manager Ty Ross, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Also present were approximately twelve (12) people.

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Harris welcomed everyone and thanked all for their attendance.

Mayor Harris asked Police Chief Webb to hold the invocation and Ms. Josephine Huffaker, daughter of Andrew and Jaime Huffaker, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Harris requested a roll call of attendance. Mayor Harris and Councilmembers Dixon, and Webster were in attendance. Councilmembers Bivens and James were absent. Harris declared the presence of a quorum.

Mayor Harris then asked for official consideration of approval of the agenda. Mayor Harris stated that a resolution for out of state travel should be added. **A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster and unanimously agreed to add the resolution. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster and unanimously agreed to adopt the agenda as amended.**

Mayor Harris stated that there were no citizen input signatures.

Mayor Harris asked if councilmembers had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2022. **A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster and unanimously passed to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2022.**

Council considered the administrative approval of the purchase of gasoline (\$3.3490 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$3.9100 per gallon) on April 14, 2022 from Sweetwater Valley Oil Company. **A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster and unanimously passed to administratively approve the purchase from Sweetwater Valley Oil Company of gasoline (\$3.3490 per gallon) and diesel fuel (\$3.9100 per gallon) on April 14, 2022.**

Mayor Harris presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget to cover pool improvements and paving. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster that the following ordinance be passed on first reading:

AMENDING THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Upon a roll call vote, the AYES were: Dixon, Webster, and Harris. There were no NAY votes. Mayor Harris declared the ordinance passed on first reading.

Mayor Harris set a public hearing for May 23, 2022 at 6:25 p.m.

Manager Ross outlined the first resolution to consider a 3% increase in the funding levels for the Self-Funded Health Benefit Plan. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18
ASSURANCE OF ADEQUATE FUNDING LEVEL
OF THE SELF-FUNDED HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Harris presented a resolution to acknowledge the TCRS rates effective July 1, 2021. Manager Ross recommended the rate be maintained at the current level of funding. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19
ACKNOWLEDGING THE
TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT SYSTEM RATE
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council next considered approval of the purchase of body cameras through a Department of Justice matching grant. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20
ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Council considered a resolution allowing the City to reimburse itself from future bond funds for paving projects. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21
A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF LOUDON,
TENNESSEE TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CERTAIN PROJECT EXPENDITURES
WITH THE PROCEEDS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER
DEBT OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Harris presented a resolution to increase the manager's pay to better reflect the salary market for city managers as demonstrated by a UT MTAS survey. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22
AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-37
(AMENDING THE PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN)
ADOPTED JUNE 21, 2021

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Councilmember Webster stated that he is in favor of increasing all employees' salaries.

Mayor Harris presented a resolution to approve Police Department staff to attend task force training in Kansas City in May 2022. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dixon, seconded by Councilmember Webster that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23
APPROVING OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Acting Recorder Huskin stated that the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget is actively being worked on and thanked council for their support.

City Engineer Hogan said that he will share more information on the summer paving schedule at the next workshop.

Mayor Harris shared congratulations to April employment anniversaries.

Vice-Mayor Dixon extended employee April birthday wishes.

Vice-Mayor Dixon reported on the LRPC and Zoning Appeals meetings.

Mayor Harris asked all to remember Councilmember James as he was in a recent vehicle accident.

Manager Ross stated his heartfelt appreciation for Council belief in him and said he was proud to be in the City of Loudon.

There being nothing further, Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Acting Recorder

Mayor