

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

June 22, 2020

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on June 22, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., in the public meeting space of the Loudon Municipal Building. Those present were Chairman Don P. Campbell, Directors Gene Farmer, Tim Dixon, Carlie McEachern, and Bart Watson. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, Nicole Curtis, John Davis, Bill Watkins, Attorney Kris Frye, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Parker Wright, *Loudon County NewsHerald*, represented the press. Chip Lynn video recorded the meeting for redskinradio.com. Also present or attending by videoconference were approximately thirteen (13) people.

Chairman Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Campbell read a statement defining the meeting being held by videoconference pursuant to Executive Order No. 16 to protect the safety and health of the citizens of Loudon from the coronavirus outbreak.

Chairman Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak to the Board about anything not on the agenda. There was no response.

Chairman Campbell asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 26, 2020. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director McEachern and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 26, 2020 be approved as written.**

Financial Reports were distributed for the workshop. Finance Director Curtis gave a presentation on the financial reports. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director McEachern and unanimously passed that the reports be received and placed on file.**

The first item for Board action was to consider a proposal from Lee Utility Construction, Inc. for the relocation of the waterline on Highway 11 at the Loudon High School and Loudon Municipal Pool. Professional Engineer Larry Joe Dockery outlined the project showing the current position of the main line and the site for relocation. The waterline relocation project was quoted due to time constraints of TDOT and the COVID-19 situation. LUB does not have the in-house capability to undertake this magnitude of project at this time. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25
AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH
LEE UTILITY CONSTRUCTION, INC.
FOR WATERLINE RELOCATION**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross reminded the Board of the information Mr. Chris Mitchell, electric rate consultant, recommended at the previous workshop meeting on the electric rates. The purpose of the rate re-structure is to continue the increase of the fixed customer charge and to decrease the kWh rate in a revenue neutral position. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-26
ADOPTING ELECTRICAL RATES
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Next Board discussed the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year operating budget including projected Revenues and Expenditures through the year 2024. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27
APPROVING OPERATING BUDGETS FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The Board next considered the 2020-2021 fiscal year capital budget that would include a potential redesign of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and improvements at the Operations Center. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-28
APPROVING A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR
FOR THE GAS, WATER, SEWER, AND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENTS

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross outlined the proposed pay classification plan with two (2) new positions (Environmental Engineer-GWS and Supervisor of Field Operations-Electric) and the removal of Assistant Environmental Engineer-GWS; and an increase in pay of 1% for all full-time employees as directed. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29
AMENDING PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN
FOR FULLTIME EMPLOYEES

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The last item for Board consideration was to set the natural gas rate. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-30
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE JULY 2020

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had increased from \$0.01427 per kWh to \$0.01497 per kWh. This results in a \$0.70 increase for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman