

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

July 27, 2020

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on July 27, 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 seven (7) citizens.

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 June 22, 2020. **A motion was made by Director McEachern, seconded by Director Watson and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 22, 2020 be approved as written.**

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

The first item for Board action was to consider the surplus of a vehicle that has been replaced through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. One of the requirements of the program is to destroy the engine block prior to disposal. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-31

AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS OF A 2006 INTERNATIONAL 4300

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was a contract for an assessment of the Piney Water Treatment Plant regarding existing conditions and alternatives for future operations. LUB Engineer Larry Joe Dockery explained the expectations of the project that should take a few months for completion. **A motion was made by Director McEachern and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-32

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT
WITH CTI ENGINEERS INC.**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The last item for Board consideration was to set the natural gas rate. Manager Ross stated that the formula has changed due to an increase in transportation charges. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-33
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2020**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had decreased \$0.01497 per kWh to \$0.01414 per kWh. This results in a \$0.83 decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

The Loudon Recreation Department has requested a donation of \$3,000 for the Riverfest celebration on August 22, 2020 to help offset the fireworks display. Recreation Director Mark Harrell explained that the previous vendor is no longer available for the display. This has caused an increase in the expected cost for the fireworks that is still being negotiated. Chairman Campbell asked Harrell to confirm an amount for the next meeting.

Manager Ross gave an update on the latest revisions to the proposed contract with TVPOA. Chairman Campbell said that another meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020 and more information should be available next month.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman