

**REGULAR MEETING  
LOUDON UTILITIES**

**August 24, 2020**

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on August 24, 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 Joe Ford, 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 July 27, 2020. **A motion was made by Director McEachern, seconded by Director Dixon and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 27, 2020 be approved as written.**

Financial Reports were distributed. Manager Ross congratulated the financial team for the timely work in getting the annual reports accomplished at this time. Finance Director Curtis gave a presentation on the financial reports. **A motion was made by Director Farmer, seconded by Director Watson and unanimously passed that the reports be received and placed on file.**

The first item for Board action was to consider having a feasibility analysis on the installation of Broadband Internet throughout the service delivery area. LUB has received a proposal in an amount not to exceed \$16,500 for this study. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-34**

**AUTHORIZING FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS PROPOSAL  
WITH JACKSON THORNTON & CO., P.C.**

**Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.**

The next item for Board action was for professional services to be performed in connection with technical report filings. **A motion was made by Director McEachern and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-35**

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
W.K. DICKSON & CO., INC.  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
PER TASK ORDER NO. 007**

**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 Watson and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-36  
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.**

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had decreased from \$0.01414 per kWh to \$0.01271 per kWh. This results in a \$1.43 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 held on August 22, 2020 to help offset the cost of the fireworks display. Recreation Director Mark Harrell gave an overview of how well received the celebration was on Saturday. LUB had outstanding representation with a well-polished bucket truck on display and a booth sharing EnergyRight® products with attendees. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director McEachern and unanimously approved that LUB sponsor the 2020 Riverfest fireworks display with \$3,000.**

Manager Ross gave an update on the latest revisions to the proposed water contract with TVPOA. Chairman Campbell said that another meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2020 to discuss final details.

Manager Ross stated that an emergency siren test would be conducted this evening at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. inside the city limits.

Director McEachern inquired as to the status of the manager policy that had been considered earlier in the spring. Chairman Campbell stated that in conversation with the attorney that topic has been put to bed at present.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman