

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

November 23, 2020

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on November 23, 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 (videoconferenced), and Bart Watson. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, Nicole Curtis, John Davis, Jaison Brown, Attorney Kris Frye (videoconferenced), and Secretary Meghan Hull. Parker Wright, *Loudon County NewsHerald*, represented the press. Also present or videoconferenced were approximately seven (7) residents and employees.

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 requested a roll call of attendance. Chairman Campbell and Directors Farmer, Dixon, and Watson were in attendance with Director McEachern and Attorney Frye videoconferenced.

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 October 26, 2020. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director Farmer and with a roll call vote unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 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 Farmer, seconded by Director Watson and with a roll call vote unanimously passed that the reports be received and placed on file.**

The first item for Board action was to consider requesting the City Council to approve refinancing of water and sewer debt. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-44

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUDON, TENNESSEE, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE CITY OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,750,000, (WHICH SUCH BONDS MAY BE ISSUED AS TAX-EXEMPT BONDS OR TAXABLE BONDS) AND THE ADOPTION OF A BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SAID BONDS, DEFINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS AND SETTING FORTH THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY AND THE LOUDON UTILITIES BOARD WITH RESPECT TO SAID BONDS AND THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Upon a roll call vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board consideration was a contract with CTI Engineers, Inc. for planning, engineering, and property acquisition for the TVPOA water distribution project. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director Watson that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-45

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
CTI ENGINEERS, INC.
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
PER TASK ORDER NO. 2**

Upon a roll call vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board action next was to consider the surplus of two (2) vehicles that have 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. 2020-46

**AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS OF TWO (2) LINE TRUCKS
UNDER THE CONGESTION MITIGATION
AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Upon a roll call vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was the surplus of two (2) older model Gas Department dump trucks and an Electric Department line truck that has become redundant. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47

**AUTHORIZING THREE (3) VEHICLES
TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS**

Upon a roll call vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board considered the continuation of the Vehicle Replacement Program. The upgrade cost is anticipated to be approximately \$57,940 for thirty-two (32) vehicles. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director Watson that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-48

**AUTHORIZING THE
CONTINUING VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
OF UTILITY VEHICLES**

Upon a roll call vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board next considered approval of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-49
APPROVING THE LOUDON UTILITIES BOARD
SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES

Upon a roll call 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 Dixon and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-50
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2020

Upon a roll call vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had decreased from \$1.01544 per kWh to \$0.01483 per kWh. This results in a \$0.61 decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Chairman Campbell recessed the meeting for an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. with attendees as follows: Campbell, Farmer, Dixon, Watson, Ross, Mayor Harris, with McEachern and Attorney Frye on telephone.

5:02 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:43 PM

Chairman Campbell reconvened the meeting at 5:44 p.m. with no action taken.

Manager Ross said that there should be an update on broadband in December.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman