

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

January 25, 2021

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on January 25, 2021, 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, Bill Watkins, Attorney Kris Frye, 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 videoconferenced.

Chairman Campbell asked everyone to take a moment in memory of Edna Mae Russell (grandmother of Greg Lambert and Brandon Hill).

Chairman Campbell honored employees James Cinnamon (26 years) and Shane Johnson (23 years) for their service.

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 November 23, 2020. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director Watson and unanimously passed by roll call vote that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 23, 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 Farmer and unanimously passed by roll call vote that the reports be received and placed on file.**

Chairman Campbell invited City of Loudon Recreation Director Mark Harrell to present information on the 2021 fireworks displays. Harrell said that bids were sought for programs including Independence Day and Riverfest with anticipated ten (10) and twenty (20) minute presentations. The total cost would be \$40,000. Harrell stated that City Council would be considering the bids at their meeting. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director Farmer and unanimously passed by roll call vote that LUB sponsor \$20,000 towards the 2021 fireworks displays pending Council approval of bid received.** Chairman Campbell stated that the cost was higher than expected; however the obvious enjoyment by the citizens justified the continuance of support of the celebrations.

The next item for Board action was to consider engineering for two (2) SRFLP drinking water projects. Manager Ross explained the LUB employee cooperative involvement in the projects. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH
CTI ENGINEERS, INC.
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
PER TASK ORDER NO. 3**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021**

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

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment for January had increased from \$0.01483 per kWh to \$0.01577 per kWh. This results in a \$0.94 increase for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Manager Ross further stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment for February had decreased from \$0.01577 per kWh to \$0.01494 per kWh. This results in a \$0.83 decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Manager Ross thanked the Board for their continued support of the Fireworks Displays.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman