

**REGULAR MEETING  
LOUDON UTILITIES**

**March 22, 2021**

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on March 22, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., in the public meeting space of the Loudon Municipal Building. Those present were Chairman Don P. Campbell, Directors Tim Dixon, Carlie McEachern, and Bart Watson. Director Gene Farmer was absent. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, Nicole Curtis, John Davis, Attorney Kris Frye, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Parker Wright, *Loudon County NewsHerald*, represented the press. Also present or videoconferenced were approximately ten (10) 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.

Director Watson asked everyone to take a moment in memory of Randy Campbell, son of Chairman Campbell.

Chairman Campbell honored employees Toby Massey (26 years), Perry Purdy (38 years), and Bryan Eller (39 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 February 22, 2021. **A motion was made by Director McEachern, seconded by Director Watson and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 22, 2021 be approved as written.**

Financial Reports for December and January had been distributed. 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 transfer of property to the Industrial Development Board to facilitate the creation of a waterfront housing proposal. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09  
APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY  
CONTROLLED BY LOUDON UTILITIES  
TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF LOUDON**

**Upon a vote, the resolution passed 3-1, with Director McEachern voting NAY.**

Board next considered professional services to update the water distribution system hydraulic model. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10  
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC.  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
PER TASK ORDER NO. 1  
AND TASK ORDER NO. 2**

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

Proposals have been received for grading and paving of an additional parking area at the Operations Center with the low bid of \$53,546 from Stringfield Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director Watson that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11**

**ACCEPTING BID FOR OPERATIONS CENTER PARKING AREA**

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

Manager Ross outlined the bids sought for the work necessary for the installation of bay garage doors at the Operations Center. Warehouseman McKee explained the separate components for the project total of \$110,460.00. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12**

**ACCEPTING BIDS FOR  
OPERATIONS CENTER BAY DOOR UPGRADES**

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

Board was requested to consider the surplus of a 1988 Chevrolet R30. **A motion was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13**

**AUTHORIZING 1988 CHEVROLET  
TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS**

**Upon a vote, the resolution 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 Watson that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14**

**ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 2021**

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

Manager Ross explained that the purchasing card rebate has been received after a full year of usage in the amount of \$2,304.73. Manager Ross suggested to donate the funds towards promotional items for *Looking Good Loudon*. No action was taken pending discussion at a future workshop.

Manager Ross further stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment for April had increased from \$0.01536 per kWh to \$0.02036 per kWh. This results in a \$5.00 increase for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Manager Ross stated that the mezzanine project at the Operations Center has shown load bearing wall issues that are cost prohibitive and other options are being explored.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman