

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

April 26, 2021

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on April 26, 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, 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 were approximately thirteen (13) employees and citizens.

Chairman Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Chairman Campbell honored employees Gene Viars (39 years), and Dawn Watson (21 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 March 22, 2021. **A motion was made by Director Farmer, seconded by Director Watson and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 22, 2021 be approved as written.**

Financial Reports for February 2021 were distributed. Finance Director Curtis gave a presentation on the financial reports. **A motion was made by Director Farmer, seconded by Director Dixon and unanimously passed that the reports be received and placed on file.**

The first item for Board action was to amend the Customer Service Policy. This will update the fee schedule for the Gas, Water, and Sewer Departments. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

AMENDING THE CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board next considered an update to the outdoor lighting rates beginning July 1, 2021. The Tennessee Valley Authority requires electric items to be separate from other departments. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director Watson that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16

**PROVIDING FOR OUTDOOR LIGHTING RATE SCHEDULE
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was the low bid received for the sodium hypochlorite system in the amount of \$1,129,600. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

**AWARDING BID FOR
THE BULK SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SYSTEM**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Next Board considered updated uniforms and extending the uniform contract. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18

APPROVING CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH CINTAS CORPORATION

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board desires to formally request Loudon City Council to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to fund some downtown sewer upgrades. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19

**REQUESTING THE CITY OF LOUDON TO SUBMIT A
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was to establish an internal control policy. The same policy would be considered by Council at their meeting as well. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20

ESTABLISHING AN INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21

**ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE MAY 2021**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had decreased \$0.02036 per kWh to \$0.01726 per kWh. This results in a \$3.10 decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Manager Ross requested that the June workshop meeting begin at 4:00 p.m. due to the budget information to be presented. Ross further stated that it is suggested that the June meetings be held on June 21, 2021 due to scheduled vacations. Chairman Campbell said that he would prefer the change in date.

Manager Ross stated that TVA intends to offer incentives for high speed electric car chargers to be installed near interstates sometime in the future that LUB could apply for.

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

Secretary

Chairman