

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

June 21, 2021

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on June 21, 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, John Davis, Bill Watkins, Attorney Kris Frye, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Parker Wright, *Loudon County NewsHerald*, represented the press. Also present were approximately ten (10) employees and citizens.

Chairman Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Chairman Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak to the Board about anything not on the agenda. There was no response.

Chairman Campbell honored employees Travis Williams (22 years), Dave Birkholz (33 years), and Larry Miller (36 years) for their service.

Chairman Campbell asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 24, 2021. **A motion was made by Director McEachern, seconded by Director Dixon and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 24, 2021 be approved as written.**

Financial Reports were distributed for the workshop. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director Farmer and unanimously passed that the reports be received and placed on file.**

Manager Ross reminded the Board of the information Mr. Chris Mitchell, electric rate consultant, recommended at the workshop meeting on the electric rates. The purpose of the rate re-structure is to continue the increase of the fixed customer charge and to decrease the kWh rate in a revenue neutral position. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25
ADOPTING ELECTRICAL RATES
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was to consider a wastewater collection system agreement. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26
AUTHORIZING WASTEWATER AGREEMENT WITH
GREAT ESCAPES RV RESORT**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Next Board considered the low bids received for solar power supply. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27
AWARDING THE SOLAR POWER SUPPLY BID
FROM SUNRISE ENERGY VENTURES, LLC**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board action was considered for the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year operating budget. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-28
APPROVING A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR
FOR THE GAS, WATER, SEWER, AND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENTS**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The Board next considered the 2021-2022 fiscal year capital budget. **A motion was made by Director McEachern and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29

APPROVING OPERATING BUDGETS FOR 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross outlined the proposed pay classification plan with two (2) new lineman apprentice positions and an increase in pay of 3% for all full-time employees as directed. Discussion was held concerning the timeframe of the training program and expectations prior to current senior employees' anticipated retirement dates. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-30

**AMENDING PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN
FOR FULLTIME EMPLOYEES**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was consider a listing of requested advertisements. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31

APPROVING THE ANNUAL ADVERTISEMENT OF CERTAIN EVENTS

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board was presented with a list of obsolete equipment items for surplus that have been replaced and could be sold on GovDeals or destroyed. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32

**AUTHORIZING EQUIPMENT
TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33

**ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE JULY 2021**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had increased from \$0.01733 per kWh to \$0.01901 per kWh. This results in a \$1.68 increase/decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Manager Ross thanked the Board for the flexibility of moving the meeting up a week due to vacation scheduling.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman