

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

June 27, 2022

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on June 27, 2022, 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, and Carlie McEachern. Director Bart Watson was absent. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, John Davis, Bill Watkins, Attorney Kris Frye, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Also present were approximately sixteen (16) 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. Mr. Ham Carey wished to speak.

Mr. Ham Carey had unearthed a 1929 Loudon Utilities Waterworks System map. Carey presented the map to LUB with the hope that it would be proudly displayed to show our beginning water infrastructure and to commemorate the hard work done by the founding commissioners to establish Loudon Utilities.

Chairman Campbell read a letter of appreciation from a resident of Tennessee National commending recent great work of a Gas Department team led by Lynn Davis.

Chairman Campbell asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 23, 2022. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director McEachern and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 23, 2022 be approved as written.**

Director of Support Services Brown updated the Board on the corrective actions nearing completion. There are no injuries to date.

Financial Reports for April had been 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.**

The first item for Board to consider was a resolution to approve a \$2,000 bonus for fulltime employees. Director Dixon explained that he felt it would be appropriate for a 5.9% pay increase, but had also proposed other percentages with a bonus. Director McEachern stated that he felt this should be considered as a relief payment for employees. After discussion, **a motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23

AUTHORIZING ONE-TIME BONUSES FOR FULLTIME EMPLOYEES

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was to approve the apparent low bid received for the low volume pump stations in the amount of \$1,716,595. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24

**AWARDING BID FOR THE
LOW VOLUME PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Next Board considered the Capital Budget as presented at the workshop. Director Farmer suggested that LUB create a contingency plan with the potential future economic impact. **A**

motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-25

**APPROVING A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR
FOR THE GAS, WATER, SEWER, AND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENTS**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was to approve the Operating Budgets for FY22-23. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26

APPROVING OPERATING BUDGETS FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board considered a resolution for a 3% pay increase and new positions including: groundman, serviceman apprenticeship, safety coordinator, and finance director. Chairman Campbell stated that these positions will improve the utility services. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27

**AMENDING PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN
FOR FULLTIME EMPLOYEES**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was to consider annual sponsorships. Chairman Campbell outlined the new consideration of the Loudon County Boys & Girls Club with at least thirty-seven (37) children from LUB's service area in the summer and after school program. Director McEachern suggested \$300 for the Boys & Girls Club. **A motion was made by Director McEachern and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28

APPROVING THE ANNUAL ADVERTISEMENT OF CERTAIN EVENTS

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 Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-29

**ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE JULY 2022**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had increased from \$0.00.02715 per kWh to \$0.03829 per kWh. This results in a \$11.14 increase for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman