

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

August 22, 2022

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on August 22, 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, Carlie McEachern, and Bart Watson. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, Attorney Kris Frye, John Davis, Ryan Moore, Bill Watkins, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Hugh Willett, *NewsHerald*, represented the press. Also present were approximately eighteen (18) employees and residents.

Chairman Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Campbell asked everyone to join in a moment of silence of remembrance for Debbie Geames and Larry Brown.

Chairman Campbell honored employees Clay Townson (25 years) and Lynn Davis (25 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 June 27, 2022. No meeting was held in July. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director Watson and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 27, 2022 be approved as written.**

Safety Coordinator Lambert updated the Board on the corrective actions nearing completion. There were no injuries to date. All supervisors will have completed thirty (30) hours of OSHA Training by the end of the week.

Financial Reports for May and June were distributed for the workshop. Finance Director Ryan Moore had presented the financial reports at the workshop. **A motion was made by Director Farmer, seconded by Director Watson and unanimously passed that the May and June reports be received and placed on file.**

The first item for Board consideration was a proposed MOU with TN National for water distribution. A presentation was given to the anticipated growth due to recent real estate trends throughout TN National. Chairman Campbell thanked all for the information and stated that the matter should be discussed in further detail at the September workshop meeting.

The next item for Board action was to amend the site for the solar array by Sunrise Energy. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-30

**AMENDING THE SOLAR POWER SUPPLY CONTRACT
WITH WALKING HORSE SOLAR, LLC**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Next Board was updated with the progress of the Water Treatment Plant expansion project. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-31
AUTHORIZING TASK ORDER WITH
BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC.
FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT

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. 2022-32
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2022

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment for August had increased from \$0.03829 per kWh to \$0.04612 per kWh. This results in a \$7.83 increase for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment for September had decreased from \$0.04612 per kWh to \$0.03064 per kWh. This results in a \$15.48 decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

City Facilities & Maintenance Director Harrell reported on the successful Riverfest celebration and thanked the Board for their continued support. Harrell said that seven (7) LED “L”s have been installed on utility poles near the high school and fantastic comments have been received on the look.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman