

January 24, 2022

The City Council of Lenoir City met in its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Aikens and the following Council Members were present: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson. Amber Scott, Maggie Hunt, and LaVonne Barbour were also present. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Brandon to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 City Council Meeting. The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**.

Mayor Aikens requested adding an item to the agenda as Agenda Item #4 for consideration to grant permission allowing Mayor Aikens to enter negotiations with LCUB to exchange land off McGhee Blvd for the purpose of building a new substation for LCUB. A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Shields to add the item to the agenda. The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**.

Mr. Rodney Grugin with the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce gave a brief update on tourism in Lenoir City and Loudon County.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Brandon to approve permanent, full-time employment for George Taylor Eldridge, six (6) months probationary period satisfactorily completed (effective February 14, 2022). The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Shields to approve permanent, full-time employment for Ethan Carroll, six (6) months probationary period satisfactorily completed (effective February 14, 2022). The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Brandon to approve renewal of term for Ms. Carol Beach on the Civil Service Board (serving as City Council representative- new term will expire January 31, 2025). The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Shields to grant permission to allow Mayor Aikens to enter negotiations with LCUB to exchange land off McGhee Blvd for the purpose of building a new substation. The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**

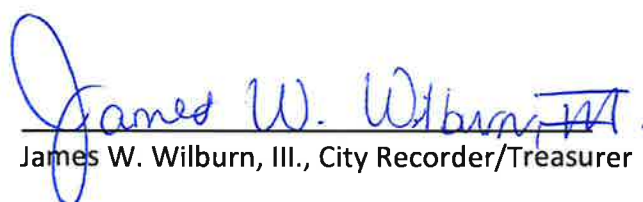
Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Brandon to approve all bills and accounts to be paid when properly approved and funds available. The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Simpson to adjourn the January 24, 2022 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Henline and Hines were **ABSENT**



Tony R. Aikens, Mayor



James W. Wilburn, III., City Recorder/Treasurer