## COMMITTEE OF 100 MINUTES

**DATE:** January 10, 2019

Meeting called to order: The January 10, 2019 meeting of the Committee of 100 was called to order at 12:00pm by President Ron Jordan at The Venue at Lenoir City. Lunch was provided by Warren Rennick, Incredible Edibles.

Invocation: John Evans gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rodney Grugin.

There were 100 members and guests standing. Several prospects members/guests introduced themselves.

**MINUTES APPROVED**: Motion was made by Mark Hackney to approve the November 2018 minutes. Second by John Evans. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Presented by Joel Malone. Year to date Summary Balance \$20347.98, Deposits: (Dues) \$1362.32, Expenses: (Lunch) \$761.58, (Meeting Rental) \$170. Bridge Project Balance \$1725.06. No deposit or expenses. Mike Campbell made a motion to except the treasurer's report. Second by Buddy Bradshaw. Motion passed.

## **COMMUNITY UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw: The building on the new jail on HWY 11 is still going. It's budget time for the county. Loudon County Veterans Resources is having a job fair and outreach program for veterans on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the War Memorial Building from 10a-2p hosted by AML Post 70, LC AML Post 120, AML Post 255, VWF Post 5150, Loudon VWF Post 12135 and other Tellico Village AML Post 135. Call John Lacko 630-673-6400 for more info.
- <u>Loudon County Visitors Bureau Rachel Baker</u>: Sweetwater Valley Farm's tours have resumed. Deadman's Farm will be relocating. LCEF has set a date for #RunLoCo 2019. It will be December 7.
- <u>Loudon County Chamber Clayton Pangle</u>: The Taste of Loudon County Expo is March 1 from 12-6p at The Venue at Lenoir City. Business After Hours is on February 12 at Julia Hurley's office.
- <u>Loudon City Mayor Jeff Harris</u>: Loudon City's campus, which is the old bank building, is scheduled to open on January 21. The UT facility is signed a 100 day contract; they are on day 6. The tanks were moved off of the Hutch property without incident. The city is taking bids to tear down the buildings.
- <u>Loudon City EDA Jack Qualls</u>: There were 39 project request bids in 2018. Out of those, 8 site visits were procured. 3 prospective projects were acquired from the site visits. Nothing is solid yet.
- <u>Loudon City Mayor Tony Aikens</u>: HWY 321 construction could go on until 2020. The city's purchasing and personnel committees met. In light of Steve Harrelson leaving the city, the Parks and Recreation department will merge with the Street department and be renamed to the Public Works

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department. It will be headed by Don White and JJ Cox. LCUB and TVA are in negotiations to purchase or lease the building on Depot Street to turn it into living quarters for the City's Fire department. The distillery is still on target for their plans.

• <u>Project Graduation – Jinny Redmond</u>: Is a lock-in for LCHS seniors from 11p-6a on the night of graduation at the Icerarium. Ice-skating, inflatables, and other entertainments are provided. Prizes are given away throughout the night. The event is free to seniors who stay the entire time. Donations and sponsors are needed.

## **SPECIAL FEATURE:**

- Loudon County UT Extension Agent Shelia Borders:
  - What is the UT Extension: helps residents improve their quality of life and solves problems through the application of research about agriculture and natural resources, family, consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and community development.
  - Who is the UT Extension: Amy Fellhoelter, County Director/4-H Youth Development; John Goddard, Agriculture/Community Resource Development; Sheila Borders, Family and Consumer Sciences; Kim Helton, Administrative Assistant; David Binderback, Area Manage Agent; Megan Long, TSU/4-H Youth Development
  - Why the UT Extension: To help solve problems. Loudon County housing owner occupancy rate of 76.2% rate with median housing value of \$193, 000, a mean housing value of \$316, 635, and a mean household income of \$55, 431. 65.5% of adults in Loudon County have diabetes, 36.5% are obese, 46.9% have been told to increase their activity, and 78.5% have access to exercise opportunity.
  - Walk-Across-TN-Challenge: Virtually walk across TN. There is 552 miles from Laurel Bloomery to TO Fuller State Park. Sign up to participate at extension.tennessee.edu/loudon.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Jordan. Second by members standing.

MEETING ADJOURNED by President Ron Jordan 1pm.

SUBMITTED BY: Heather Phillips, Secretary