

COMMITTEE OF 100 MINUTES

DATE: October 8, 2020

Meeting called to order: The October 8, 2020 meeting of the Committee of 100 was called to order at noon by Past President Ron Jordan at The Venue of Lenoir City. Lunch was provided by Cracker Barrel of Lenoir City.

Invocation: John Hunn of First Baptist Church Lenoir City led in prayer. Tim Finnegan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 53 members and guests standing. 113 views online. Several prospects members/guests introduced themselves.

MINUTES APPROVED: all approved

TREASURERS REPORT: all approved

COMMUNITY UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Venue, Alison Sousa: The Venue was voted number one wedding venue of 2020. It was voted Hometown Favorite place for social events. They are booking events for 2021. There are opening to book Christmas parties for 2020. Southern Charm and Sweet Tea will be coming soon with 35 vendors.
- Loudon County, Buddy Bradshaw: The jail is now occupied. The renovations are outstanding.
- City of Loudon – Jeff Harris: The City Council approved to contribute \$60,000 to the TDOT project of I75 and exit 72 lighting. Bids on HWY 11 project to add a turning lane are being reviewed by TDOT. It should be completed in spring of 2021. There are 43 new homes in Sweetwater Creek. . An emergency notification siren system is being installed with the money from the CARES act. There is a three year plan to pave all the city roads with the exception of state roads.
- City of Lenoir City, Amber: HWY321 and 11 restriping will be changing. Simpson road will be closed through October. Exit 81 on I75 lighting project bids are out. The splash pad and pavilion received a one million dollar matching grant. Brantly construction was awarded the bid and will start construction this month.
- Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, Rodney Grugin: October 13 from 5-6:30 is the Business After Hours at Calhoun's. It is the annual business meeting. They need 10% of the membership in attendance to make a quorum. The Gala is October 23 at the Ranadive. The cost is \$35.
- Loudon County Visitor Bureau, Rachel Harrell: The PR firm reports Loudon County is published in 21 results online and in print. Deadman's Farm has a five acre haunted corn maze. October 21 is the lights on tour.

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SPECIAL FEATURE:

- Mike Conger with Knoxville Regional TPA:
 - Transportation Planning Organization works for seamless travel within the region
 - Mobility Plan 2045 presentation
 - The county membership of the Transportation Planning Organization is Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, and Sevier. The cities are Alcoa, Clinton, Farragut, Knoxville, Lenoir City, Maryville, and Oak Ridge.
 - The look 20 years into the future to make a population forecast. They predict a 33% population change over the next ten years.
 - They update long term plans for transportation across the region to maintain and improve community quality of life. They look at safety data, crash data, and congestion data.
 - There are over 1000 fatalities per year.

Motion to adjourn at 1pm by John Evans.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SUBMITTED BY: Heather Phillips, Secretary