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London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

February 6, 2025 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Peters at 6:30p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection.

Roll Call

Present – *President Peters, Councilman Eades, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilman McDaniels, Councilman Stahl, Councilman Norman, Councilwoman Treynor*

Minutes – Approval of January 16, 2025 minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing

Communications/Announcements

Audience Concerns

Clarissa Burns, London Strawberry Festival Queens Director – expressed concerns about the new street setup, citing safety risks for attendees, particularly the elderly and those with mobility issues. The current layout hinders police patrols and vendor setup, requiring more time than the 72 hours allocated. The director proposed extending setup hours to 78 hours and placing vendors on the curb to ensure emergency access and better police visibility. Supporting documents from other festivals were presented, showing similar setups. The city council discussed the need for proper detour signage and agreed to consider the festival's concerns, emphasizing the importance of safety and effective event management. She also asked about the permit and that is required by March 19th and this legislation won't be passed before then and what would happen

Jonathon Stahl discussed setting up the event in the same way as previous years, similar to the Circleville Pumpkin Show, which attracts thousands of people. A survey was conducted, and the fire department's ability to navigate the layout was also discussed. Jonathon suggested revisiting the layout plan and involving more committee members to develop a better proposal.

Ms. Breedlove mentioned two surveys sent to business owners and residents. 97% of respondents wanted the event to stay downtown. However, business owners expressed concerns about the setup, with 63% stating that setting up on curbs would be detrimental to their business.

Mayor Closser shared feedback from businesses, noting that events like the Old Fashioned Christmas were beneficial because people could easily walk into stores. He mentioned that bringing thousands of people down the middle of the road might not encourage foot traffic to the sides or sidewalks. There were also discussions about moving festivals to Cowling Park, but it was decided not to move the festival there due to

residents wanting it to stay downtown. However, electrical upgrades to Cowling Park were still needed to host more events there.

Mr. Norman explained the permit process, stating that it should be done the same way as last year. While the legislation is more official, the administration currently has the power, which is shifting to the council. For now, the administration wants the setup to remain the same due to public safety and service concerns.

Mayor Closser emphasized the desire to work with the community and mentioned that the proposal is now in front of the council. If amended at the next meeting, there will be time for further discussion. The third reading is on March 6, giving 13 days to fill out the permit. It was noted that the 90-day permit requirement has never been enforced, and assistance will be provided for the Strawberry Festival.

Mr. Eades clarified that the changes would not go into effect until 30 days after approval.

Mr. Hitt asked if main concerns are about the timeframe and vendor setup in the middle of the road versus the curb. He also inquired if the fire chief had been consulted about firetruck access.

Clarissa highlighted the main issue of setup time and the need for vendors to be on the curb to allow full walking space down the middle. She mentioned attempts to contact the fire chief without success.

President Peters suggested creating a new setup plan and emailing it to the fire/police chiefs and city council members.

Mayor Closser confirmed that both chiefs had been contacted and had emailed their concerns about the downtown festival layout.

Clarissa Burns added that food trucks can be moved faster than cars and questioned the difference between parked cars and food trailers.

Mr. Norman noted that this only affects events that close down roads

Tommy Boyd: my biggest concern is about the changes made at the end of 2023 for fire trucks to reach across and spray off houses. Now, hearing that the data was taken before doing that and our largest complaints are from safety services, it brings up why it was changed in the first place. I have a couple of concerns. The pothole at the three-way Lafayette heading out of town was patched by the street department, but are there any expectations for extended work on that area?

Mayor Closser: The weather limits what can be done right now, but they are keeping an eye on it and there are plans to get it fixed.

Tommy Boyd: Will that include the sidewalk adjacent to it? Because the sidewalk has been demolished, and while fixing it, are we going to restripe Lafayette coming into town? Semis can't get around the corner because of cars being too far up, so we need to push that back 15-20 feet and get it restriped.

Tommy Boyd: If it's a homeowner's liability for the sidewalk, it should be set up correctly to avoid continuous damage. Across the street, there's been an electric pole for about two months. Are we going to reach out to Ohio Edison to get it fixed soon? Have you

called them?

Mr. Norman: The road work on Center Street is being done by us, not Mid Ohio. It was supposed to start in October but got pushed back. When it started, it was expected to take at least 60 days.

Tommy Boyd: I thought it was done earlier this summer.

Mr. Norman: It was originally in October. It's ongoing and will eventually come across Center. It's needed, even though it's a pain.

Tommy Boyd: I'm glad someone doesn't have a swamp pool in their backyard anymore. Last year, we spent almost a million dollars on our streets, and we've designated about half a million more for this year. It's going to take time to get everything where it needs to be.

Mr. Norman: Yes, we're making the commitment and starting the projects. We ask for patience.

Tommy Boyd: It would be nice to start looking into plans for grading and repairing streets. Is that part of the comprehensive plan?

Mr. Norman: I have nothing for you on the comprehensive plan.

Tommy Boyd: Next, about sidewalk ramps. We started on those and have about 10 done. Do we have a list of which ramps will be completed?

Mr. Castle: The concrete contractor was instructed to start in the inward parts of the city and work outwards as long as money is available. The number of ramps hasn't increased due to winter. When the weather breaks, he'll get back to it.

Tommy Boyd: With a $220,000 grant, I'd like to see a plan for how it will be used. Right now, it's uncertain how many ramps can be done.

Mr. Castle: Some intersections are more expensive to repair than others. The contractor gave an approximate number, and he might be able to do more than initially thought.

Tommy Boyd: If we had a list of sidewalks, we could better estimate prices. Hopefully, we can keep looking into those and get them done next year. About the comprehensive plan, I went online to check it out. It says it's being updated, but it seems like we're developing a new one. I couldn't find detailed information about what's going into it.

Mayor Closser: Under the comprehensive plan on the website, there's a plan update with links to steering committee meetings. We had a meeting today via Zoom to discuss the slideshow. We're continuing to work on it.

Tommy Boyd: I liked the survey on the website. One of the biggest interests is infrastructure, including sidewalks and storm sewers. Have we done a survey for our storm sewer yet?

Mayor Closser: We'll discuss that in the state of the city.

Tommy Boyd: I'll make sure to listen later. Will the comprehensive plan mention sidewalks?

Mayor Closser: Sidewalks in the comprehensive plan?

Tommy Boyd: Yes, including tree damage.

Mayor Closser: I'm not sure if that's something to put into a comprehensive plan, but I can ask.

Tommy Boyd: Are you going to say we'd like to fix some of our infrastructure with sidewalks?

Mayor Closser: Infrastructure is addressing the sidewalks.

Tommy Boyd: I hope it includes handicap ramps. We need to be ADA compliant and have safe places to ride bikes with our kids. Thank you and good night.

Committee Reports — *(Department reports are attached to committee meeting minutes.)*

Mr. Eades - Finance Committee meeting was on January 21st, Mr. Eades presented the auditor's report and discussed upcoming legislation to be introduced tonight. He also proposed appropriating $500,000 for road improvements, with a prepared list of roads needing attention. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18th.

Mr. McDaniels - Public Service and Safety meeting on February 11th.

City Official Reports

Mayor report attached

Mr. Long addressed the issue of detour signs for the Strawberry Festival. He clarified that he can only handle city routes, while ODOT is responsible for state routes. Therefore, it was not the city's responsibility for those detour signs, and he did not approve them. The city had the necessary detour, but ODOT was not notified, so it does not fall on the city of London. The festival had a letter, but he did not sign off because there were no detour signs set up. The city has a policy that all truck traffic must stay on state roads.

Old Business

5th Reading

ORDINANCE 207-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor, Andrew Hitt and Greg Eades An ORDINANCE creating nineteen incentive districts and declaring improvements to certain real property within the incentive districts to be a public purpose, and exempt from Real Property taxation; Identifying certain public infrastructure improvements that, once made, will benefit or serve the parcels in the incentive districts; Requiring the owners of those parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing an incentive district public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of such service payments; Authorizing payments to the London City School District and Tolles Career and Technical Centers; and approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a tax increment financing agreement with Tom Cat, LLC.

Ms. Treynor mentioned that council has an appointment with legal counsel to discuss questions related to legislation.

Public hearing is scheduled for February 20, 2025 regular council meeting

Leave for a 6th Reading

ORDINANCE 208-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor, Andrew Hitt and Greg Eades An ORDINANCE authorizing the City of London, Ohio to accept title to certain real property located within the city and immediately transfer title back to the current owner for the purpose of implementing tax increment financing pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and Dispensing with the requirement that this resolution must be read on three different days pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 731.17(A)

Leave for a 6th Reading

ORDINANCE 209-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor, Andrew Hitt and Greg Eades An ORDINANCE declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the City of London, Madison County, Ohio to be a public purpose pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; Declaring such property to be exempt Real Property taxation; Designating improvements that, once made, will directly benefit the parcels for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; Requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; Establishing an urban redevelopment tax increment equivalent fund; authorizing the execution of a tax increment financing TIF agreement; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.41, 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85

Leave for a 6th Reading

RESOLUTION 210-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor, Andrew Hitt and Greg Eades A RESOLUTION determining that a petition to establish The London Gateway New Community Authority is sufficient and complies with the requirements of Section 349.03 of the Ohio Revised Code in form and substance; setting the time and place for a hearing on the petition and authorizing the notice by publication of such hearing.

Leave for a 6th Reading

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 101-25 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Council would like to purchase Civic Plus

Mr. Eades stated that the discussion was for the clerk to use. He personally thought it was a better solution, but at the last council meeting, Ms. Breedlove brought up a different solution and asked the clerk to sit down with her to discuss it. Mr. Eades read an email from the clerk about both programs and found that Ms. Breedlove's plan could assist at a better cost. Mr. Eades thinks the solution of CivicPlus is better, but the clerk recommended not to move forward.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion failed by the following vote:

Absent:	**0-**	
Affirmative:	**0-**	
Against:	**7-**	**Eades, McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman**

RESOLUTION 102-25 Sponsored by: Michael Norman A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Council would like to enter into a contract with StreetScan for sidewalk assessment.

Mr. Norman stated that the software will map and rate the sidewalks, enabling the city to understand their condition and location, similar to the previous street grading. He emphasized that this is not about residents paying for sidewalk repairs but about the city identifying problem areas and estimating repair costs. He mentioned that some argue against forcing residents to pay for sidewalks, but he believes the city needs to start somewhere to prevent the problem from spreading.

Mr. Hitt asked the Mayor about MORPSY evaluating sidewalks.

Mayor responded that "evaluate" might not be the right word. The GIS storm sewer mapping would be prioritized first, and if time permits, the intern might also map sidewalks and identify defects. However, he did not want to promise this as it is not a priority.

Mr. Hitt inquired about the cost for this with MORPSY.

Mayor confirmed that the cost for the intern for the summer is $675, with MORPSY providing a grant to pay for the intern's salary. The city would cover internal costs or certain programs.

Mr. Hitt asked about the cost of the sidewalk streetscan.

Mr. Norman stated that it would cost $50,000. He explained that while an intern might be able to do it, the program guarantees it will be done. He emphasized that sidewalks are the number one complaint from residents and that relying on an intern is uncertain, whereas the program is a sure thing.

Mr. Eades mentioned that there are already ordinances in place to keep sidewalks in repair. He believes the council needs to help put together a program to address the issue and find a way to pay for it. The program will help identify the problem, and the company will do the GIS work, check sidewalks, videotape, and grade them. He stressed the need for enforcement and someone to take responsibility.

Ms. Treynor added that once the problem and associated costs are known, the next steps could involve grant funding or public assistance. She believes a clear understanding of the issue is necessary and that leaving it to a college intern would not do the problem justice.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman McDaniels. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**0-**	
Affirmative:	**7-**	**McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades**
Against:	**0-**	

New Business

RESOLUTION 103-25 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Police Donations

Mr. Eades stated that the police receive donations each year, and there is a leftover balance that needs to be reappropriated. While it is not an emergency clause, he

mentioned that if desired, those funds could be made available.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman, McDaniels, Treynor
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion caried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 104-25 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Fire Donations

Mr. Eades stated that the fire department receive donations each year, and there is a leftover balance that needs to be reappropriated. He used majority of that for new fire hoses.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman, McDaniels, Treynor
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 105-25 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Grant money from American Rescue Plan Act

Mr. Eades stated that there was money given towards salaries for the police department, specifically to retain officers, and each officer is entitled to be paid from this fund. However, if there is an opening or a changed position, the money given for that purpose may still have some leftover from the grant. The department is not allowed to keep that leftover money and needs to send it back to comply with the grant requirements.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman, McDaniels, Treynor
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion

carried by the following vote:

Absent: **0-**
Affirmative: **7-** **McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades**
Against: **0-**

RESOLUTION 106-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Tree Assessment

Mr. Hitt said this is owed to county for tree assessment cost on city property.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: **0-**
Affirmative: **7-** **Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman, McDaniels, Treynor**
Against: **0-**

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: **0-**
Affirmative: **7-** **McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades**
Against: **0-**

RESOLUTION 107-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Fire works for 4th of July

Mr. Hitt mentioned that there is an increase from last year for the city fireworks.

Mr. Norman stated that last year was amended for an emergency clause due to slots filling up fast. He asked if that is needed again.

Mayor responded that he reached out and got a quote for $25,000 versus $30,000. The display opener would add 60 shells, the actual display would add 62 shells, and the finale would add 40 shells. This represents a 20% increase in the show itself and a 110% increase in the number of shells.

Motion to amend to add Emergency Claus by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: **0-**
Affirmative: **7-** **Hays, Stahl, Hitt, Norman, McDaniels, Eades, Treynor**
Against: **0-**

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: **0-**
Affirmative: **7-** **Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman, McDaniels, Treynor**
Against: **0-**

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- **McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades**
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 108-25 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. City Road repairs

Mr. Eades stated that they addressed this earlier, but there was money left in capital improvements that was not spent. This makes the money easy to spend, allowing them to bid out projects now to be repaired.

Motion to amend to add Emergency Claus by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Eades. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- **Hays, Stahl, Hitt, Norman, McDaniels, Eades, Treynor**
Against: 0-

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- **Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman, McDaniels, Treynor**
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- **McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades**
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 109-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION authorizing the Auditor to transfer funds during 2025

Mr. Hitt stated that this involves transferring funds to reflect the budget for 2025 to a variety of lines.

Auditor Combs mentioned that this is done annually, with the only increase being the pension transfer.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- **Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman, McDaniels, Treynor**
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:
Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- **McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades**
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 110-25 Sponsored by: Brent McDaniels A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director and/or the Mayor to apply for various grants

Mr. McDaniels stated that this allows Safety-Service Director and/or Mayor to apply for grants and fix all of our problems

Mr. Eades stated that this allows the Safety Service Director to apply for grants without needing council approval.

Mr. Norman discussed adding an emergency clause to ensure that they do not lose access to any possible grants.

Mr. Eades asked Mr. Castle if he knew of any grants that are upcoming

Mayor Closser stated that they get an email every Friday with upcoming grants but none they are currently looking at but unsure what might come up in between.

Mr. Eades asked about how much time is needed

Mayor Closser said each grant is different and variable.

Mr. Norman said he wouldn't want to miss an opportunity

Mr. Eades discussed the possibility of adding this to the delegation to Safety Service Director and or mayor.

Mr. Castle said this legislation does this and gives authority until questioned

Motion to amend to add Emergency Claus by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**0-**	
Affirmative:	**7-**	**Hays, Stahl, Hitt, Norman, McDaniels, Eades, Treynor**
Against:	**0-**	

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**0-**	
Affirmative:	**7-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman, McDaniels, Treynor**
Against:	**0-**	

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**0-**	
Affirmative:	**7-**	**McDaniels, Hays, Hitt, Treynor, Stahl, Norman, Eades**
Against:	**0-**	

ORDINANCE 111-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt An ORDINANCE amending section 874 of the codified ordinances

Mr. Hitt stated that this is legislation for festival events that were discussed earlier, detailing the setup and rules that have been developed.

Ms. Treynor suggested leaving this legislation on until we get more information and updates based on discussion today.

Mr. Norman asked about amending timeframe since everyone seems in agreement with that.

Ms. Treynor suggested we wait for all amendments at one time.

Ms. Breedlove wanted to touch on a few points. She emphasized that this has been a year in the making, with nothing decided in the last few months. She has worked on it for a year, gathering 459 survey responses and 63 from downtown businesses. There have been numerous meetings with the police chief, fire chief, and safety service meetings. This plan includes everything the fire and police departments wanted, and everything is covered and signed off on. She has met with the Strawberry Festival organizers and had meetings about their concerns, such as stage placement and extending to the train tracks. They are very willing to work with the Strawberry Festival and have contacted the festivals for their input into the decision.

Mr. McDaniels asked Mr. Long to review and if he signed off.

Ms. Breedlove responded that Mr. Long's opinion was to move all festivals to the park, so he did not sign off.

Leave on for 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 112-25 Sponsored by: John Stahl A RESOLUTION assessing the costs of the removal of high grass and weeds

Mr. Castle stated that this is done every year when grass is too tall or debris needs to be removed. The city gets billed and then bills the property owner. Some pay it, but most don't. There were two properties that had to be mowed and are on this list, but before this legislation could come to council, they were sold. It is not proper to bill the new property owner. His concern is if any property sells before getting this done.

Mr. Norman agreed, noting that property can be sold within 30 days, and an emergency clause is needed.

Mr. Castle asked for this to be suspended and passed tonight.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion failed by the following vote:

Absent:	**0-**	
Affirmative:	**4-**	**Hays, Hitt, Stahl, Norman**
Against:	**3-**	**Eades, McDaniels, Treynor**

Leave on for 2nd Reading

Mr. Eades mentioned that even if a property changes hands, any lien on the property must be taken care of because it gets recorded. He noted that the city hasn't mowed grass for five months, so there was time to send out notices. He pointed out that the addresses of properties with unpaid bills are listed on the document, making it a public record.

Mr. Castle rebutted, explaining that if a title search shows no liens, the new property

owner is not responsible for any lien placed afterward. He mentioned that he received the final bills from the mowing company in November, sent them to property owners, and had to wait 30 days. He brought the issue to council at the end of the year, noting the process involves several steps.

Mr. Peters asked if the lien could be filed before receiving the bill.

Mr. Castle clarified that he cannot file the lien until the property owner has been given due process to pay the bill. He received the last bill on November 7, sent it out promptly, and waited 30 days. He brought it to council as soon as possible, noting the procedural requirements.

Mr. Eades asked if there is such a thing as 22 Lincoln Avenue or if it is East and West Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Peters and Mr. Castle confirmed it goes by the parcel.

Round Table

Mr. Norman expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the council. He shared that due to his wife's career opportunity, they would be moving to Davenport, Iowa. He emphasized the difficulty of the decision, given their deep roots in the community. Mr. Norman resigned to ensure the seat could be filled by someone who would actively represent and make a difference. He thanked everyone for their support and reflected on his time on the council. Mr. Norman reiterated his hope that he made a positive impact during his tenure and acknowledged the great group of people on the council. He mentioned his frequent debates with the administration as part of the role and thanked everyone again for the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Stahl reported on a recent incident at 665 in Spring Valley, where someone knocked the round. He mentioned that the state plans to install a roundabout at 2720. He also shared that he had his right knee fixed and was now able to walk and drive again.

Mr. Hitt wished Mr. Norman good luck and appreciated the research and details he provided, which benefited the city.

Mr. Peters thanked Mr. Norman for his time and research, wishing him the best of luck in Iowa.

Mr. Hays expressed his gratitude for Mr. Norman's contributions, acknowledging the behind-the-scenes work he did. He wished Mr. Norman safe travels and success in Iowa. Mr. Hays thanked Mr. Norman for his input and work, expressing initial skepticism but ultimately appreciating his efforts. He wished Mr. Norman well and prayed for his success. Mr. Hays thanked all city employees for their work, particularly the fire department and other departments that responded to a recent house fire. He emphasized the bravery of firemen and police officers and encouraged everyone to thank them. He looked forward to a great year for London, with more people and businesses coming in. He announced the next safety meeting on Tuesday, the 11th, at 6pm in the conference room.

Mr. McDaniels thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged Mr. Norman's contributions. He informed the council about his plan to propose a half-percent income tax credit for those working out of town at the finance meeting on the 18th. He noted that the

city's financial report indicated stability, and he believed the tax credit was the least he could do.

Mr. Eades congratulated Circleville, Ohio, for receiving $20 million for a railroad overpass. He highlighted the availability of federal funds for similar projects and encouraged pursuing them. He praised Mr. Norman for his perseverance and advocacy for the third ward and the people of London. He wished Mr. Norman the best of luck in Iowa and appreciated his thorough research and documentation.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm

Attestation: Minutes approved, filed in Auditor's Office, and posted on City of London website for public review.

Matthew Edgington, Council Clerk

2/20/2025
Date

Joshua Peters, Council President

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