

Public Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/14/25

Present: Rex Castle, Pat Closser, Eve Breedlove, Bill Long, Landon McKenzie, Andrew Hitt, Brent McDaniels

Call to Order: 5:00

Department Head reports: (See attached for Street Dept and Parks and Recreation Dept reports)

Mayor: Discussed support for a Community Center due to practice scheduled late in the day and limited access to buildings. Discussed how to fund this(levy, sell memberships, loan with Debt Service).

SSD:

Sanitation Dept: 1. Sanitation Superintendent out for an undetermined amount of time resulting in needing to borrow staff from Street Dept. to stay on schedule for pick ups. Dan LeValle from Street Dept acting as Superintendent to help facilitate functionality of the Sanitation Dept.

2. Discussed the possibility of stopping recycling due to costs and double running of routes for pick up. This results in overtime and wear on trucks. The cost is \$1800 per month and a lot of the recycled material has to go to trash anyway due to not being clean.

3. Discussed possibly stopping curb service due to time consuming service. It could still be provided for physically disabled individuals.

4. Discussed possibly only one bulk pick up per month due to individuals taking advantage of this service.

5. Discussed possible ticket booth for yard waste dumping due to misuse of this service.

Old Business:

Bill Long/Pat Closser-Discussed concerns with sidewalk grading system and how this would work in relation to requiring sidewalks for areas without sidewalks and how to proceed after sidewalks are graded. The feeling is there needs to be more clarification regarding how it will work and the processes involved prior to grading. This Committee member(Andrew Hitt)

suggested that my understanding is that citizens would be asked to repair sidewalks and if they did not do this the city would complete the repairs. The city would then assess their taxes for repayment. Michael Norman was not present to address this issue. The Mayor and SSD will get with him for clarification.

New Business:

Eve Breedlove/Mayor-Discussed and presented materials related to events legislation to codify standards for various events within the city. A motion was made to bring this forward to City Council and was voted in favor of doing this. Andrew Hitt will be the sponsor.

Bill Long-1.Expressed a need for funds to be appropriated for costs involved in paving and handicap ramps on State Routes.

2. He also discussed the need for permits for out of town companies to work in the right of ways. There would be a fee associated with this.

Adjournment: 6:00

Submitted by: Andrew Hitt

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1. Youth Sports Programs
 - a. Winter Basketball
 - i. Final regular season games are this Sunday, the 19th
 - ii. Tournament games start Tuesday, the 21st and will wrap up with championship games on Sunday, the 26th
 - b. Spring Volleyball
 - i. Registration is open. Form can be picked up at City Hall or online registration can be found at <https://www.londonohio.gov/o/london/page/youth-sports>
 - ii. Fee to register is \$85 per child, or \$75 per child if registering more than 1
 - iii. Deadline to register is February 23rd
 - iv. Player evaluations are set for Feb. 24th & 25th
 - v. Will be hosting another free youth clinic in Feb. Date is still TBD
2. Parks
 - a. Dog Waste Stations
 - i. Locations for stations have been picked out. Cowling Park will get 4 additional stations. City Hall will have 2 stations and Merri-Mac park will get 2 stations
 - ii. We will still have 2 stations in storage to add at a later date once needed
3. Pool
 - a. Mini Split installed in Concessions
 - b. Flooring in pool building will be getting enhanced before we open. Multiple areas that have cracked layers protruding up, causing safety issues.
 - c. We will be hiring lifeguards & concessions/front desk for the upcoming pool season. Must be at least 15 years of age.
 - d. Opening day is slated for Saturday, May 24th
4. Snow Removal
 - a. A new plow for the gator should be arriving shortly. Old plow had bent push tubes that kept the blade off the ground and the size of the old plow created some problems on smaller sidewalks/paths
5. New Adult Programs coming in early 2025
 - a. Ballroom Dancing Lessons
 - i. Two classes have been scheduled with instructor Marc Cohen. Classes will take place here at City Hall in the Public Auditorium
 1. Mon. January 27 from 1-2:00pm
 2. Mon. February 3 from 6:00-7:00pm
 - ii. Classes are free as we gauge interest on adding additional classes
 - b. Cornhole League
 - i. Boards and bags are being picked up tomorrow.
 - ii. League details will be released once we determine if noise levels allows league play to still happen while conference room is in use