

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

LONDON CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

Held

SEPTEMBER 15 20 22

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
September 15, 2022 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Council President Pro Tempore, Josh Peters, called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order at 6:30pm. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

Council members present: Anthony Smith, Bryan Robinson, John Stahl, Rich Hays, Andrew Hitt, Greg Eades and Josh Peters

Council members absent: Henry Comer

The minutes of the September 1 and 7, 2022 meetings were approved with as written.

COMMUNICATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS – none presented

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Anita Likens – 157 E. First Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Announced that the Daughters' of the American Revolution (DAR) recognized and celebrated Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2022. She read a proclamation from the City about Constitution Week and presented each Council member with a framed picture of the preamble to the Constitution
- Read excerpts from Ronald Reagan's speech, "A Time for Choosing"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Eades – Public Service Committee

Parks & Recreation

- The pool closed for the season on August 14
- The 2022 pool revenue was \$48,765 and the pool concession revenue was \$12,825
- All pools have been drained and will be sandblasted prior to repainting
- A concrete curb will be installed around the splash pad
- Patterson Pools will be winterizing the splash pad
- The Merri Mac Park Miracle committee held a ribbon cutting for the new playground and would like to install new trash cans at the park
- Cameras are installed and operating at Merri Mac Park
- There are 66 participants in the outdoor volleyball league

Councilman Robinson – Public Service Committee

Street Department

- Repairing fire hydrants throughout the City
- The Rt. 56 paving project is on hold
- The storm sewer camera is not working and has been sent for repairs
- The purchase of a plow truck will be discussed in the New Business portion of the meeting
- The next Public Service Committee meeting will take place on October 5, 2022 at 6:00pm

Councilman Peters – Finance Committee Chair

- Stated that the next Finance Committee meeting will take place on October 12, 2022 at 6:00pm

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Councilman Hays – Safety Committee Chair

- The planning for a school resource officer is underway with plans for the officer to be in place in January 2023. London City Schools will pay 75% of the cost to place an officer at the schools. Legislation to increase the Police Department's strength ordinance will be presented at the next City Council meeting
- The Fire/EMS Department's staff is down two full-time firefighters and one Lieutenant
- The EMS vehicle that was involved in a traffic accident is back in service
- The Fire/EMS Department is working with the Water Department to repair fire hydrants throughout the City
- Legislation to apply for a grant for the Fire/EMS Department will be presented at the next City Council meeting
- Discussed the revision of storm sewer codes in new residential developments
- Discussed additional fines for repeated mowing violations
- Interviewing for the Code Enforcement position
- Stated that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on October 11, 2022 at 5:00pm

Councilman Hitt – Public Safety Committee

- Read the Division of London Police report

Councilman Stahl – Public Safety Committee

- Read the Division of London Fire/EMS report

Councilman Smith – Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Representative

- Announced that the next BPU meeting has been rescheduled to September 29, 2022 at 6:30pm

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTSMayor Closser

- Reported on current City events and issues (report attached)

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Items

Ordinance 146-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1048.05 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 147-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1042 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 151-22 – Sponsored by Rich Hays – An Ordinance amending official zoning map

4th Reading

Ordinance 174-22 - Sponsored by Andy Hitt – An Ordinance vacating an alley

Motion by Hitt to place on fourth reading, seconded by Stahl

A public hearing is scheduled for October 6, 2022 at 6:30pm at the regular City Council meeting
LEFT ON

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 176-22 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

PASSED

Resolution 177-22 - Sponsored by Bryan Robinson - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Robinson to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Robinson

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

PASSED

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Resolution 178-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes
PASSED

Resolution 179-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

- Wastewater Superintendent, Rick Duncan, gave a presentation on the sludge press operations and the need for a replacement

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, no; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Smith

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes
PASSED

Resolution 180-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - A Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the purchase of a sludge press

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, no; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes
PASSED

Resolution 181-22 - Sponsored by Andrew Hitt - A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Development

Motion by Hitt to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hitt to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hitt

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes
PASSED

Resolution 182-22 - Sponsored by Andrew Hitt - A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the demolition of 60 South Walnut Street

Motion by Hitt to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hitt to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes
PASSED

Resolution 183-22 - Sponsored by Henry Comer - A Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Smith

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes
PASSED

Ordinance 184-22 - Sponsored by Henry Comer - An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances; providing for the adoption and publication of a new matter in the updated and revised Codified Ordinances; repealing Ordinances in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

LEFT ON

Held

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Resolution 185-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - Ohio Department of Transportation Municipal Bridge Program

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

PASSED

ROUND TABLE

Councilman Stahl

- Stated that the demolition of the old school at 60 S. Walnut Street must happen regardless of the nostalgia that some may feel for the building
- Stated that he was happy that much of the legislation was passed and items are moving forward
- Stated that he read in the Columbus Dispatch that housing will need to double in Central Ohio to keep up with growth and that he is happy London is growing as well

Councilman Hitt

- Stated that he believes many items in the old school can be salvaged
- Thanked everyone for their attendance

Councilman Hays

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Thanked all City employees for their hard work
- Thanked all the Council committee members for their hard work
- Stated that he was glad that a school resource officer will be stationed at London Schools
- Stated that he attended his 59th high school class reunion in the refurbished high school where he graduated. He added that the school was in a better condition than London's old school and that London's old school cannot be renovated
- Asked God to bless the City and citizens and to keep everyone safe and well

Councilman Peters

- Thanked Anita Likens for the gift and for continuing to read the Constitution and Ronald Regan's speech at the Council meetings

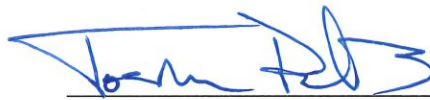
Councilman Eades

- Thanked Anita Likens for the gift and for the DAR's work in recognizing Constitution Week

Motion by Hays to adjourn at 7:51pm



Amy Rees, Clerk
Tempore



Josh Peters, City Council President Pro