

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

London City Council

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

Held 20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140 20April 20, 2023 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by President Comer at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection that followed.

Roll Call Present - Councilman Eades, Councilman Robinson, President Comer, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl

Absent – Councilman Peters

Minutes – Approval of April 6, 2023 minutes, approved by unanimous Voice Vote.

Public Hearing - none

Communications/Announcements - none

Audience Concerns

Larry Geisle, Geisle & Associates Insurance Agency, 27 E 4th St

A year ago, February we relocated to the corner of E 4th and Union St, near Kahn Automotive. We knew when we bought the property there was a parking problem with Kahn's parking cars down E 4th St. Mr. Kahn does the best he can to keep the cars away from the houses. The problem is there is not enough parking places. I spoke with London PD to see what they could do and they agreed that commercial vehicles are not allowed to park on the street for more than 24 hours. They have towed a few vehicles on occasion, but people don't want to cause a problem. I have to have places for my customers to park and it's becoming an issue. I spoke with Mayor Closser and he advised me to attend the next council meeting to see if we can come up with a solution. Maybe signs that allow for 2-hour parking. Councilman Hays – This has been an ongoing problem, but at one time it settled down.

Mayor Closser – (commented but unable to hear him on video playback).

Councilman Robinson – how many spaces do you need. 3 – 4 would be all we need. 2 in front and 2 on the side. I spoke to the residents and they are not very happy with the parking.

Councilman Hays – bring it to safety committee and we can draft legislation to bring to council.

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Committee Reports***Personnel & Finance Committee –***

Councilman Eades – I did attend the Finance committee meeting. It was a little lite schedule. HRDC – they were on the agenda, but no representee present. Procedure manual updates.

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Robinson – Nothing other than the next May 3 Public Service

Public Safety Committee -

- *Councilman Hays* – all 3 committee members were present. Law Director Hitt brought legislation and MOU for land grants. Submitted a new ORDINANCE for the Designating the Madison County Land Reutilization Corporation to act on behalf of and in cooperation with the city pursuant to sections 5722.02 to 5722.15 of the Ohio Revised Code and authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement to facilitate the effective reutilization of nonproductive land situated within the corporation limits.
- This will allow Madison County Land Reutilization Corporation to renovate and sell foreclosure properties and abandoned homes.
- The sell of these properties will pay for any taxes owed to the city and any balance left over will go back into the Madison County Land Reutilization Corporation renovation program.
- Next meeting on May 8 at 6pm
- *Councilman Hitt*- Police report. We are continuing our hiring process for open officer positions until April 21st. Derrick Haddox was sworn in on April 11th. He recently graduated from Clark State's basic academy. This leaves one open position to be filler.
- The Flock Safety Camera project is expected to be completed in late April. This project will place (7) fixed license plate readers throughout the community to assist in crime prevention and investigations. The cameras will alert officers to any hits on the NCIC system, (ei. stolen vehicles, wanted individuals etc.) The reimbursement costs of this project have been sent to the NPI under the Rural Violent Crime Reduction program.
- We have one vehicle being repaired at the body shop for the recent crash with a deer. Car #15 was placed back in service after completing the engine replacement.

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- ~~Sgt Harris and Chief Nicol attended a first responders' response to railroad incidents class held at the Norfolk Southern rail yard in Bellevue, OH.~~
- ~~We submitted a funding request through Rep. Mike Carey's office on behalf of the city for a Public Safety Facility project.~~
- We received a quote for \$4,000 to complete an architectural design for the renovation of the PD facility.
- *Councilman Stahl*- Fire report. Departmental EMS Training – Respiratory emergencies
- Departmental Fire Training – Pump and Drivers training
- Completed several community CPR classes
- Completed interviews for full-time and part-time candidates
- Completed Lieutenant Assessment center – Certified results, Rob Randall. He'll be moved to his new shift later this month.
- Began mounting equipment on the new Fire Engine. Awaiting additional mounting brackets. It's been determined that there isn't a need for the slide out cabinet. Working with Sutphen to exchange equipment for something we can use. By our employees mounting equipment and putting the engine together, we are saving the city \$60,000 (which is the estimate we received from an outside company)
- Completed several days of drivers and pump training on the new Fire Engine
- Attended paramedic graduation for Austin Fultz
- **Update:** Wrecked transport vehicle has been picked up by repair shop and currently awaiting repairs, 6-8 months until complete. Loaner transport vehicle delivered by repair shop and placed in service.

City Official Reports

Mayor – Pat Closser

On Tuesday April 11 th I had the honor of swearing in our newest London Police Officer, Officer Derrick Haddox. I would like to welcome him to the department and wish him the best of luck with his career here for the City of London.

I attended the active shooter training put on by the London Police Department, Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Madison County EMS. This was a great and informative training that was very well attended.

The City of London Division of Fire and EMS are having "Coffee with Firefigths" on Thursdays at 9am at either Valery's or Coffee Peddler. Please check out their social media for the full schedule.

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The team met about the upcoming study that will be done on our sanitary sewer lines. This

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study will take a look into our lines and find where there are issues. We hope this will also identify any INI issues and any issues that may occur when we have heavy rains where storm water enters the sanitary sewer lines. We hope to get this study done very soon so we can move forward on needed repairs.

I met with a site selector who represents developers. It was a great meeting and was able to pass along a lot of information about London and available land. They will now take this information to their clients to set up future meetings for local development.

I would like to welcome DOCS Dermatology to London. The Madison County Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting for them this past week. They are located on Elm Street next to London Health and Rehab across from the fairgrounds.

Now on to the Mayor Fun Fact, which is the number 11,000. I attended the Junior Achievement Wine and Women event as their auctioneer. They were able to raise over \$11,000.00 that will help fund the local Junior Achievement classes. I would also like to thank Junior Achievement of the Mad River Region for honoring me as their volunteer of the year. This was unexpected but a great honor. I look forward to their event that will take place in May.

Safety Service Director –

Rex Castle, was appointed to set on the Madison County Land Revitalization Corporation. One of seven Board members. Getting bylaws set up, waiting on MOUs from local city and towns.

Auditor –

Kenna – Nothing to report

Old Business

Tabled Items

ORDINANCE 151-22 Sponsored by Rich Hays- an ORDINANCE amending official zoning.

Councilman Hays – Contact the developers and they had an emergency and wasn't able to talk, but ask if I could call back at a later time.

Councilman Eades – This legislation has been tabled for 9 months. Shouldn't we get rid of it and when they are ready, we can reintroduce it?

President Comer – There's no time limit on coming this legislation tabled. I'd like to keep it on.

Mayor Closser – Texted Jim and went to lunch. They are working through the contract. Hoping to have it to us by April 7th. Contacted him again and they are still working on it. Give it a little bit more time.

Leave on table

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RESOLUTION 135-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters. A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The ball fields at Merri Mac Park and on Park Ave need improvements; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure

Mayor Closser – reading for Landon. Asking for this to be left on for the 4th reading. We have 47 ½ tons of field mix on site to add to Merri Mac field 2. Once added and graded we'll have a better idea how much each field mix we will need. And have a better idea on how much money will be needed to finish all three fields. Plan to add field mix tomorrow morning, pending weather.

Leave for 4th Reading

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 151-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl. A RESOLUTION to establish a trap-spay/neuter-return program.

Councilman Stahl – At the last meeting we decided to change the euthanasia cost from \$68 to \$100

Councilman Robinson – That doesn't get reimbursed to us?

Councilman Eades – No. This is only for injured cats. I had a long talk to Dave Mabe and him and his daughter have caught many cats. They send away for a voucher. It covers everything, but the \$10 for neutering.

Rex Castle - Older cats could be up to \$100. The person will get a coupon to spay/neuter and when they bring us the coupon and proof of spay/neuter, then we reimburse the person \$10.

Councilman Eades – We're buying traps?

Rex Castle – Yes, they'll be at the police department and a person can stop by to rent one.

Motion to amend the legislation from \$68 to \$100 reimbursement of euthanasia – Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Leave for 3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 152-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl. A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The city needs to purchase live animal traps for the use of City residents; and The City also needs to have funds available to reimburse residents up to (\$10.00) ten dollars per cat neutered and up to (\$8.00) eight dollars per flea treatment; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

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Councilman Eades – One time of \$5,000. If we run out, we can ask for another \$5,000. Unless this is a line item every year. Kenna?

Kenna – It's on the General Fund's budget and will need approval for each Fiscal Year.

ORDINANCE 153-23 Sponsored by: Rich Hays. An ORDINANCE amending section 416 of the codified ordinances. The maximum allowable speed of any railroad locomotive or railroad car which passes through the corporate limits of the City shall be thirty miles per hour. The City may recover from any engineer, conductor or company violating this section, not less than five dollars (\$5.00) or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.

Leave for 3rd Reading

New Business

RESOLUTION 154-23 Sponsored by: Greg Eades. A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Police Department had a cruiser damaged in an accident; and the cruiser needs to be repaired; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 155-23 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt. A RESOLUTION designating the Madison County Land Reutilization Corporation to act on behalf of and in cooperation with the city pursuant to sections 5722.02 to 5722.15 of the Ohio revised code and authorizing the safety service director to enter into an agreement to facilitate the effective reutilization of nonproductive land situated within the corporation limits.

Leave for 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 156-23 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt. An ORDINANCE amending section 1479 of the codified ordinances. The City would like to amend the current ORDINANCE; and this Council must act to approve the recommendations.

Leave for 2nd Reading

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RESOLUTION 157-23 Sponsored by: Bryan Robinson. A RESOLUTION authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes, the City owns the personal property a New Idea manure spreader; and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with law.

Motion to suspend 3 reading rules by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 158-23 Sponsored by: Bryan Robinson. A RESOLUTION authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes, the City owns the personal property a handmade trailer; and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with law.

Motion to suspend 3 reading rules by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 159-23 Sponsored by: Bryan Robinson. A RESOLUTION authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes, the City owns the personal property a 2018 Hustler X-One lawn mower; and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with law.

Motion to suspend 3 reading rules by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 160-23 Sponsored by: Bryan Robinson. A RESOLUTION authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes, the City owns the personal property a 2018 Hustler X-One lawn mower; and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with law.

Motion to suspend 3 reading rules by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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London City Council 4/24/20 Meeting

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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Round Table

Councilman Eades – Mayor Closser questions – checking the sanitary sewer lines, will this be mapped?

Mayor Closser - Yes.

Councilman Eades - Will they be kept to be seen.

Mayor Closser - Yes. Most likely at Sanitary Sewer and at Mayor's office. Digital formats. Abatement procedure for Keny Apartment. Seems contradictory to wait. If anyone sends me a request, I advise them to go to Finance Committee meeting, then it goes to council. Initial discussions – spoke about the schools. It's a strain on schools when we approve abatement for apartments. City can give 75% abatement without having to go to the schools for approval.

Councilman Eades – Do we have an actual procedure to follow? Check list?

Mayor Closser – It's all in the OAC (Ohio Administrative Code)

President Comer – Do we generally discuss with the schools?

Mayor Closser – Yes, I do speak with the schools before it comes to council. We want to be good partners with the schools.

Councilman Eades – I'd like to remind everyone about the election coming up. The Fire Levy is on the ballot, .25% increase on income taxes to help fund the Fire Department. I'm convinced they need that increase and I will support it. To the Mayor: What are the plans if the levy doesn't pass? Nothing has come to the Finance Committee. I am concern with this moving forward.

Mayor Closser – There is a backup plan in the works, but it's not ready to share.

Councilman Robinson –Attended London Marathon. Great turn out. A lot of people got to see our city and many were from out of town.

Councilman Hays – Thank everyone for coming out tonight and thank all the city personnel for what you do. I support the Fire levy, .25% Income tax. They are hard working people and lives depend on them. We need our Fire and EMS. If you are retired, it costs you nothing. Thank my councilmembers.

Councilman Hitt – Make sure to get out and vote.

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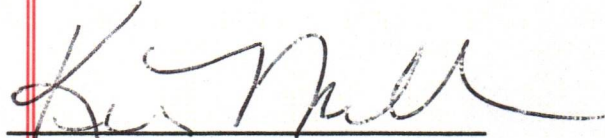
Councilman Stahl – I was in City of Groveport. We received our 37th Tree City USA award. Over 150 people there. City, colleges, and Mt. Sterling was present. Offered to assist.

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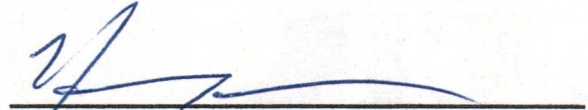
President Comer – Thank you for viewing online and to all council members. Go out to the polls and voice your opinion.

Adjournment - 7:45p.m.



Kris Miller, Council Clerk

Date

5/5/23

Henry Comer, Council President

Date

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