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London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
February 5, 2026, at 6:30 pm
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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present – Councilman Eades, Councilwoman Jackman, Councilman Hays, President Peters, Councilman Hitt, Councilwoman Treynor, Councilman Boyd, Councilman Stahl
Absent –

Minutes – Approval of January 5 & 15, 2026, minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements – Mayor Closser presents the **State of the City Address** – Speech can be found on the City’s website at Londonohio.gov.

Audience Concerns

Brittany Hall, 1056 Amherst Boulevard. I want to talk about the recent council vote allowing the Safety Service Director to seek bids for privatizing our city's trash services. Right now, many residents are under the impression that the Sanitation Department has already been privatized, and that decision is final. From what I understand, that's not the case, but the fact that so many people believe it is should concern everyone. That confusion didn't come from nowhere. It exists because, despite what Mayor Closser just previously stated, residents are not being clearly informed while major decisions are unfolding. Trash service affects every single household in this city. It's not a minor issue, and it's not something residents should have to piece together through Facebook comments, rumors, or secondhand explanations. Situations like this are exactly when residents deserve clear, real-time updates about what is being discussed, what has been authorized, and what has not been decided yet. Our city has not only a civic but a moral responsibility to keep residents informed about issues that directly impact their daily lives. Transparency should not only apply when the news is positive, easy, or fun to share. Right now, most official communications seem to focus on events and community activities, and those things are cute, but they cannot be the only way residents hear from their local government. Difficult or controversial topics deserve the same level of visibility and clarity. This is not a complicated or unrealistic expectation. It's a very solvable problem. I also want to acknowledge that many residents are already uneasy about privatization, especially after the situation with Mid-Ohio, which has not gone the way people were promised. There's a growing concern that we may be heading toward another failed department instead of addressing the root issues. Sanitation workers themselves have stated that departments' struggles stem from mismanagement, so it's fair to ask, why are the workers being punished for failures they didn't create, rather than holding leadership and management accountable? At times, it feels like there's more concern about avoiding finger-pointing and uncomfortable conversations than there is about transparency and accountability. But residents can handle hard conversations. What they can't handle is

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being left in the dark. So, I'll close with these three questions. One, who is responsible for communicating major service changes to residents in real time? Two, why was there no explanation to residents about what this vote did and did not authorize before being voted on? Three, what will change going forward so residents are informed before confusion spreads, and not after? Thank you.

President Peters - Thank you. Up next, we have...

Ms. Hall - Will I get my questions answered?

President Peters - Those questions will be addressed. I mean, if you want to reach out to the administration with those questions, this isn't a town hall meeting.

Ms. Hall - No, I know, I'm addressing the city council because you guys are the ones that voted on this situation, correct?

President Peters - Yeah, that is correct.

Ms. Hall - So I will not get my questions answered tonight, is that what you're saying?

President Peters - If you want to email all the council members those three questions, I'm sure you'll get your answer.

Ms. Hall - Sure, okay, thank you.

Kevin Crosley, 1044 Portway. It's about sanitation. As the mayor said, the repairs and the disarray of the buildings out at sanitation just didn't happen overnight. And I know in the previous meeting I said we can't blame the past, but it is the past. The trucks are terrible. Fortunately, right now, we have two rentals, been doing great. We had a few hiccups with one of the rentals because of the cold, and it was a failure of a part, so we got that taken care of. But if you invest in our department, we will make the sanitation department worthy of keeping. Also, some of the hidden costs to taxpayers. There are services that we provide that the new company or whoever does won't. If someone forgets to set their trash out, they call and leave a message. Jason, our foreman, says, hey, can someone go grab this trash, please? We go do it the next day after we get the message, or that same day. We do it for no fee. The companies that come in will charge a minimum of \$25 per trip. So that's another cost to the residents that you're trying to say they don't need. But now you're saying they need it because you're getting rid of us, that we do it for free. Also, you'll see on some of the bills, and I've seen it happen with the business I was in before. Fuel costs go up; that gets worked into your bill. Truck repairs, if they're a majority, happen in your area, which gets figured into your bill. So that gets pushed onto the residents without the council or the city even having a say in it. Also, a reduction in service. People will not be able to – people that we've mentioned to that bring stuff out to the yard right now, they're not happy that they're going to lose the ability to bring their bulk yard waste. If they do spring cleaning or clean out a house, they're not able to bring that stuff in. It has to sit at their house for a week if the other company picks it up. Which people say, yeah, they pick it up, but there are a lot of people who don't want that stuff sitting in their vehicles or in their yard for a week at a time. They want to bring it in, get rid of it, and a lot of people understand that. So that's another loss that's going to happen for the residents, and who knows where they'll be able to take their stuff as far as that goes. Also, the other thing I want to personally say is that at one of the meetings, some council members said in their roundtable that they appreciate the job we do. They thank us

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for the job we do, but at the end of the day, they turn around and throw us out. That's all I have.

Donna Martin - I live at 231 South Main Street here in London. You know, it's utterly ridiculous that you guys say the mayor, I'll be specific, says we're going to inform the people, but if you go on Facebook, they're trying to figure out, oh, why is this up for a vote now? Who do we have to contact to get in touch with people, because we want to keep what we got? I don't understand that. If you're keeping everybody informed, why are there so many posts on Facebook asking, who do we have to contact about this?

President Peters - As I mentioned, I mean, if you could.

Mayor Closser - No, I want to address this because this was also said before. I put my city council updates up every other Thursday, and it talks about a lot of the stuff that we're doing, and then at the end it talks about the legislation that's going forward, a little brief description of what piece of legislation everything is, and then also what has been passed at the past meeting. So that was up for, was it three or four readings? Four readings.

Ms. Martin - Okay, now where is this at?

Mayor Closser - That's on my Facebook page, the mayor's Facebook page.

Ms. Martin - Oh, so in other words, if we want to get information, we need to go to you.

Mayor Closser - No, but people are saying that I'm not putting stuff out there.

Ms. Martin - No, no, that's not what I'm saying. I'm not saying you're not, but if people don't go to your website or whatever, how are they going to know? I mean, it's on Facebook. People are putting it on Facebook. How do we get? Who do we contact about this? We don't want this to happen. So, if you don't put it, if somebody doesn't put it on a public platform other than yours, how are they to know? Because a lot of people don't specifically go to your website.

Mayor Closser - Well, I'm not, okay, and I won't talk for other people, but we put the information out about all the council meetings, and it has...

Ms. Martin - Does it have a link to the?

Mayor Closser - Yep, so the Facebook post from the city links back. You can link back to the agenda and read what's coming up. Also, you can Google City of London, Ohio, and it'll give the website, it'll give the phone number, and I'll tell you what, I have not gotten calls on this. I have not received information. I don't know where else you would want us to put it besides on our social media platforms, as well as on our website. I know there are quite a few council members who are very active on Facebook who put out updates, and this is what's coming up, and things of that nature.

Ms. Martin - Well, there are things that come up on Facebook. You're correct. That is true. But it's not, it's like, okay, we have a city council meeting on this date at this time, and there might be something on Facebook, but it's like if you're not, if you don't know what you're looking for, you're not going to find it. I know that's not, you know, your fault.

Mayor Closser - What would be your suggestion for us to get that information out?

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Ms. Martin - My suggestion is to put it on Facebook, where you can say this is from the mayor and this is what we're doing. So, there are a lot of people, and I can say I'm more literate than a lot of people who don't, you know, that's on social media. So, if you don't show me in black and white, I don't think I should have to contact you or go to your website to get this information because I am a resident and I pay my taxes.

Mayor Closser - I would suggest that you follow the city's Facebook page as well, the mayor's Facebook page.

Ms. Martin - Okay, so could you tell, could you have somebody put that online? Because otherwise, why are these people saying if you put it on there, then they'll know where to go instead of putting it up there? Well, where do we go? You've got this thing on. There's, I mean, a number of people saying where do we go to get this information because we don't want the sanitation department to be out, put out. So, that's my suggestion.

Councilman Boyd - Do we have any type of small pamphlet or any kind of flyer that we have here that people can come pick up?

Mayor Closser - If somebody would like the agenda, they're more than welcome to come here. We would print one off for them. If somebody emails us, we would send them the agenda. I mean, no, we don't have a pamphlet for every council meeting. Is that your question?

President Peters - My suggestion would be that people need to get on the city website. The agenda's always on there. Legislation that's passed is always on there. If they have specific questions, contact the council member, administration. Emails and phone numbers are on there. Don't count on Facebook. Go to the city website and get your information from there. That's all I have on that.

Committee Reports

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Hitt - Yeah, the public service committee meeting will be at 5 o'clock in the meeting room next door. That's Tuesday next week. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jackman – Nothing. Thank you.

Councilman Boyd - Nothing new, but hopefully public service, we can look into maybe finding some way to outreach to the community. Thank you.

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays - The safety meeting will be Tuesday evening, the 10th, at 6 p.m., in the conference room next door. Thank you.

Councilman Stahl – Nothing.

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Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee --

Councilman Eades - Nothing new to report for the finance committee. We'll meet on the 10th at 6:30 pm after the other two committees meet. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jackman -- Nothing. Thank you.

City Official Reports

Mayor Closser -- Nothing to report.

Director Saltsman - The police building, we've been talking a lot about whether or not the weather has created quite a bit of havoc over there, which has probably set us back another week and a half. At Monday's meeting, we talked about that we're at mid-July now for the completion date. They are actually working, but they had so much snow on the roof and even inside the building where it came through that it has set it back quite a bit. Nothing else specific about it. It's just another delay we see, probably going to cost us more money too. Talking about the weather, I had a couple of things. One, so I know the mayor already talked about the street and sanitation, but I want to hit some specifics with it. I actually went out on the road with the street crews on Sunday and then a little bit on Monday to see some of the things that they faced. And, you know, Sunday, they were just trying to keep up with the snow and that. But they continue to work even today. They're out there cleaning up some of the side streets, cleaning up the curb areas, things like that, and prepping for additional snow to come in tomorrow. But I also wanted to talk about sanitation. Most of those guys were able to get in, level three snow emergency. Plowed out the parking lot, went out, I believe, and some guys got some of the commercial stuff picked up Monday, even under level three. Not a lot because it wasn't accessible, but still got that cleaned up so they're ready to go to work on Tuesday. So, I think there are a lot of things that go on. Everybody wants to know everything that's happening, but there are a lot of things going on behind the scenes. They should get credit for the efforts they took to do those things, also. And even the other, like parks, are recommended to get these lots of cleaning and stuff too. I know we see a lot of complaints on social media. There's not a lot out there about the good things happening, either. I think that's it. I don't have anything else.

Kevin Crosley - The mayor has said that the city doesn't plow the alleys. Well, we have a lot of trash customers that are alley serviced. Businesses that don't want to clear out their cans, their dumpsters. Try to pull a dumpster through a foot of snow. It's not the best thing, especially when there's ice under it, to try to put it back where it belongs. So, something I believe should be done is to have the alleys cleared so that sanitation has access to them. The other part of that is, with someone else coming in, we know the tight spots in our trucks. These new companies aren't. There are some streets where cars double park, and you can barely get a Volkswagen through there, let alone a trash truck. So, some things need to be done.

Councilman Eades - Just a couple of things for Mr. Saltsman, and part of that discussion. A couple of things that were brought up to me. I'll just let you know what these were. It all has to do with snow. The first thing that was brought up was that we've put in a lot of handicap ramps, but we can't get to those now because they were plowed in. And we don't have, or we haven't done a good job of getting that access to those. So, anyone who needs a handicap ramp can't get to them. Secondly, I believe there are some people or some streets, a few streets, at least in London, where there's no parking on one side of the

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street. They all have to park behind their houses. And I would think if an alley is going to be plowed, if that's their only way in and out, I would think that that should at least warrant some attention to try to do that. I know it's an alley, but it's a public alley. And this is how these people get in and out. So, those were two things that were brought to my attention. I just want to make you aware of.

Councilman Boyd - If I ask a couple of things. All right. And so, kind of, yeah, going into that one. One of the things that kind of came up was Court Street being called an alley. And it came to our attention that it was not registered with the Madison County Courthouse as an actual street. And so, I find that kind of interesting with my house specifically saying 1930 because of the amount of records that were burnt in the courthouse back when. And so, it's something to maybe look into. However, when I went down that street, it tried to take me down Court Street from Google Maps. And so, after getting stuck twice, I'd like to see if we could look into registering it as a street or seeing what we have to do with Google Maps so it doesn't try to take people down it. I thought we'd go on. The second one is the ECS building back here. We have the school that has missed school on Monday and Tuesday. And it is now at a temporary location. They have frozen water pipes. And so that was since last Friday. I haven't heard anything new on this. Can we have an update, please?

Director Saltsman - The update, same as I gave you in the e-mail. So, what I first want to say is I've been working on this since Friday, when I got the call. You sent information, but requested information you did not provide. So, I have no additional information that I can provide about specific questions somebody may have. I've been dealing with the London City Schools, the assistant superintendent, and also dealing with the maintenance person, the garage, and ESC directly with the principal. I've been in contact. Today is the only day I've not talked to her. So, any issues may arise. I'm not sure what else you're looking at. It is frozen. We assume it's frozen underground. There's nothing else we can do. We've been there every single day with them. So, your e-mails and your indications that we're not following the contract, you're misled. I'll be glad to talk with you offline.

Councilman Boyd - And that's where I was kind of hoping that maybe at least council members would be able to get more information than that, because that just didn't really tell me anything. If anything, it's, you know, have you tried maybe? There are several different options that I've seen, actually, as far as being able to thaw pipes underground.

Director Saltsman - Okay. Again, I don't want to get information. I'd love to have that conversation. But there is no access to the lines.

Councilman Boyd - That's where I was hoping.

Director Saltsman - Your allegation to us that we were not following the contract, that is absolutely not correct. That contract is being followed. We're actually going above and beyond that legal contract, what's required. I've sent that to our law director and had it reviewed to make sure my information was correct. It is correct. And again, I don't know where you're having your conversation with, but both the London schools and the ESC, I've talked to their leadership. I've had no other complaints. I don't know what you're asking.

Councilman Boyd - That's good. There's nothing else really there besides maybe, hey, kind of why the delay was. And so, thank you for being on top of that at least and helping them out, and I'll kind of chat with you a little bit more about what I do have on maybe helping you get that fixed. Next would be the comprehensive plan. That was good that we're getting that pumped out. So, is that within the next couple of months that we'll be seeing

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the comprehensive plan coming our way?

Mayor Closser - So I believe it will be at the planning commission next month.

Councilman Boyd - All right. So that takes care of that one. Kind of the last piece as we got into the development and growth of London. There was one from the Mid-Ohio meetings that kind of stood out to me as something to maybe just bring up, as what your thoughts are on it. As Mr. Taylor stated, there has been concern about the city of London's source and water supply. A local developer will be developing 3,500 new homes and 5.5 million square feet of commercial warehouse by industrial areas, which will put a strain on London's water supply that cannot be supported. Do we have much of a thought on that guy?

Mayor Closser - I don't know the specifics on that. If you would like to email me, I can get a hold of Mr. Taylor and find out if you have specific questions. Just e-mail me.

Councilman Boyd - Well, I mean, so it sounds like these are approved, though, by Mid-Ohio. Do you know anything about that? Because that's kind of my other concern is this is right outside the city.

Mayor Closser - Tommy, I don't know what you're talking about. That's what I'm saying. If you email me, then I can find out the answer.

Councilman Boyd - Wasn't sure. Steve, it looked like he was there for that meeting that day. It had you on the minute, so apologies otherwise. But hopefully something we can look into. The other disturbing part, kind of looking through this, is that, you know, the second water plant that we had our rates increased for, that's something that they're still saying is an issue. You know, they're still trying to figure out the ammonia issues or the well issues. However, we've had that issue already come to us. Council had approved it. And now that project seems it hasn't gone. So, if there's any way to maybe reach out with those things. But that's all I have.

Old Business

RESOLUTION 101-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution authorizing the Auditor to transfer funds during 2026 - City Council approved legal fund transfers as part of the City's annual 2024 budgetary resolution, Ordinance 188-25.

Councilman Eades - So, each year, this is part of what we do: these transfers. There are a number of transfers. I'm going to have the auditor address part of this. There have been a few new things. So, just if I could have you address any of the differences from last year, if you would, please.

Auditor Kenna Combs - Yeah, there are two changes in the dollar figure. One is the fire pension transfer. I increased that dollar figure to align with contract raises and step increases throughout the year. The other one was, I believe, that one increased from \$400,000 to \$450,000. The street rotary transfer, I believe, was \$5,000. This year I have \$8,000. This is part of the assessment for mowing violations throughout the year. So, last year we had a significant bill, and we had to come back and ask for it. So, I did a little more this year to account for potential charges or assessments. And then the final new addition is for the police building loan payment, and that's \$259,550.

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Councilman Eades - So if anybody on council has any questions about what these line items are, this is the proper person to ask what they are.

President Peters - Any other discussion?

Councilman Eades - Mr. President, the auditor always asks if we would pass this on in an emergency. She would like to get these funds funded. There are things that do need to be paid for. This is not affecting our budget in any other way. This has all been accounted for. We just have to transfer the funds over. Hearing that, and unless there are any additional changes, I move that we suspend the three-reading rule.

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

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd
Against: 0-

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

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 102-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor

A resolution increasing appropriations -- Police Dept donations

Councilwoman Treynor - This is the donations for the Police Department. \$5,548.64. They would like access to those monies.

Councilman Hays - And this is money that was appropriated last year, but it wasn't spent, correct?

Auditor Combs -- Correct.

Councilman Hays - Okay, so we're not spending?

Auditor Combs - It's not new money. It was already on their lines last year. It's just rolled over where they didn't spend it, so we got to appropriate it this year so they can spend it. It just stays in the general fund.

Councilman Hays - I just wanted to make it a point so everybody knows.

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, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd
Against: 0-

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

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Absent: 0-
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 Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 103-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A resolution increasing appropriations – Fire/EMS Dept donations

Councilwoman Jackman - This is just about the same thing as the police department donations. This money was in the budget last year but was not spent. I don't have the exact amount in front of me. It was \$11,500. So, that is just money that was not spent last year from donations. Sorry, for the fire department, not the police. This one is fire and EMS.

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, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd
 Against: 0-

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

Absent: 0-
 Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd
 Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 104-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor

A resolution increasing appropriations - The Fire Department has unused training money from 2025

Councilwoman Treynor - This one is similar except that instead of police or fire donation money, this is fire department unused training money that was previously in the budget, and was unspent from last year. We would like to continue to use these funds to purchase equipment. The amount of the increase to their budgetary line would be miscellaneous in the amount of \$10,750.23.

Councilman Eades - So the strange thing about this is that it's in their contract that if the money is not used for training, they can then use the money to purchase equipment for the firehouse. So, that's a little different than other things we do. Just wanted to bring that up.

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, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd
 Against: 0-

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

Absent: 0-
 Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd

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Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 105-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor

A resolution increasing appropriations - The City must pay the county taxes for the tree assessment

Councilwoman Treynor - So this is the, is this the new line item for paying the tree bill?

Auditor Combs - Yes, this is my error. Let's just put that on the record.

Councilwoman Treynor - It's a new line item. The county caught up with us, and we need to pay our portion of the county taxes for the tree assessment. So, this is the creation of a new line item to basically allow us to pay those bills when they come in?

Auditor Combs - Correct.

Councilwoman Treynor - Total appropriation request is \$5,000. And we could build those, I think, twice a year like everybody else, right?

Auditor Combs - Yep.

Councilwoman Treynor - Okay. The first tax bill is coming due in February, isn't it? Yes. So, do we need to suspend this one as well?

Auditor Combs - I'd appreciate it.

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

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd
Against: 0-

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

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Stahl, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Treynor, Boyd
Against: 0-

ORDINANCE 106-26 Sponsored by: Tom Boyd

An ordinance vacating an alley

Councilman Boyd - Well, this is an alley that homeowners have decided how to split. They had the paperwork. And I will not be needing an emergency reading.

President Peters - So we'll schedule this public hearing for March 19th. It has to be the 19th. It has to be.

Councilman Eades - So I do have a couple of questions about this. That piece of property, did that go before the planning commission?

Mayor Closser - I'd have to go back and look. I remember being in a meeting, but I can't

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remember if it was BZA or planning, that property. If you want to shoot an email, I can send it over to Tom and make sure to get you the minutes for that meeting.

Councilman Eades - I was curious. The property owner had called me prior to that. And I hadn't heard anything, whether it's been to the planning commission or the BZA at that point. You know, I understand that alleys are probably not used very much. Doesn't even appear to be an alley. However, since he's bought the property, it's fallen into even more disarray. So, I knew he was trying to make some changes to the property. I didn't know if it was approved. And I just don't know if we're getting ahead of ourselves by doing this.

President Peters - Any other discussion on this tonight?

Mayor Closser - I think it was BZA. I don't think it was planned. Just email. We'll figure it out.

Councilman Eades - Well, maybe this will. He wanted to add two efficiency apartments in what was the back porch area. He was going to extend that or something. So, I didn't know which one would go to.

President Peters - We'll have a public hearing on this ordinance on, what did I say, March 19th.

Councilman Eades - Mr. President, I do have one more question. And maybe you guys can help answer this, also. I don't see, and do we normally get Columbia Gas to check off on these easements, too? Because I didn't see anything for Columbia Gas. And I don't know if we normally need to do that or not.

Director Saltsman - Columbia Gas is one I asked specifically. And they said they often do not reply. They're given 30 days to reply. I think on the final day, we got Mid-Ohio's and then ours. All of them are there if they're there. But, yeah, they are at two.

Councilwoman Treynor - Columbia Gas is one I asked specifically. And they said they often do not reply. They're given 30 days to reply. I think on the final day, we got Mid-Ohio's and then ours. All of them are there if they're there.

Director Saltsman - Yeah

Round Table

Councilman Stahl - But the bad weather we've had, I've had a lot of people say we wish we'd had an old-fashioned winter. Well, we've had one. I don't think people like it as much as they thought they would. And I'd also like to thank the mayor for what was on Facebook, how he explained all the different things we'd been through the last year. Got a lot of good reports from that. And a lot of people complained about growth. And they said, we don't want to be another Hilliard. But I tell them my wife is from Hilliard. And 50 years ago, it wasn't much bigger than us. And it's taken them 50 years to get big. And I don't think most of us will be here in another 50 years to find out if we do grow that big or not. So, that's all I have. Thank you.

Councilman Boyd - After going to some other cities and chatting with administration around other places, something I have seen is that a monthly flyer, just some updates, one sheet, front, back, maybe showing something that's coming up. Not something difficult that

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hopefully we can offer out there as another source of communication for the people besides social media. Thank you.

Councilwoman Treynor – nothing

Councilman Hitt - The next service committee meeting is on the 10th at 5 o'clock in the meeting room next door. Thank you.

Councilman Hays - I'd like to thank all city employees for jobs well done, especially the street department this time, because of all the snow. All of our employees are valuable. If a department is, if something's going to be leaving, you're still very valuable to the city. You're valuable as a person. So, I thank you for a job well done. I know that's not easy being out there in that cold weather. I wouldn't want to do it. That's probably why we have such a hard time getting people to work. They don't want to do it. It's bone-freezing cold, and it hurts your fingers and feet and everything else. I was a police officer for several years, so I've been out in the cold and doing accidents and things, and I know what you go through. But I want to thank you for a job well done. The safety committee will meet on Tuesday, the 10th, at 6 PM next door. And I've got to say this. The Lord watch over our city, all of our citizens, as we've got more snow coming. And hopefully the Lord will put his hand up and stop it before it gets very much. But be patient, be safe, and watch out for each other. Check on your neighbor. Check on people who are elderly. If you don't see them for a day or so, check on them. Make sure they're okay. And give the city guys a chance to do their job. It's not easy. It's not easy. So, with that, I'll close. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jackman – I have nothing.

Councilman Eades - So that was an extraordinary snow, and I don't want to make excuses for anybody about snow removal. I don't think it's going to be a tough thing. And I think this being Mr. Saltsman's first run through, he's probably taken notes and thinks there are probably some things that we could change in the future. Hopefully, he would think that. I was very happy to see the – it took a few days, but it didn't matter to me. I was just happy to see the front loaders and the dump trucks downtown. And I knew Mr. Saltsman was down there directing them or helping them out a little bit, because that is a complaint that's always happening. And I do remember, you know, when I was much younger, when we had heavy snow, that they would actually do that because it really closes the sidewalks to the businesses. So, I was glad to see that. I've seen a lot. I don't get on Facebook a lot, but I did see some comments or people complain that, you know, just spent four hours digging myself out, and here comes a snowplow and it plows me in. Well, that's a little unavoidable. I'm not any happier about it than anybody else, because it happened to me, too. But I do at least want to say this, that there are people who go out there and do that, and they move, and it could be an elderly person. It could be anyone. You go out and work on that in front of your house, and then you leave, and then somebody pulls in, and they take your spot. And that's frustrating. It makes you mad because you did all of this work, and somebody else is going to squat on your spot. And all I can say is be kind. You know, try to be kind to your neighbors and be kind to your fellow man and help them out a little bit, you know, go remove some snow. I do want to thank everybody who spoke tonight. I think that Ms. Hall and Ms. Martin, you both brought some issues to light. There are holes in the communication. There's no perfect way. And I think it can be better, so I'm glad you guys brought those things up. And that's all I have.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm

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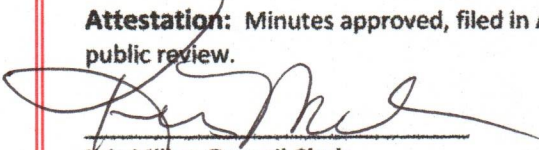
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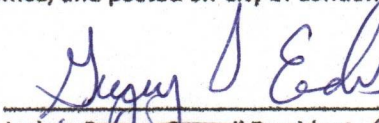
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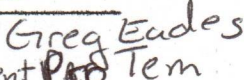
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