August 20, 2020

President Henry Comer called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

CLERK CALLED ROLL: Brenda Russell, present; Josh Peters, present; Bryan Robinson, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, present; Carla Blazier, absent; Anthony Smith, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 159-20 is scheduled for a public hearing September 17th.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Nick Adkins, 76 Arlington Avenue, London, addressed city council. He is running for the Madison County Prosecutor position and was asking for their support. He is currently the county's assistance prosecutor. He gave a history of his education and work experience. He is very active in numerous organizations in London.

President Comer thanked him for his leadership in the community. He commended him on all his participation within the community as it is good for someone in his position to be so active.

Rex Castle, 4477 Belvedere Park, Columbus, addressed council. Mr. Castle was a recent city council member. He explained he was on council when the .5% credit was given to those working outside the city limits. He noted it was very controversial and encouraged council to make sure they had enough revenue coming in to sustain the fire department. He reminded that the levy did not pass the first time out and could be very detrimental to the city if it fails another election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Russell attended the finance and public service meetings. The auditor's office needs to upgrade their current software program and is securing estimates.

The PBU has legislation on the agenda tonight requesting $200,000 from the storm water utility fund to continue work the "Y" intersection in town. They plan to install more pipe, moving the water towards the Rt. 56 water plant, in hopes of alleviating the flooding problem all together.

Mrs. Russell shared that the city will receive 9% of the county's $1 million CARE act funding.

The next finance committee meeting is September 14.

Councilman Robinson attended the public service meeting. He reported on the street and recreation departments. The pool is closed for the season. They are finalizing revenue for the year. Pumps for the splash pad would overheat, shutting off the water. They are looking into a solution before next season.

Billie Gore is the new recreation department assistant.

The next public service meeting is September 9.

Councilman Hays informed there was no formal public safety meeting but gave a report from the police department. Officer Frank White was promoted to detective and Officer Zach Livers recently completed his field training.

He thanked the police department for the good work that they do.

Councilman Hitt gave a report from the fire department. They are continuing EMS and new hire training. They are conducting CPR classes and participating in COVID-19 webinars. They participation in the funeral procession for fireman Richard Sparks.

The next public safety meeting is September 8.

Councilman Smith thanked President Comer, administration, and Senator Steve Stivers for assisting in securing the free aeration equipment from the EPA. The loaned equipment will determine if such equipment will work removing the ammonia before the city buys their own. We should have results in two weeks.

The new trash trucks will be delivered September 6 and 8.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Pat Closser gave his report at this time. (attached) He publicly thanked Jeff Mathew and his landscaping company for sprucing up the downtown area. They really stepped up and helped the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 158-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 880 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (attachment) Motion by Hays to place on third reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell explained that we have to make sure our fire department is funded. It is only fair for all the residents to pay for this service. This will insure future funding for the fire department.

Councilman Robinson reminded that the .3 mills was savings for the citizens when the city took over the EMS for the city. Money was saved by taking it over.

President Comer noted that originally Councilwoman Blazier was not in favor of rescinding the tax, but believes it is necessary now too.

Motion by Russell to adopt, second by Peters. Roll to adopt: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes. **ADOPTED.**

ORDINANCE NO. 159-20 Sponsored by: Rich Hays AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY (attachment) Motion by Hays to place on second reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. A public hearing is scheduled for September 17.
LEFT ON 2ND READING.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 163-20 Sponsored by: AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY (attachment) Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. The alley is between 56 and 60 Logan Avenue. A public hearing is scheduled for October 1.
LEFT ON 1ST READING.

RESOLUTION 164-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

This is to pay for past water deposits due to customers in the amount of $16,000 and for new deposit refunds to be made in the future. The line item has been there, it just hasn't been funded. This will be a part of the BPU budget from here on out.

Motion by Smith to suspend rules, second by Russell. Roll to suspend: Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Smith to adopt, second by Robinson. Roll to adopt: Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 165-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Hitt. Clerk read.

Motion by Smith to suspend rules, second by Russell. Roll to suspend: Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Smith to adopt, second by Hays. Roll to adopt: Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 166-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Hays. Roll to suspend: Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Russell. Roll to adopt: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes. **ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 167-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Robinson. Roll to suspend: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes, Russell, yes. **SUSPENDED**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Russell. Roll to adopt: Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes, Russell, yes; Peters, yes. **ADOPTED**.

RESOLUTION 168-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Hays. Roll to suspend: Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes, Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Russell. Roll to adopt: Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 169-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Hays. Roll to suspend: Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll to adopt: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 170-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Robinson. Roll to suspend: Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Hays, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll to adopt: Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 171-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Hitt. Roll to suspend: Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes. **SUSPENDED**

Motion by Hitt to adopt, second by Hays. Roll to adopt: Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 172-20 Sponsored by Carla Blazier A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Hays Roll to suspend: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes. **SUSPENDED**.

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Robinson. Roll to adopt: Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 173-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robison. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Robinson. Roll to suspend: Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll to adopt: Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Robinson, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 174-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Hays. Roll to suspend: Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Russell to adopt, second by Hays. Roll to adopt: Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes. **ADOPTED.**

ROUND TABLE: Councilman Smith thanked everyone who continues to assist towards getting the new water plant up and running.

Councilman Hitt thanked the street department for making Park Avenue look nice. He thanked council and administration for making this project happen.

He applauded those who worked hard to get the new trash trucks purchased.

He thanked everyone for attending.

He reminded that the next public safety meeting is September 8.

Councilman Hays thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He thanked all city departments for jobs well done. They are all appreciated!

Councilman Robinson reminded that the next public service meeting is September 9.

Councilman Peters thanked Rex Castle and Nick Adkins for stopping in this evening.

Councilwoman Russell thanked Councilman Smith and administration for the new trash trucks. The employees are very happy!

The next finance committee meeting is September 14.

President Comer thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He thanked Mr. Adkins and told Mr. Castle it was nice to see him.

He thanked all the city department employees and for everyone working together.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Russell to adjourn.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council Henry Comer, Council President