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, absent; Josh Peters, present; Bryan Robinson, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, absent; Carla Blazier, present; Anthony Smith, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Smith reported that water superintendent TJ Rice is working to get the new water plant up and running. He is trying to borrow equipment from the EPA to determine if it could help alleviate the ammonia at the new water plant. If it would work, then we'd see about getting an engineering firm to determine what the cost would be to get the new plant up and running. There is just a lot of great equipment just sitting out there!

The EPA is not loaning out the equipment right now due to COVID-19. Councilman Smith said he will call every day to see about borrowing the equipment, as we need to be aggressive. We need to get test results from the EPA. We just need to fix it and get it up and running!

President Comer said that he had been in contact with Representative Stivers office prior to the COVID-19. He said he would reach out to him again as Mr. Stiver has connections.

Councilwoman Blazier reported that the finance committee met and agreed to resend the .5% credit. We promised something as the city. It's not fair to people working in London to be paying more in taxes. The finance committee agreed to bring legislation for consideration.

Mrs. Blazier also reported that the public safety committee is looking for input from council members regarding Ordinance No. 141-20. She asked council members to email her their concerns with the legislation. A final list of contractors needs to be decided.

Mrs. Blazier gave the fire department report. Safety inspections are continuing, they are conducting new hire orientation, resumed CPR classes, and approved the "ride along" program. The department was also on hand for the fireworks display.

Councilman Hays thanked Mrs. Blazier for working on the contractor legislation. He asked if all council could meet to work on the piece of legislation. He would like the legislation to be presented at the August 6 meeting.

Councilman Hays also reported on the police department activities. Officer Hunter Carty is the newest hire, filling all the positions in the department. The Cobra's donated $2,500 to the police and fire departments, even though they were unable to hold their event in London due to the COVID-19. They also received a donation from DQ for "shop with a cop" program.

Councilman Hays shared that he had received a letter from a resident saying they thought London's streetlights are very dim compared to Springfield's. London can't receive any money for assistance from the ODOT because they have said we don't need all our traffic lights. They say we only need one at High and Main Streets.

Councilman Peters reported that the street department is doing their normal routine, basic maintenance around town.

He also reported on the parks and recreation committee meeting. The pool is doing good. It is open Wednesday through Sunday, 12:00-7:00 p.m.

The next public service meeting is August 12.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

President Comer stated that Ordinance No. 147-20 will remain on a fourth reading.

Ordinances No 108-20 and 149-20 will remain on third readings.

All three ordinances are scheduled for a public hearing on Thursday, August 6.

ORDINANCE 147-20 Sponsored by: Rich Hays AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY (attachment)
LEFT ON 4TH READING.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNEXATION OF LAND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF LONDON, OHIO
LEFT ON 3RD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 149-20 ORDINANCE 149-20 Sponsored By: Rich Hays AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
LEFT ON 3RD READING.

RESOLUTION NO. 151-20 Sponsored by Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS. Motion by Smith to place on second reading, second by Hays. Clerk read.
LEFT ON 2ND READING.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 155-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read. This is the donation from the Cobra club to the fire department.
LEFT ON 1ST READING.

RESOLUTION 156-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Blazier. Clerk read. This is the donation from the Cobra Club to the police department.
LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ORDINANCE 157-20 Sponsored by: Rich Hays AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 176-74 (attachment) Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read.

Councilman Hays explained that this amendment is to a correct a .23 acre track of property that was inadvertently annexed into the city. The property belongs to the Ohio Fuel Gas Company.
LEFT ON 1ST READING.

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

Councilwoman Blazier explained that this resends the credit to residents working outside of London. If is unfair to those who live and work in London.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ROUND TABLE:

Councilman Robinson thanked everyone's best wishes on his family's new baby girl!

Councilman Hays thanked all city employees for their hard work.

If residents notice streetlights are out, they should contact the police department, who is making notes, and calling Ohio Edison. Ohio Edison is replacing bulbs within a day or two of notification.

He thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Mr. Hays asked if council members would be available to meet next week to discuss Ordinance No. 141-20 regarding contractors registering with the city.

President Comer said they would need to abide by the Sunshine Law and make sure notice is in the paper.

Councilwoman Blazier reminded everyone to continue to be safe! Remember to wear masks. Do it to help others. Be kind to one another.

President Comer thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He thanked the Madison Messenger reporter for attending meetings and reporting the meetings in the paper.

ADJOURN: Motion by Hays to adjourn.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council Henry Comer, Council President