**London City Council**

**20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140**

**September 3, 2026, at 6:30 pm**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

President Peters called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. (The start time was delayed as Council President Peters tried to set up the recording of the meeting.) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of Silent Reflection.

**Roll Call**

*Present – Councilwoman Jackman, President Peters, Councilman Eades, Councilman Stahl, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt*

*Absent – Councilman Boyd, Councilwoman Treynor*

**Minutes** – Approval of August 20, 2026 minutes; ~~minutes not available~~

**Public Hearing** – none

**Communications/Announcements** –

- Appointment - Historic Downtown Revitalization Committee, Jesse Fields
  - Approved. (For: Jackman, Hays, Hitt, Stahl. Against: Eades) Councilman Eades raised his concern that having members of the nonprofit, the 1811 Group, that also serve on the Government board is a potential conflict of interest.

**Audience Concerns** –

RJ Timmons, 74 Laurel St, Laurel Street needs to be paved badly & curbs.

Tony Murry, 4000 US Hwy 42, London Farm Drainage

**Committee Reports**

**Public Service Committee –**

*Councilman Hitt* – Next meeting is September 8th at 5:00 pm in the conference room next door.

**Public Safety Committee –**

*Councilman Hays* - Next meeting is September 8th at 6:00 pm in the conference room next door.

**Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee –**

*Councilman Eades* – Next meeting is September 8th at 6:30 pm in the conference room next door.

**City Official Reports**

**Mayor Closser** - Good evening and thanks to everyone for coming out.
West 40 Social recently celebrated its ribbon-cutting, and we are excited to welcome another new business to Downtown London. Their opening is another positive sign of the momentum and investment we continue to see throughout our downtown area. With new businesses, events, and continued improvements, there are many great things happening downtown, and it is encouraging to see more opportunities for residents and visitors to gather, shop, dine, and enjoy all that Downtown London has to offer.

We believe businesses such as West 40 Social can play an important role in increasing activity and foot traffic downtown, while also complementing the other businesses already located in the area. Their success, along with the continued growth of our downtown, benefits the entire community and helps create a more vibrant destination for residents and visitors alike.

As West 40 Social begins operations and has submitted a request related to participation in the City's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), we would ask that the Safety Service Committee place their DORA request on an upcoming agenda for review and consideration.

There were some great events this past weekend at Cowling Park. We had our first Music in the Park event and on Saturday the Brighter Path Overdose Awareness event took place. Both events were well attended and people really enjoyed themselves.

Update on Development:
-The road next to the bowling alley, Reagans Ridge, is nearing completion in the London Landing project to help with traffic flow in that housing development.
-The London Landing project continues to be busy with Arbor Homes having bought all the lots except for the last 33 which should be sold in March.
-DR Horton are selling houses quickly in the Johnsons Creek development. They have purchased 79 lots off of the developer and have sold over 50 to customers.
-MI Homes is closing on 65 lots with the developer and will start building soon.
-The roads at Madsion Reserve will start going in this month.
-The County is looking to sell their out lots next to Rich Gas for possible retail.
-We continue to work with the County Economic Developer and One Columbus to find a tenant for the old Honeywell building. There has been a lot of interest but nothing has been finalized. I hope we can partner with Jobs Ohio to possibly look at ways to entice companies to purchase the building.

I have spoken with the Madison County Economic Development Director and our Law Director regarding the future sale of the old Police Department building once it has been vacated.

The City intends to facilitate the sale through the Community Improvement Corporation, Madison County Future, Inc. The proposals will be reviewed by the City Properties Committee, which is comprised of two City Council members, two citizens, and one City employee.

The City Properties Committee will review the proposals and provide its recommendation to the Administration. The Administration will make the determination regarding the sale of the property after careful consideration of the recommendation provided by the City Properties Committee.

Now on to the MOLO fun fact which is the number 3. That is how many hours it took to go watch our London Red Raiders varsity football team play this past Friday against Hamilton Heights Indiana. They came home, after a 3-hour ride, victorious winning 37-0. I was able to make the trip with my son and even with the long car ride it was a fun time and many citizens made the trip to Indiana to support these young men.

**Old Business**

*3rd Reading*

**RESOLUTION 164-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman**

A resolution authorizing the safety service director to file a ditch petition with the county. The ditch on the City farm needs repaired; and the ditch extends onto to property that is not owned by the City of London, and the owners reside in the County; and the City must file a petition with the County to be able to get the entire ditch repaired; there is a $1,500.00 bond required to be filed with the ditch petition.

Tony Murry, who farms the 160 City Farm, advised Council about why he suggested the City file a Ditch Petition with the County. He also explained the process of what happens after the petition is filed.

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

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| **Abstain:** | **0-** | |
| **Affirmative:** | **5-** | **Eades, Hitt, Jackman, Hays, Stahl** |
| **Against:** | **0-** | |

*2nd Reading*

**RESOLUTION 165-26 Sponsored By: Rich Hays**

A resolution designating Madison County Future, Inc., as agent for the sale of real property and authorizing an agency agreement.

*Leave for 3rd Reading*

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION 166-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades**

A resolution increasing appropriations. The Recreation Department has received a donation from a private citizen

*Leave for 2nd Reading*

**RESOLUTION 167-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades**

A resolution increasing appropriations. These funds were originally appropriated last year for renovations to the fire department, and these funds need reappropriated for the current year.

*Leave for 2nd Reading*

**RESOLUTION 168-26 Sponsored by Shannon Treynor**

An ordinance authorizing elected officials and appointed officials wage