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London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
May 18, 2023 at 6:30pm
Agenda *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 Peters, Councilman Robinson, President Comer, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl*

Minutes – Approval of May 4, 2023 minutes, approved by unanimous voice vote

Public Hearing - none

Communications/Announcements - none

Audience Concerns

- Tommy Boyd, 48 N. Union St.,
- 1. Asking that Ordinance 175-23 to be left on the agenda for 3rd reading, so more information can be obtained.
 - 2. Measured the width of 4th St. & Union St. They measure at 59’8”. This meets the requirement for diagonal parking.
 - 3. Courthouse sidewalk on the Main St side is breaking up pretty bad. Who is responsible for the repairs to those sidewalks? Mr. Castle advised Mr. Boyd that it’s the reasonability of Madison County to repair those sidewalks.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee – *Councilman Peters*, we will go through under New Business.

Councilman Eades – Fire Levy, will be able to run the fire/EMS department with current services until the end of the year. There is the \$200,000 set aside for department services for London Courts. If necessary, we can move that money to the fire/EMS department. Next year services at the Fire/EMS department can drastically change. This will not change with services.

Public Service Committee – *Councilman Robinson*, the last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for 6/7 at 6:00pm in the conference room behind us.

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Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Stahl – Police Report:

We are continuing our hiring process for open officer positions. Doug Jackson resigned as an officer on April 26th and this currently leaves two open positions to be filled.

- The Flock Safety Camera project was implemented in April. There was a success noticed already, with the locating of an elderly subject that had not been in contact with family members and was thought to be in the London area. Officers entered the plate in the system and it alerted on the plate, with an officer then able to locate the vehicle and individual. There was no issue and the family was put in contact with the individual.

- All cruisers were returned to service after various repairs. It is expected one new cruiser will be available by the end of the month.
- A couple of officers attended rail road enforcement and safety training held at the CSX yard in Columbus.
- Ofc. Myers completed his field training program.
- We participated in the DJFS Children's Carnival
- We provided traffic control for the London Marathon ● We attended the Madison County Senior Fair at the Madison County Senior Center on May 9th
- LPD app has 7,908 downloads. NOTABLE INCIDENTS: Homicide at 255 Washington Ave. on Friday April 21st. Nilen C. Harner, 17, Springfield arrested for Murder. The case investigation is ongoing. Burglary on May 1st at 5:15am on Lincoln Ave. The suspect had entered an occupied residence and was scared off by the resident. Adam Crawford, 44, was arrested and charged with Burglary.

Councilman Hitt – Fire/EMS Department Report:

- Departmental EMS Training – Active aggressor emergencies
- Departmental Fire Training – Pump and Drivers training
- Completed several community CPR classes
- Completed mounting equipment on the new Fire Engine. Awaiting additional mounting brackets.
- Participated in Madison County Senior Fair
- Participated in the London Middle School Life fair
- Participated in the annual Madison County DD volleyball game
- Participated in the Miami Valley Childrens Development Touch a Truck
- Completed annual Generator Preventative Maintenance for both stations
 - April transports – 144 out of 180 dispatched calls
 - Increase of 15% over previous months
 - Call volume:
 - EMS – 180 out of 211 dispatched calls
 - Fire – 31 out of 211 dispatched calls
 - Receiving hospitals:
 - Madison Health Hospital – 110
 - Doctors Hospital – 15
 - Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center – 5
 - Mount Carmel Grove City – 4
 - Nationwide Children's Hospital – 4

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- Grant Medical Center – 3
- Riverside Methodist Hospital – 3

Councilman Hays –

Most of our discussion during the Public Safety Committee meeting was regarding the parking on E 4th St. & Union St. Ordinance 175-23 will be discussed later in the meeting.

Board of Public Utilities report:

Last meeting was on 4/27.

- Citizen's question:
 - Can the old fire hydrants be used at the dog park
 - Asked about the storm sewers, Mr. Vest responded, "We do not oversee"
 - Water Dept – received bids for the F150 pickup truck
 - Waste Water – How long before we can get a new vac truck? It could take 6 months.
 - Sanitation Dept – a question regarding Code 1060.08 – private solid waste collection.
 - TJ Rice has been hired as Plant Operator per Union contract.
- New Business
 - Mr. Long has obtained a quote for removing trees & brush. Estimating \$13,000
 - 17 & 19 Kendal St. issues with water lines. Home owners need to make repairs
 - Mr. Long asked about cell phones. That request has been tabled.
 - Mr. Long stated that his department will mow water towers and plant for \$120 each.
 - Mr. Long will get pricing for electric & concrete at the poll barn at the water tower.

City Official Reports

Mayor – Pat Closser, please citizens, mow your lawns. Help your neighbors and the elderly with their lawns.

Safety Service Director – ditto, mow your grass. Also, don't put grass clippings in the sewer or on the street.

Old Business

Tabled Items

ORDINANCE 151-22 Sponsored by Rich Hays- an ORDINANCE amending official zoning.
5th Reading

Councilman Hays – no movement as of yet.

Leave on agenda

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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

Councilman Peters – we are waiting to see how much more we'll need

Mayor Closser – Please leave on for next meeting. Landon should be able to give report at that time.

Leave on agenda

3rd Reading

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

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hitt, 2nd by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Hitt, 2nd by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

New Business

RESOLUTION 161-23 Sponsored by: Greg Eades, A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS. The Fire Department had a squad damaged in an accident; and the squad is being 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 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 162-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters, A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS. Every year the City must pay the County for building and zoning fees; and the fees this year have exceeded the original appropriation; 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 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 163-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters, A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS. The electric at Cowling Park is in need of an upgrade; and MCE will need to install the 600 amp service in the park; and this was approved last year (173-22) but was not encumbered for expenditure; and the available funds must be re-appropriated prior to expenditure.

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 164-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters, A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS. The safe routes for schools walking path needs repairs; and the available funds must be re-appropriated prior to expenditure.

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 165-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters, A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS. The City Administration has identified the need for a new website and app; and the available funds must be re-appropriated prior to expenditure.

Leave on for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 166-23 Sponsored by: Greg Eades, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS SEWER 660 FUND FOR THE CK15Y, WWTP - SLUDGE DEWATERING REPLACEMENT WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

ORDINANCE 167-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL. There are several sections of the Policy and Procedure manual that need updated; and this Council must act to approve the recommendations.

Leave on for 2nd reading

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RESOLUTION 168-23 Sponsored by: Rich Hayes, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES. The City owns the personal property a 2003 Ford F150; 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 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 169-23 Sponsored by: Rich Hayes, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO REPAIR THE BASEMENT AT THE WATER PLANT WITH A COST IN EXCESS OF THE \$25,000 LIMITATION.

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Eades, 2nd by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 170-23 Sponsored by: Rich Hayes, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE RECYCLE TANK WITH A COST IN EXCESS OF THE \$25,000 LIMITATION

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 171-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PAVING OF SHEFFIELD AND OXLEY DRIVE

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 172-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS AT CITY HALL

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

ORDINANCE 173-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1228 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

ORDINANCE 174-23 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1248 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Motion to suspend 3 readings by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion failed with 4 in favor and 2 against by voice vote. Did not meeting 50 + 1 rule.

Leave on for 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 175-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 452 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Leave on for 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 176-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 454 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Leave on for 2nd reading

ORDINANCE NO. 177-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters, AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX BY TWENTY FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) PER ANNUM FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024, OF WHICH INCREASE (I) ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) PER ANNUM SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING, IMPROVING, MAINTAINING, AND REPAIRING MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES, TO PAY GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PAY ANY EXPENSES AND DEBT SERVICE CHARGES FOR DEBT INCURRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Leave on for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION NO. 178-23 Sponsored By: Josh Peters, A RESOLUTION TO PLACE THE ISSUE OF INCREASING THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX BY TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) PER ANNUM FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME AS PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 177-23, ON THE BALLOT AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, AND DIRECTING

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THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF MADISON COUNTY, OHIO TO CONDUCT SUCH ELECTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Leave on for 2nd reading

Round Table

Councilman Stahl – nothing

Councilman Hitt – nothing

Councilman Hays – Thank you for everyone coming to the meeting and those watching. The next Public Safety Committee meeting is 6/13 at 6pm. The next Board of Public Utilities meeting is 5/24 6:30pm. It's National Police Week. We've lost a lot of Police Officers. If you see a Police Officer anywhere, walk up to them and let them know that you appreciate them and thank them for doing their job. Thanks to all council members. I wanted to thank everyone who voted for me and have confidence in me. I try to do a good job.

Councilman Robinson – nothing

Councilman Peters – I don't have anything

Councilman Eades – I've got a couple of things. Mr. Hays as our representative to the Board of Public Utilities, I have people contacting me asking questions. If you can answer them now or by next meeting, that'd be great.

1. They are asking for updates on:
 - a. What we've improved in the past...
 - i. Water plant? Where are we.
 - ii. Loans that have been approved. Do we have construction time lines?
 - b. Plain City article about growing to an additional 21,000 people in the next 20 years. They are worried about how that's going to change things for London.
 - i. Plain City is ahead of the curve then us. We should look at our plans.
2. Finance – discuss abatements and schools losing out.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm



Kris Miller, Council Clerk

6/1/23

Date



Henry Comer, Council President

6/1/23

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