

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

London City Council

Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

September 21, 2023

Held _____ 20_____

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
September 21, 2023 at 6:30pm
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, President Comer, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl*

Absent - *Councilman Robinson*

Minutes – Approval of September 7, 2023 minutes, approved with corrections by unanimous voice vote

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements - none

Audience Concerns

Michael Norman, 188 S. Oak St/

- Regarding the solution to the fire funding. I’m confused about combining our services to one. I don’t think that would solve our current problem with funding, maybe down the road. Can you explain?

President Comer – If we improve our infrastructure in, fire, EMS, & police, then our facility would be something to be proud to work at and it’ll help with retention. In the short term, if we can provide better facilities, that could be the 1st step in keeping more quality fire, EMS, & police employees. This could help us in the long term.

Mr. Norman – It was confusing because it sounded like you’d need more funds to combine the departments.

President Comer – No, it would be a shared space.

Mr. Norman – Ok. I’d like to make announcement and invite everyone to the

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Lion’s EyeBall on September 30th, 7:00pm-11:00pm at the VFW in West Jeff.
All proceeds stay local.

Tommy Boyd, 48 N. Union St.

- 1- People using the crosswalks, they get half way through and a car comes racing up to the crosswalk. Can we get a sign stating, “By state law, you must yield!”?
- 2- I just came from the BPU meeting and a citizen asked about the pond on their property and the neighbor’s. I’d like to get tested. It doesn’t look safe or clean. Is it sewage? It’s dark and doesn’t smell good.
 - a. Bill Long responded – Its’ part f the grant project and will be fixed.
- 3- Combining fire & police, do they even want to be together?
 - a. President Comer – It’s what’s best for the city and residents of London. It’s only a suggestion and something we can look in to.

Myron Hochstetler, 498 N. Main St.

- I spoke to Bill about this before the meeting, but I can discuss this with you too. I have concerns with the right away where the storm pipe was replaced, still doesn’t have any grass growing on top of it. Bill reassured me that it’s still in the plans to fix for this fall.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee –

Councilman Eades – I attend the Finance Committee meeting and we’ll talk about the new legislation under New Business.

Councilman Peters - Ditto

Public Service Committee – nothing to report

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays – Attended the BPU meeting tonight, but will provide an update at next Council meeting. Next he reviewed the minutes from the last Public Safety meeting from 9/12.

Councilman Hitt – Provided the Police Department report from the Public Safety meeting.

Councilman Stahl – Provided the Fire Department report from the Public Safety meeting.

City Official Reports

Mayor – Pat Closser, please see attached report

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Safety Service Director –

Auditor – Not in attendance

Old Business

3rd Reading

ORDINANCE 199-23 Sponsored by: Greg Eades, an ORDINANCE authorizing advertisement for bids for the sale of real property owned by the City of London, Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 721.03. Parcel I.D. No. 31-02617.003

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Eades, 2nd by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 201-23 Sponsored by: A RESOLUTION requesting construction loan financing from the Ohio water development authority for the city of London’s sludge press project by the city of London, Madison County, OH and declaring an emergency.

Councilman Greg – please attached documents

President Comer – I feel this needs to go back to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Leave on agenda

New Business

RESOLUTION 203-23 - Sponsored by: John Stahl - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Police Department has received a donation.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 204-23 - Sponsored by: John Stahl - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The paving project on Sheffield and Oxley has been completed.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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RESOLUTION 205-23 - Sponsored by: Greg Eades - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The police department is in need of a new cruiser, one of their cruisers was totaled in a crash and needs replaced.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 206-23 - Sponsored by: Josh Peters - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The parking lot at City Hall needs paving.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 207-23 - Sponsored by: Greg Eades - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. There has been an increase in operational costs.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 208-23 - Sponsored by: Greg Eades - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Due to the increase of costs in chemicals there was not enough originally appropriated.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 209-23 - Sponsored by: Greg Eades - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. There was not enough originally appropriated maintenance of equipment water.

Bill Long – Basement wall needs repaired, general operations expenses, prices are rising. Need to increase appropriate to afford supplies & repairs to the end of the year.

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RESOLUTION 210-23 - Sponsored by: Greg Eades - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. There is a need to purchase additional water meters.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

RESOLUTION 211-23 - Sponsored by: John Stahl - a RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City needs to clean up and demolish the property at 138 Mound Street after the structure caught on fire.

Pat Closser – We will pay the \$25,000 and then bill the property owners. If they don’t pay, we’ll assess their taxes.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

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ORDINANCE 212-23 - Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt - an ORDINANCE vacating an alley. The City has received a petition to vacate an alley.

Public Hearing on 11/2/2023

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Public Hearing on 11/2/2023

Round Table

Councilman Hays – Thank all the city employees for jobs well done. I know the water dept. has a lot going on. I appreciate yours and everybody’s work Bill. Thank the fire and police dept. To everyone listening, we need to pass the fire levy this November. God only knows what we’d do if we don’t have them. Please vote yes on the fire levy. I want to thank all of my committee members and their hard work. I want to thank Council. Great work tonight and moving the city along. I’m glad to see the way things are going. We have a new ice cream place downtown. Support your local businesses.

Councilman Hitt – Thank everyone who is here and showing interest in the city. Next Public Safety meeting is October 10th at 5:00pm here in this room.

Councilman Stahl – Saturday downtown a new sandwich shop is opening up and a beauty salon will be opening up too. I went and saw the barbershop downtown and

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it's really nice. It's all really nice on that side of town. 8th grade boys' football is doing good. I'm hoping I can make the 2nd half of tonight's game.

Councilman Peters – My son is playing on the 8th grade boys' football team and they have a game playing right now. So, that's where I need to go too.

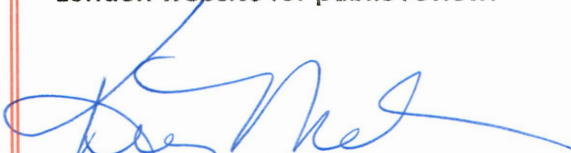
Councilman Eades – Gald to see a couple of new faces here tonight and that you stayed for the whole meeting. I know it can be boring, but there's a lot of information passed on. The fire levy needs to pass. For those listening for the 1st time, this levy is for 7 years and if it's still needed, we'll vote on it again. If it's not needed, we'll let it go. Also, to make sure everyone understands, it's on earned income. If you don't work or receive a pension, you are not paying. We come to these meeting, but we don't have any place to sit down & talk to someone. They come to our house or at a business. I would like to see Council have their own room. I think there is a room available across the hall. If we can work with administration to obtain a room to meet with people and get some work done, that would be great.

President Comer – I agree. Other Councils have their own room to talk to people or meet with the media. We need to have access to resources to do our work. Thank everyone for coming. And thank all the Councilmen here. We got a lot of work done.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:46pm

Attestation: Minutes approved, filed in Auditor's Office, and posted on City of London website for public review.


Kris Miller, Council Clerk

9/10/5/23
Date


Henry Comer, Council President

10/5/23
Date