London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

October 3, 2024 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council President Peters at 6:30p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection.

Roll Call

Present – *President Peters, Councilman Eades, Councilman Hays, Councilman McDaniels, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl, Councilman Norman, Councilwoman Treynor*

Absent-

Minutes – Approval of September 18, 2024 minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing - none

Communications/Announcements – none

Audience Concerns – none

Committee Reports – *(Department reports are attached to committee meeting minutes.)*

- *Councilman Eades mentioned the upcoming Finance Committee meeting on October 21 at 5:30pm and highlighted an email he sent around regarding the Civic Plus Meeting & Agenda Management system. He inquired if Clerk Edgington had reviewed the material and asked for his opinion.*

  Clerk Edgington confirmed that he had watched the provided videos and noted that the system appears to streamline the process, standardize meeting minutes, track voting, and facilitate the creation of information packets, all within a unified platform.

  Mr. Eades asked Clerk Edgington if the workload seemed more challenging now compared to when he was filling in for the previous clerk, Ms. Duffey.

  Clerk Edgington responded that the job feels harder now due to the increased reliance on technology and managing everything online, including legislation and reports.

Councilman Eades asked if the Civic Plus system would alleviate some of the current challenges.

Clerk Edgington confirmed that the system would be highly beneficial.

Mr. Eades informed the committee that the platform would come with costs: a $1,000 setup fee and $4,200 annually for two committees/groups to use. He mentioned that Civic Plus, which also provides the city's recreation software, offered a 10% discount for having multiple programs with them.

He highlighted the platform's feature that allows searching for previous legislation or discussions and noted that there is a larger package available for more committees, but it comes at an increased cost.

Mr. McDaniels inquired if there was an all-in-one system available that could consolidate various programs and fees.

Mr. Eades responded that he was not aware of a single solution that would meet all needs but emphasized that Civic Plus covers most of the city's requirements.

- *Councilman Hitt – No report*
- *Councilman Norman – No report*
- *Councilman McDaniels – Public service on 8th at 5 and public safety on October 8th*
- *Councilman Hays – No report*
- *Councilman Stahl – No report*

City Official Reports

Mayor Closser– see attachment

Mr. Eades asked what prompted the DORA.

Mayor Closser said local businesses started the discussion and approached the city. He mentioned meeting with Andy Warnock, who has properties in areas with a DORA, and Andy suggested that a DORA could attract businesses like breweries, wineries, or restaurants. The Mayor added that local businesses often express the need for more foot traffic, and this could help bring more people downtown.

Mr. Eades asked if businesses could put up signs indicating no alcohol.

Mayor Closser confirmed that businesses are allowed to put up such signs.

Mr. Castle stated that the city received several RFQs for the police department construction manager, with nine applications narrowed down to three. After interviewing all three, Elford Construction was selected by unanimous vote from the committee.

Mr. Norman asked for an update on the sanitation supervisor position.

Mr. Castle responded that he couldn't go into detail but mentioned it is scheduled to be revisited later in the month.

Mr. Norman asked about the progress of a sign order.

Mr. Castle confirmed that the sign has been ordered.

Mr. McDaniels inquired about when they will break ground.

Mr. Castle said that the timeline would be discussed in committee.

Mr. Eades raised concerns about junk vehicles on E. High and the storage of dozens of tires behind a house. He noted that he didn't see an ordinance addressing this and asked about potential actions.

Mr. Castle explained that yards cannot be junked up, but permission is needed from the side yard or neighbor to take pictures, assess the situation, and document code violations.

Mayor Closser suggested that the person submit the issue to the City Office, and the city will work on addressing it, noting that these types of calls are common.

Mr. McDaniels asked about the possibility of using a drone if it is difficult to obtain pictures.

Mr. Norman mentioned that permission would still be required to enter the yard.

Mr. McDaniels stated that a drone could be launched from a public space using the public airways.

Ms. Treynor noted that aerial surveillance could be used.

Mayor Closser said the matter would need to be discussed with Law Director Hitt.

3rd Reading

ORDINANCE 171-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt An ORDINANCE approving the editing and inclusion of certain ORDINANCES as parts of the various component codes of the Codified ORDINANCES; providing for the adoption and publication of new matter in the updated and revised codified ORDINANCES; repealing ORDINANCES in conflict therewith; and declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Hitt said this deals with legislation from past 2 years. I spoke with Law Director who has reviewed, and they were ok for updating. This is 3rd reading if anyone has questions.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Norman. The

motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- McDaniels, Hitt, Norman, Stahl, Treynor, Eades, Hays
Against: 0-

ORDINANCE 172-24 Sponsored by: Michael Norman An ORDINANCE amending section 1062 of the Codified Ordinances

Mr. Norman explained this deals with park rules that we amended at last meeting.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Hitt, McDaniels, Norman, Stahl, Treynor, Eades, Hays
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 173-24 Sponsored by: Brent McDaniels A RESOLUTION increasing Appropriations.

Mr. McDaniels said this is to buy a durapatcher to fix the roads.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman McDaniels. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Hays, Hitt, McDaniels, Norman, Stahl, Treynor, Eades
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 174-24 Sponsored by: Brent McDaniels A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into contract.

Mr. McDaniels said this is for Mr. Castle to purchase Durpatcher

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman McDaniels, 2nd Councilman Eades. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Stahl, Hitt, McDaniels, Norman, Treynor, Eades, Hays
Against: 0-

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 177-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations.

Ms. Treynor stated this deals with increasing budget to purchase office supplies

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades. McDaniels, Norman, Stahl, Treynor, Hays, Hitt
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Treynor, McDaniels, Norman, Stahl, Eades, Hays, Hitt
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 178-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations.

Ms. Treynor stated this deals with annual MORPC dues and the dues are slightly less than appropriation so this should cover the dues.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Treynor, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- McDaniels, Norman, Stahl, Treynor, Eades, Hays, Hitt
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Treynor, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Norman, Stahl, Treynor, Eades, Hays, Hitt, McDaniels
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 179-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations.

Mr. Hitt said this deals with purchase of trash cans throughout town.

Mayor Closser said this would be great ot get passed and get in before Old Fashion Christman

Mr. hit clarified on location

Mayor Closser said we might move some then put those down Main.

Mr. Eades clarified on number of trash cans then asked about DORA and if that would cover more trash cans

Mayor said he believes 4 and yes that would cover more trashcans separately than this.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Hitt, Hays, Stahl, Eades, Treynor, McDaniels, Norman,
Against: 0-

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

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Hays, Stahl, Eades, Treynor, McDaniels, Norman, Hitt
Against: 0-

ORDINANCE 180-24 Sponsored by: John Stahl AN ORDINANCE amending section 660 of the Codified Ordinances

Mr. Stahl said this deals with storage of junk vehicles

Mr. Castle stated he believes this came up at last meeting and there was 1 word wrong on previous copy but to make it legal then you should amend to remove.

Mr. Eades moved to amend under section A1, in sentence where is says left uncovered and remove uncovered throughout so strike through word uncovered.

Motion to amend RESOLUTION by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Stahl, McDaniels, Norman, Treynor, Eades, Hays, Hitt
Against: 0-

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Eades. The motion carried by the following vote

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Norman, Stahl, Treynor, Hays, Hitt
Against: 1- McDaniels

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Treynor, Norman, Stahl, Eades, Hays, Hitt, McDaniels
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 181-24 Sponsored by: John Stahl A RESOLUTION approving an easement

Mr. Stahl said this deals with alleys with 2 neighbors. He said it would cause problems if we tried to sell.

Mayor Closser said 181 is dentist parking lot and 182 is around Lynch family funeral home.

Mr. Hitt said this includes everything over to school street

Mayor Closser said no but when we did some investigation about the dentist parking lot and piece of funeral home parking lot. The school never transferred to us and now they have so wanted to give easement to those businesses.

Mr. Eades asked if this dealt with house in between.

Mayor Closser said no, we will deal with that later.

Leave for 3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 182-24 Sponsored by: John Stahl A RESOLUTION approving an easement

Mr. Stahl this deals with same thing as discussed before

Leave for 3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 183-24 Sponsored by Greg Eades A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into collective bargaining agreements between the City of London and The American Federation of State County and Municipal Employee Unit (AFSCME) 1428

Mr. Eades stated that this covers office workers, street and sanitation workers under this agreement. We have 30 days to ratify this and if we don't vote on it then it still goes through. I have not heard any complaints so see nothing wrong with proceeding tonight

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Norman, McDaniels, Stahl, Treynor, Eades, Hays, Hitt
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 0-

Affirmative: 7- McDaniels, Norman, Stahl, Treynor, Eades, Hays, Hitt
Against: 0-

New Business

ORDINANCE 184-24 Sponsor: Brent McDaniels An ORDINANCE creating a designated outdoor refreshment area

Mr. McDaniels said public hearing is November 7th and he is excited for this to bring people to downtown area.

Mr. Eades said that it had to be started by 2 businesses in appendix C. It says at least 9 permits. You mentioned earlier if it was business or businesses that came first so asking for clarification.

President Peters asked for clarification.

Mr. Eades said it said 2 permit holders.

Presidents Peters said we have total of 9

Mayor Closser said its list of parcel numbers who are permit holders.

Ms. Treynor said they are broken out by classification of permit holders.

Mr. Eades asked for explanation of what a DORA does.

Mr. McDaniels It allows people to walk around in designated area with any sort of alcohol.

Mr. Hays said its like down by Great American ballpark. Evertime we go down, its always hoping and busy.

Mr. Eades said I don't have a problem with it but I saw that city can have up to 3 DORAS.

Ms. Treynor asked about how strict liquor department is and can't have conflicting permits and asked about when city gets permit for festival if in DORA

Mayor Closser said we could review and get back.

Mr. Eades asked how many days a week

Ms. Treynor said most places in this area cant serve on Sundays

Mayor Closser stated that legislation mentions that DORA is open from 11am-10pm, 7 days a week. Mayor Closser mentioned other DORAs in area.

Mr. Hays said per legislation, we must send this resolution to multiple state agencies so there are checks and balances.

Mr. Noman said DORA in Hilliard is very robust and thriving. He also said this will help businesses.

Mr. Eades reminded everyone of public hearing on November 7th

Leave for 2nd Reading

Round Table

Councilman Norman thanked everyone who watched and reminded them about the 2nd annual Palooza on October 19 from 8-11 PM, featuring a costume party, dancing, and a pumpkin carving contest.

Councilman Stahl mentioned Mr. Minner, stating that he will be missed and was a hard worker. He also noted that no trees were lost due to the work done earlier in the year.

Councilwoman Treynor reported that planning for Old Fashion Christmas, scheduled for December 1, is progressing well.

Councilman Hitt announced that the public service meeting will be held on October 8 at 5 PM.

Councilman Hays thanked all city employees for their hard work, congratulated the London Red Raiders on a great season, and requested a moment of silence for Mr. Minner and Mr. DeLong.

Councilman McDaniels commented on the new trashcans at Merrimac, complimenting their appearance, and expressed that Elford was an excellent choice for the police department construction.

Councilman Eades reminded everyone of the finance committee meeting on October 21 at 5:30 PM. He noted that as the year is ending, they need to start reviewing and discussing the end-of-year and next year's plans.

President Peters extended his condolences to Chief Minner and Speedy.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm

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

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Matthew Edgington, Council Clerk

Date

Joshua Peters, Council President

Date