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Minutes of London City Council Meeting
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London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

January 4, 2023 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Absent - 0

Minutes –December 21, 2023 minutes, leave for next meeting. Not everyone had access to the minutes.

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements – *President Peters*

- Council Committee assignments for 2024/25
  - Finance and Personnel Committee – Chair Greg Eades, Andrew Hitt, Shannon Treynor
  - Public Safety Committee – Chair Rich Hays, John Stahl, Brent McDaniels
  - Public Service Committee - Chair Andrew Hitt, Michael Norman, Brent McDaniels
  - BPU Council liaison - Rich Hays
  - Council President Pro Tempore – Greg Eades
  - Council Clerk – Kris Miller

Motion to accept appointments approved by voice vote, 7-0

Committee Chairs will determine meeting schedule

- 2024/25 City Council Rules – review at next meeting

President Peters – Public records training, please complete. I'll email you the link. OML offers new council member training, three times during 2024. March 2 in LewisCenter, March 16 in Athens, and March 23 in Independence near Cleveland.

Let myself or someone in administration which you will attend.

Audience Concerns

Henry Comer, 55 S. Oak St

- Happy New Year Council. I wasn't able to attend the last Council meeting due to a prescheduled vacation. Thank you to all the citizens of London for their support for the last four years. Also, to our police department for doing a fine job. And to the fire department for their hard work. To the county for their open-door policy. Thank you to Council for all your hard work and tough decisions you had to make. I hope the new Council will stay the course and remain an autonomous frame of government. The city of London is on a train with a straight track. This is all possible due to all the council's hard work and partnerships with the current administration and city departments. Thank you for a productive four years and I look forward to returning in some aspect within the coming years.

Raymond Anthony, 521 Eaton

- Mr. Anthony expressed questions regarding water/sewage/trash costs now that London has partnered with Mid-Ohio.
- Discussions with Mayor Closser and Safety Service Director Castle, resolved Mr. Anthony's questions with no changes are expected in 2024. Mayor Closser also pointed out that sanitation/trash will remain with London.

Patt Hamilton, Stoutsville

- Candidate for State Rep, 12th District
- Introduction of myself, discussed her pledge, what she stands for, conservative values, and a constitutionalist

Committee Reports - none

City Official Reports

Mayor – Pat Closser

- Congrats to everyone, we look forward to working with you all. It's going to be a busy and exciting year. I want you to know that we are a huge asset for you. All of us at City Hall, we ask if you have any questions stop by, email us, or give us a call. We'll get you the information.
- I'll keep this brief because I'll be giving the State of the City with in the next few meetings. In 2023, what we did, what's still in progress, what we didn't get done, and looking into the future. What are our goals for 2024 for administration and departments.
- I do want to report that in conjunction with the Madison County Board of DD, we are working on a $240,000 grant that will install 340 handicap

accessible curb ramps. Susan Thompson reached out to us regarding this grant. We should know next week if the grant is accepted and approved. I'll provide more updates as we get them.

- I'd like to request moving all committee meetings to the 2nd Tuesday every month. Public Safety at 5:00pm, Public Service at 6:00pm, and Finance and Personnel at 7:00pm. This will allow everyone to attend these meetings in one evening, when it's difficult to attend meetings that are not assigned to you, and this will make it easier for everyone to attend. We are working to do the same with other city meetings.
- I do want to thank Eve and Susan Thompson for working on this grant.
- We are looking to go live with the new website around February 9th. We'll be doing some training when we get closer.
- *Councilman Eades* – Asked about council having input on their specific page.
- Mayor Closser –Discussed training available and how Eve is developing the basics of the website. Once complete, this will allow council to design their own page.

Safety Service Director –Council laptops are available. Brent and Michael can come in to pick theirs up and I can provide training.

Auditor –nothing to report

Old Business

Councilman Eades – Brought up an email they received from the Law Director regarding 228-23 that was adopted during the last meeting. The email was regarding items being transferred and an amendment to 228-23.

President Peters – Will reach out to Amy for clarification.

Councilman Norman – Asked about any time lines

President Peters – Doesn't think so, but will discuss with Amy.

3rd Reading

ORDINANCE 238-23 - Sponsored by Henry Comer – An ORDINANCE amending official zoning map. 216 E. First St., London, OH from M1 to R3.

Public Hearing scheduled for 2/15/24

New Business

RESOLUTION 101-24 - 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 2005 Ford F150. 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 three reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion failed with 2 in favor and 5 against by roll call vote

Round Table

Councilman Norman – First I'd like to thank those who put me here. You put your trust in me to do your will and not mine. Over the past couple of years there have been attempts to make our local government to be more transparent and open. I think we can do more and I plan to help us to continue. I look forward to working with everyone up here and the Closser administration. But I wouldn't be me if I didn't say I cautiously look forward to doing this. I haven't been happy with how we do business. So as a citizen you either show up or shut up. So, I'm here and ready to work. To get us where we need to be. One promise I made during my election was provide more communication. I plan to hold a multi community meeting. While it manly will be focused on my ward, it's not going to be limited. It's open to the public and invite anyone to come. I'll be available before and after Council meetings. Finally, I'd like to say, being a social media guy, that the police department put out this morning about a car chase and how it ended without any injuries. I want to remind everyone that when our police go out there's always a chance that something like this may happen. Luckily no one was hurt and I'd like to give them KUDOS. They save lives.

Councilman Stahl – Welcome all new on Council. I'm here if I can help with anything and I'm excited for another two years.

Councilwoman Treynor – You'll find that I am a person with few words. Thank you very much for putting me in this position. I take the oath of office seriously. I'll do my best to advocate, educate, and promote in what's in the best interest for London going forward.

Councilman Hitt – Thank Henry for his time as president. Welcome the new council members and look forward in working together. As far as Public Service meeting, it it'll be held off until next month.

Councilman Hays – Welcome to our three members. Enjoy your two years. I'll be happy to work with you any way I can. Thank you to all city employees for a job well done. Especially our police department.

Councilman McDaniels – Thank people who put me up here and I'll do my best working with everyone up here.

Councilman Eades –

1. I informed the Safety Service Director of possible grant for a salt barn. Thanks to Deena Pierce who works in Public Relations at ODNR and saw in the paper that we are looking to replace ours. She emailed us information about the grant.
2. Mr. Anthony brought up the rates. Thank you. I'm going to ask Mr. Hays at the next BPU meeting to request rolling back rates to the 2023 rates. We

haven't taken on the debt we thought we were going to take on. I think it would be a nice gesture to our citizens.

3. Would like to set a day to take tours of city facilities
4. Training with Law Director to review procedures here (London).
5. I was at Starr Trophy and they brought up how the alley between them and Melinda Peters store was vacated. There is space in front of the alley that has enough room for two parking spots. They are asking if a handicap parking space can be put there. Passing that information on.
6. McDaniels and Norman went to a session in Columbus and had some recommendations. This will be brough up in one of the committees

President Peters – Welcome Brent, Shannon and Michael to Council. Thank everyone for attending. I'll be sending everyone information for training. The Ohio Ethics Commission should be sending you a letter that you'll have to report taxes with them.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:21pm

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

Kris Miller, Council Clerk

2/1/24
Date

Josh Peters, Council President

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