

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

LONDON CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

Held

AUGUST 4 20 22

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
August 4, 2022 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Council President, Henry Comer, called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order at 6:30pm. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

Council members present: Henry Comer, Rich Hays, John Stahl, Anthony Smith, Bryan Robinson and Greg Eades

Council members absent: Andrew Hitt and Josh Peters

The minutes of the July 21, 2022 meeting were approved as written

COMMUNICATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS – none presented

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Anita Likens – 157 E. First Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Read excerpts from the Constitution

Michael Norman – 188 S. Oak Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Stated that he supports the City income tax ley that will be placed on ballot of the General Election on November 8, 2022
- Stated his belief of the need for a new Police Station
- Stated that the potential income tax rate will be equal to or lower than most other municipalities of the same size

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Eades – Public Service Committee

- An Ordinance will be presented to Council to install solar pedestrian crosswalk equipment at twelve intersections within the City
- Stated that the committee discussed the demolition grant and that he supports the demolition of the old school buildings

Councilman Robinson – Public Service Committee Chair

- The pool revenues are 105% and the pool concession revenues are 112% over the projected amounts for July
- The pool will close for the season on August 14
- A concrete curb surrounding the splashpad will be installed to help with water retention
- Gutters and downspouts were added to the concession stand
- The Merri Mac Park playground installation is complete
- 91 teams participated in the 23rd annual wiffleball tournament
- Currently accepting youth, volleyball league registrations. Games will be played at Cowling Park

Councilman Hays – Public Safety Committee Chair

- Announced that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on August 9, 2022 at 5:00pm

Councilman Stahl – Finance Committee

- Announced that the next Finance Committee meeting will take place on August 8, 2022 at 6:00pm

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Councilman Smith – Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Representative

- The drill for the east side water plant has reached water and the water is currently being tested
- The Water Department is repairing and/or replacing non-working fire hydrants throughout the City
- The Water Department is continuing to install new water meters. Performing the work in-house will save the city \$340,000
- Water consumption is being estimated for the month of August
- The recent boil alert was a very isolated incident
- The BPU office has hired a new employee, Nicole Joseph, and she is learning quickly and doing well
- The belt press at the Wastewater Department is nearing the end of its service life and will need to be replaced soon

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Items

Ordinance 146-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1048.05 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 147-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1042 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 151-22 – Sponsored by Rich Hays – An Ordinance amending official zoning map

3rd Reading

Ordinance 152-22 - Sponsored by Bryan Robinson - An Ordinance amending section 1040 of the Codified Ordinances

Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

- Safety Service Director, Rex Castle, discussed the process of implementing a water ban, the fines and the enforcement process
- Community member, Tommy Boyd, asked about the process of notifying residents of emergencies and suggested the use of signs at major intersections in the City
 - Mr. Castle explained the automatic phone call process and stated that the use of signage will be researched

Motion by Robinson to amend the legislation to include the 3-step process of implementing a water ban, seconded by Eades

Roll call to amend: Eades, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Robinson

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

AMENDED AND PASSED

Ordinance 153-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - An Ordinance to increase the municipal income tax by forty hundredths of one percent (0.40%) per annum for a continuing period of time, commencing January 1, 2023, 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 facilities, and to pay any expenses and debt service charges for the debt incurred in connection therewith, and (II) fifteen hundredths of one percent (0.15%) per annum shall be used for the purposes of providing funds to pay costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, equipping, improving, maintaining and repairing municipal police department facilities, to pay general operating expenses of the police department and to pay any expenses and debt service charges for debt incurred in connection therewith, and declaring an emergency Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Robinson

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

PASSED

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Resolution 154-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A Resolution to place the issue of increasing the municipal income tax by forty hundredths of one percent (0.40%) per annum for a continuing period of time as provided in Ordinance No. 153-22, on ballot at the election to be held on November 8, 2022, and directing the Board of Elections of Madison County, Ohio to conduct such election, and declaring an emergency

Motion by Hays to place on third reading, seconded by Stahl

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

Roll call to adopt: Eades, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Stahl, yes; Smith, yes

PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 69-22 - Sponsored by Bryan Robinson – A Resolution to authorize the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the purchase of pedestrian crosswalk equipment

Motion by Hays to place on first reading, seconded by Stahl

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ROUND TABLE

Councilman Smith

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Asked that everyone vote for the income tax levy and stated that citizens will get a lot for their money
- Thanked the Merri Mac Park Miracle Project Committee for their work on constructing the new playground
- Thanked Central Township Joint Fire District for their partnership in responding to emergencies during the St. Rt. 56 repaving project

Councilman Stahl

- Thanked everyone for their attendance and stated that he appreciates their questions and comments
- Stated that he was excited to see the City moving forward

Councilman Hays

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Thanked Mr. Castle for his explanation of the process of implementing a water ban in the City
- Thanked City employees for their work
- Stated that fire hydrant repairs will be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting
- Stated that the weeds on sidewalks and outside City businesses look awful and implored business owners to take care of their property
- Asked God to bless the City of London and its residents

Councilman Robinson

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Announced that the next Public Safety Committee will take place on September 7, 2022 at 6:00pm

Councilman Eades

- Explained an issue a resident had with the storm sewer system near his house and thanked the Street Department for their prompt service to remedy the problem

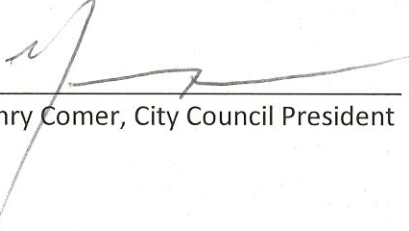
Council President Comer

- Thanked everyone for their attendance and input during the meeting

Motion by Hays to adjourn at 7:53pm



Amy Rees, Clerk



Henry Comer, City Council President