

London City Council

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Held 20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140 20

April 6, 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 Robinson, Comer, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, and Councilman Stahl

Absent – Councilman Peters

Guest(s) – None

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The minutes from March 16, 2023, were approved by a unanimous Voice Vote.

Public Hearing

The motion to enter Public Hearing moved by Councilman Hays, 2nd by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 130-23 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A resolution adopting the recommendations of the planning commission for preliminary development plan

Councilman Hitt – This legislation has gone through City Planning Commission. It also needs to go through City Council for review. The development area is Eagleton to Keny Blvd to State Route 38.

-No discussion

ORDINANCE 131-23 Sponsored By: John Stahl An ordinance amending official zoning map

Councilman Stahl – This legislation addresses the property off Lincoln Avenue that is zoned for business and residential. This legislation will zone the area as residential, matching property surrounding the property listed within the legislation.

-No discussion

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

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Motion to move RESOLUTION 130-23 and ORDINANCE 131-23 to old business by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl

Communications/Announcements - None

Audience comments:

Johnny Smith, 145 Old Xenia Road. Building a house on North Oak Street in London and we are having trouble getting water to the house. Talked to Councilman Eades and Mayor Closser. I'm here to obtain an update on this issue.

Councilman Hays – Asked if he was at the last BPU meeting. Mr. Smith responded with yes.

Mayor Closser – Has Carol stayed in contact with you. Mr. Smith responded with yes. She hasn't provided much of an update, that's why I'm here this evening. Mayor Closser continued; the Street Department was out there today to see what can be done. Digging is to be done this week, however, with the amount of rain we've received this has been delayed.

Councilman Eades – We spoke today. There's an awful lot of moving parts with this process. So, this is entered into public record, I advised you to get everything in writing. It's been six months in limbo. Hoping for answers on Monday.

Tommy Boyd, 48 North Union Street. I emailed pictures to the council and clerk before this meeting, regarding the sidewalk and curb at Elm Street and Lafayette Street. They are getting demolished by trucks driving over the curb and sidewalk when making the right-hand turn from Elm Street to Lafayette Street. Is the property owner liability or the city for damage repair?

President Comer – According to Bill Long, the sidewalk is not on city property. This will be the property owner's responsibility. To Rex Castle – Can we send a letter to the property owner notifying them about the damaged curb and sidewalk? Maybe provide a quote for repairs? Mr. Castle responded with yes.

Mayor Closser – Discussion on location. Street Department can take a look at it.

Tommy Boyd – Trash Ordinance, out of the 19 to be changed, is Coughlin on that list?

Mayor Closser – Discussion on how this came up and who told him to ask. If anyone needs a copy of the list, we'll provide it. We don't withhold government documents from the public.

Committee Reports

Personnel and Finance Committee – Councilman Stahl, nothing to report. Next meeting is Monday, April 10th at 6pm. Councilman Hitt, nothing to report.

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Public Safety Committee – Councilman Hays, nothing to report. Didn't attend the last BPU meeting but received notes from other members.

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- Lime sludge contract is on tonight's legislative list
- Wastewater – new vac truck. New or lease?
- Sanitation – Dumpster update. Reviewing business list for changes.
- Mrs. Benedict's Office – Eye app on water for cellular meters should be working by the end of April. Ordered 50 hose bids.

Public Service Committee – Councilman Robinson, we had our meeting on Tuesday night and Bill Long with the Street Department provided a long list of projects completed, in progress, and starting.

- Jetted Sewers –
 - East 1st St to Adire
 - Adire to Washington
 - Cherry to Center
 - Old Springfield to Madison
- Work with contractor on manual put in 300' city sanitary sewer. hauled gravel, pothole patching, multiple times, work on equipment, put in valve water pit, clean CB multiple times, start working on loc. List on CB/Stromlk, storm sewer class col., stacked sludge FSR, stacked sludge sewer pit, clean trash around city prop., clean ditch out Keny Blvd, repair storm sewer Keny Blvd, salted roads, cut curb at old school, work on playground equipment, Cowling Park, alley potholes, report lights Ohio Rd, ORD 150 Ton salted, truck out for sealed bids, truck sold for \$2750.00 (2 bids), put fence & gate up on East High St. Prop., clean trees out of creek, hauled scrape from shop, hauled water pit sergs, work on Park & Rec. truck, work on water pit truck, moved Park & Rec sold items, bucket truck in shop, main cylinder hole, CBG grant meeting 3rd ward, build a drive for #8 well water pit gravel, build gravel drive McRizmont for storm sewer project, traffic light training class, tore down gas house city bldg., work on light Jacob Lane, pick up new F550, and getting bed pricing, started mowing weed eating city prop., sale off some equipment, looking into cell phones, quote on tearing down house, met with ODOT about St Rt 38, clean up after storms/wind, replace sign run over or wind damage, cement insp., shut East High St down for house sanitary sewer repair, met with Mr. Tommy Boyd look over city shop equipment, camera storm sewers, camera sanitary sewer, looked at moving community gardens, got signs for electric car parking, made some adjustments on traffic camera loc., met Ohio ED about over size loads coming through in April.
- Hired Liz Whitmore, still have an opening

City Official Reports

Present – Mayor Closser, Rex Castle, Kenna Combs

Mayor Closser –

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- I was notified that I will be receiving the Junior Achievement of the Mad River Region Volunteer of the Year Award at their annual event in May. Junior Achievement of the Mad River Region

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Holds so much to me and I am honored to receive their first Volunteer of the Year Award. Being able to get in London City Schools and St. Patrick School to teach JA is a reward in itself. I always have so much fun, and the kids have a blast while learning their lessons. Thank you to Junior Achievement for this recognition and for all you do for the youth of our community.

- I had the honor of swearing in our newest Police Officer, Ofc. Bryce Bennett. Ofc. Bennett is a local man who will be making a lateral transfer to our department. I believe he will be a great fit and serve the citizens of London to the best of his ability.
- I had the honor of participating in the LifeCare Alliance March for Meals Community of Champions Week. I was able to deliver Meals on Wheels to some clients and even ran into a few friends. I would like to thank Lifecare and Meals on Wheels for all they do for our community and citizens. If you are ever interested in volunteering please reach out to LifeCare Alliance.
- I took a whole day and spoke to every Career Exploration Class hosted by Tolles Career & Technical Center at the London City Schools Middle School. I was able to talk about my job as Mayor and City Government. The kids were very engaged and had a lot of questions.
- I attended the Rotary Club of London Ohio Rural Urban Day Breakfast. It was a great event that highlighted agriculture and business in Madison County. Congratulations to Dave Peart for being presented the Joe Yoder Award.
- Thursday March 30th was a busy day but very enjoyable. I was able to attend the Madison County Ohio Republican Party Lincoln Day dinner then on to the Madison County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. The whole evening was fantastic and I would like to congratulate Marci Darlington on receiving the MCCC Bell Ringer award. She is well deserving of the award, and I am proud to call her a colleague and friend.
- I was able to attend the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) State of the Region luncheon this past Friday. It was a great event and very insightful. It is an exciting time, and our region is growing. I'm proud that we are being proactive instead of reactive and getting prepared for the future.
- I attended the ribbon cutting with the Madison County Chamber of Commerce for the London Farm Fresh Market located at 119 South Main Street in Downtown London.
- I attended the Madison County Chamber of Commerce board meeting. The meeting was held at Tolles Career and Technical Center and lunch was provided by their culinary class. We recapped the annual meeting while enjoying some delicious food. Their restaurant at the school is open for lunch Wednesday through Friday. If you are ever in the area, call the school to make sure their restaurant is open, and you can dine there. The food is always amazing, and the students do a wonderful job.
- I attended the Board of Zoning Appeals met and had two cases on the agenda.

Case # LV23-0001
Applicant: Tom Coughlin
Business: Coughlin Automotive
Address: 255 Lafayette Street
Request: A variance for a sign.

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This case was for a rotating lighted 10-foot car lift to be placed in front of the business. The case had a motion for approval, but no one seconded the motion, so the case failed. Held due to the lack of a second. 20

Case # LV23-0001

Applicant: Michael Marinangeli

Business: Arbor Homes

Address: London Landing at Brooksedge

Request: A variance to ordinance 1248.07 (b) Part 2 & 1228.04.

This case was to get permission to build some of the houses in the Brooksedge III with smaller two car garages that were 400 square feet. The case passed with a 3-1 vote.

- I attended the Madison Health drive through Easter Bunny event with my son today. This is one of many Easter celebrations and events for kids that have taken place over the past week. I would like to thank all of the groups who put these events on for the kids of London.
- The Water Department will be cleaning the contact tank starting Monday April 17th and should take about 4 days to complete. This is the tank that bearing was repaired not too long ago. We have to do continued maintenance on it to keep it running effectively. This is the softening tank so for a few days people may notice harder water. We apologize for any inconvenience, but we need to make sure we are taking care of our equipment.
- Now on to the Mayor Fun Fact which is the number 6. I have started a Mayor's Weekend Update once a week and have published 6 so far. This update will encompass what I had been up to that week and what is going on around the city, local government, and committees. This is just another way we are looking to get as much information out as possible to the citizens. You will be able to find the update on social media and hope to get them on the website soon. I hope that the citizens appreciate the information and transparency.

Old Business

Tabled Items

ORDINANCE 151-22 Sponsored by Rich Hays. An Ordinance amending official zoning.

Councilman Hays – Nothing new to report. Please leave tabled.

Mayor Closser – Last week I went to lunch with Jim. This is coming to the end of resolving the contract.

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 130-23 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt. A resolution adopting the recommendations of the planning commission for preliminary development plan Public Hearing 4/6

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

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ORDINANCE 131-23 Sponsored By: John Stahl. An ordinance amending official zoning map
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The motion to adopt resolution moved by Councilman Hitt, 2nd by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

2nd Reading

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 Robinson – The Street Department is currently working on this project to keep costs low but would like to keep this RESOLUTION on the agenda for a 3rd Reading.

RESOLUTION 139-23 Sponsored by: Rich Hays and Henry Comer. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of London, Ohio to apply for an Ohio EPA water supply revolving loan account (WSRLA) on behalf of the City of London for construction of the North Main Street water main replacement project, designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend 3 readings rules 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

ORDINANCE 141-23 Sponsored by: Greg Eades and Henry Comer. An Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a community reinvestment area agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend 3 readings rules by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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

ORDINANCE 142-23 Sponsored by: Greg Eades and Henry Comer. An Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a community reinvestment area agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend 3 readings rules by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote 20

ORDINANCE 143-23 Sponsored by: Greg Eades and Henry Comer. An Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a community reinvestment area agreement, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

ORDINANCE 145-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters. An Ordinance amending section 1476 of the codified Ordinances.

Motion to suspend 3 readings rules by Councilman Robinson, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

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

ORDINANCE 146-23 Sponsored by: Josh Peters. An Ordinance amending Section 1476 of the codified Ordinances.

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

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

New Business

ORDINANCE 149-23 Sponsored by: Rich Hays. An ordinance authorizing the board of public utilities to advertise for bids and enter into a contract according to law for lime sludge removal

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

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

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RESOLUTION 150-23 Sponsored by: Bryan Robinson. Resolution authorizing participation in the IDOT road salt contracts awarded in 2023. 20

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

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

RESOLUTION 151-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl. A resolution to establish a trap-spay/neuter-return program.

Motion to amend document to include "Euthanasian reimbursement for \$68" by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 152-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl. A resolution increasing appropriations. The city needs to purchase live animal traps for the use of City residents; and The City also needs to have funds available to reimburse residents up to (\$10.00) ten dollars per cat neutered and up to (\$8.00) eight dollars per flea treatment; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

Motion to amend document to include "Euthanasian reimbursement for \$68" by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 153-23 Sponsored by: Rich Hays. An ordinance amending section 416 of the codified ordinances. The maximum allowable speed of any railroad locomotive or railroad car which passes through the corporate limits of the City shall be thirty miles per hour. The City may recover from any engineer, conductor or company violating this section, not less than five dollars (\$5.00) or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.
Leave on the agenda for 2nd Reading

Round Table

Councilman Eades – Thank you to those who made phone calls to Norfolk Southern. Bill calls Norfolk Southern weekly. The more calls they receive the more they hear us. Roadway south of the tracks are pretty bad with potholes. This need addressed.

Councilman Robinson – Excited about the new projects going on downtown and the removal of the plywood windows.

Councilman Hays – Thank you everyone coming out and I'm excited too about downtown projects. Looking forward and taking care of business. Thank you to all the city employees for

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everything you do. Thank you to Mr. Long for putting in 200 cellular meters. Next Public Safety meeting is 4/11.

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Councilman Hitt – Thank you to everyone who's here. Have a Happy Easter.

Councilman Stahl – Aqua Ohio is asking for increase of electric costs in Franklin & Marion Counties. Average \$124 a month. Next Tree Commission meeting is 4/19 and Arbor Day is 4/28. Have a Happy Easter.

President Comer – Thank you to everyone for coming. Thank you to Tommy Boyd for bring his concerns. Thank you to Tammy for organizing the feral cat program. Growth is coming to London. We need to manage this growth and not be reactive to it. We welcome all new growth.

Councilman Stahl – Read that Madison County census shows that we lost 1000 people. Do we know where this loss is and where people are going?

May Closser – We grew, West Jefferson and Plain City are flat. I believe the county lost some, but not sure where within the county.

Adjournment 7:53pm


Kris Miller, Council Clerk

Date 6/11/23


Henry Comer, Council President

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