

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

London City Council

Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

October 19, 2023

Held _____ 20 _____

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
October 19, 2023 at 6:30pm
Minutes

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present - *Councilman Robinson, Councilman Peters, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl*

Absent - *Councilman Eades, President Comer*

Minutes – Approval of October 5, 2023 minutes, approved by unanimous voice vote

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements - none

Audience Concerns

Tommy Boyd, 48 N. Union St.

1. Continues with project questions.
 - a. Coughlin project, go ahead
 - b. Want to see sewer plans in the spring
 - c. West Jefferson – they are not interested in the Mid-Ohio sewer/water district. When need to keep this in mind going forward.
 - d. Schools – student ratio concerns
 - i. 1300 new homes will potentially bring 520 more students
 - ii. 10-year plan allowed for 413 more students
 - iii. Ask council to hold off on more developments until schools are caught up
 - e. Legislation approved last meeting
 - i. Loan approved for \$639,000 for BPU
 - ii. Asked Rex, what about the sewer press makes it a “repair”?
 - iii. Rex Castle responded – Current one is not completely broken, but it fails repeatedly. It can’t be fixed to stop failures. It takes a lot of manpower to watch it. The belt keeps slipping off and

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- has to be put back on to get it working. Past 3 sewer superintendents have worked through these issues. It's time to fix it and/or replace the equipment.
- iv. They talked about there's still money in the account. It's going from a manned machine to a fully automated machine.
 - v. It's a great improvement for our waste department. But if we need to get money to keep the fire department afloat, we may need that money. I just wanted us to look into the finances to see about keeping the fire department afloat if levy fails.
 - vi. Hopefully by the next council meeting we'll have that information to provide facts before election day.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee –

Councilman Peters – We had a meeting a week ago on the 10th and we'll go over that in legislation tonight. We are moving the Finance meeting from November 6th to November 8th at 6:00pm

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Robinson – Next meeting is November 1st at 6:00pm

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays – Meeting was on October 10th.

- Fire Chief asked for emergency legislation for vehicle exhaust removal system grant they received. I will be sponsoring and asking for emergency vote on that tonight.
- Under Safety Service – Bill Long would like to change our road ordinance to coincide with the Ohio Revised Code, for new construction.
- Texting & driving legislation is coming tonight. The reason for this legislation is if its codified and our police writs a ticket, we get majority of the money. If its not codified the state gets all the money.
- Next meeting is November 14th at 5:00pm

Councilman Hitt – Read the Fire Department report presented at the last Public Safety meeting.

Councilman Stahl – Read the Police Department report presented at the last Public Safety meeting.

City Official Reports

Mayor – see attached

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Safety Service Director – Rex Castle, there's a couple pieces of legislation I brought to Safety and if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

Auditor – n/a

Old Business

ORDINANCE 212-23 - Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt - an ORDINANCE vacating an alley. The City has received a petition to vacate an alley. From lot 36 to the east side of lot 35, there is 57.23ft by 8.25ft of an alley that runs into Canterbury Dr.

Public Hearing scheduled for 11/2/2023 at 6:30pm

ORDINANCE 213-23 - Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt - an ORDINANCE vacating an alley. The City has received a petition to vacate an alley. Alley between 211 & 213 Toland St.

Public Hearing scheduled for 11/2/2023 at 6:30pm

ORDINANCE 214-23 - Sponsored By: Henry Comer - An ordinance amending official zoning map. Parcels: 31-02617.005, 31-02687.000, 31-02685.000(PARTIAL), 31-02258.000(PARTIAL), & 31-02617.006 – Rezoning to multi-family Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Public Hearing scheduled for 11/16/2023 at 6:30pm

New Business

RESOLUTION 215-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters -A resolution increasing appropriations. The Tax Department needs to issue refunds for overpayment

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson, 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 216-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters - A resolution increasing appropriations. Due to departmental staffing needs there were not enough funds originally appropriated

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ORDINANCE 217-23 - Sponsored by John Stahl - An ordinance amending section 432 of the codified ordinances. See attachment

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ORDINANCE 218-23 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - An ordinance amending section 1228 of the codified ordinances. See attachment

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ORDINANCE 219-23 - Sponsored by Brian Robinson - An ordinance for strengths on job descriptions. The City established the number of employees in each department as required by R.C. § 731.08, commonly referred to as the Strength Ordinance. See attachment

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RESOLUTION 220-23 - Sponsored by Greg Eades - A resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids for a new salt barn. The City needs to replace the current salt barn.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson, 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 221-23 - Sponsored by Rich Hayes - A resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into a new contract for a vehicle exhaust removal system. The Fire Department received a grant to install a vehicle exhaust removal system.

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Round Table

Councilman Stahl – I’d like to thank all of the sports teams and seeing how well all

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teams are doing. Less then 2 weeks until elections and I encourage everyone to get out and vote. We need the Fire levy to pass.

Councilman Hitt – Next Safety Service meeting is November 14th

Councilman Hays – I’d like to than all city employees for a job well done. I’d also like to commend our sports teams at London High School. There’s a fever out there and everyone is winning. We have great coaches and players out there. If we win tomorrow night, it’ll be the first time we are 10-0 since 1999.

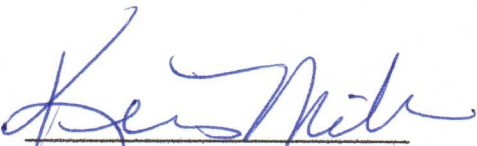
Councilman Peters – Thank the two of you (audience) for coming out tonight. I’d also like to congratulate both high school football and volleyball teams on a great season. Middle school volleyball and football are also doing very well. Remind everyone that the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting has changed from November 6th to November 8th at 6:00pm.

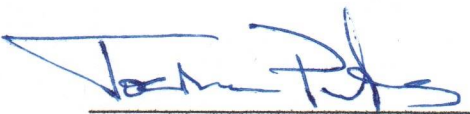
Councilman Robinson – There’s one more meeting before the elections. I encourage everyone to get out and vote, we have a lot of important issues and the Fire levy to vote on.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:08pm

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


Kris Miller, Council Clerk


Josh Peters, Councilman

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Date

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London City Council Update 10.19.23

Good evening and thanks to everyone for coming out.

Just a reminder, The Madison County Mayors Committee is once again having our Food Drive competition. All four major communities, London, West Jefferson, Plain City and Mount Sterling, are holding a canned and dry food drive which ends tomorrow Friday October 20th in conjunction with World Food Day. The community who collects the most food items will have bragging rights for the competition. You will be able to donate items at each communities City Hall tomorrow from 8:00am to 4:00pm. The food collected will stay in the community it was dropped off in and given to the food pantries. Here in London, we will be giving the donations to the HELP House and Food Pantry.

Halloween season is here and all the Trunk or Treats are happening. There has already been three held in London and there are 10 more scheduled locally. I appreciate all of these entities holding their Trunk or Treats in London. With the fall weather you never know what tomorrow holds and having all these great events make it so everybody can have the chance to get out, show their costumes off and get some candy. You can find a lot of the trunk or treat information online and I have made a flyer for all of them that is on my Mayor Facebook page. Trick or Treat for the City of London will be Tuesday October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Last Wednesday I had a wonderful time and discussion at COSI - Center of Science and Industry. I attended a round table discussion that focused on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) workforce development. Since 2019, 236 projects have been announced in our region. Those projects will bring in 28,000 jobs with a payroll of almost 2 billion dollars. Out of those numbers, 16,000 jobs will have a STEM focus with a 1.3-billion-dollar payroll. This shows how important STEM is not only to region but especially to our kids.

I would like to congratulate the Madison County Chamber of Commerce on reaching their 400-member mark. This is a huge accomplishment and shows how much they do for this community and the local businesses. I was also able to attend their ribbon cuttings these past two weeks for the Board of Elections and London 101. Both places look great and I wish them the best of luck.

Choice One Engineering came in and did some studies on a couple of intersections. We were looking at funding to help with some intersections and these studies needed to be done to see if they are eligible for grant dollars. The main focus was on SR 142 & Keny Boulevard. The report overview is as follows for that intersection.

- Traffic Counts were taken on Wednesday September 13, 2023.
- Signal Warrants are met at 70%.
 - For a signal to be eligible for federal funding, it must meet 100% warrants.
 - At this point, a traffic signal could be installed if paid for locally by the City.
- Unless there is already known development coming in that will drive more traffic through this intersection, a congestion mitigation application will need to be put on hold until volumes will meet the 100% warrants.

- Crashes were pulled for the previous 5 years, and there were not a significant number of crashes or crash trends found at this time.

The Mayor Fun Fact is the number 2. That is the number of current playoffs wins for the London High School soccer programs. The men's and women's soccer teams both won their first-round playoff games. They will now be moving on in the tournament and I wish them the best of luck. There has also been a lot of other successes in our High School athletics.

The girl's cross-country team finished 2nd and the boy's cross country finished 3rd in the Central Buckeye Conference Championship (Kenton Trail Division).

The high school volleyball team are the 2023 conference champions.

And the football team will be ending their regular season tomorrow at Urbana and will be going for a perfect 10-0 undefeated season heading into the playoffs.

Congratulations to all of the student athletes not only for their accomplishments while playing but in the classroom and our community.