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Minutes of London City Council Meeting

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Held April 18, 2024 20

London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

April 18, 2024 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tempore Eades at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection.

Roll Call

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

Absent - *President Peters*

Minutes – Approval of April 4, 2024 minutes, *Motion to accept the minutes as written by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hitt*, approved by unanimous voice vote

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements –

Councilman Eades - Received a complaint about Council meeting volume on YouTube. Complaint has been forwarded to the Safety Service Director for further review.

Director Castle – The sound person who takes care of our equipment came in and he has increased the broadcasting volume, so those online can hear better. It doesn't increase the sound in the room.

Audience Concerns

Vincent Morse, 134 N. Main St., Discussed the pickleball legislation and asked how many London residents would play pickleball, since the last meeting seemed to be mostly Lake Choctaw residents. I need to make a correction on my statement from the last meeting, I was against pickleball being built in Cowling Park. My argument wasn't valid about room for the courts in the park. That is not correct. I also said, that there will be a lot of trash and people coming to the park and that is also an incorrect statement because we have plenty of trash cans and we want people to visit our parks. Discussed Mr. Cowling's Will and provided a detailed map of the land. Mr. Morse listed Mr. Cowling's wishes for the property. I don't think Mr. Cowling would like the Hope Box to be placed at the park.

Jamie Wilson, 850 Circle Dr., Discussed her experience in playing pickleball at their church and how so many people enjoy the sport. Supports London building pickleball courts.

Councilman Norman – How many people from London do you think would play pickleball?

Ms. Wilson – About 20-25 people and more are wanting to learn how to play.

Christ Tsibouris, 1080 Claudia Dr. Apt F, Pickleball supporter and discussed his experience playing pickleball and tennis. A good thing for the community.

Councilman Eades – I take it you played tennis for Cedarville University. Do students play pickleball on campus?

Mr. Tsibouris – They just moved the old volleyball courts to add several pickleball courts. It's very popular.

Councilman Eades – Do you think, in London, people your age would be play pickleball if we had courts?

Mr. Tsibouris – Definitely! I run into people all over London who say they're interested in playing pickleball.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee
(Department reports are attached to committee meeting minutes.)

- *Councilman Eades* – ODOT legislation? Director Castle – There were some questions about them coming into the city and waiting for the breakdown of the payment of about $16,000. The project was done in 2022 and just now getting an invoice.
- *Councilman Hitt* – March books, revenue exceeded expenses. YTD, revenue exceeded expenses. Discussed legislation that will be coming tonight. Talked about the Fire levy not passing and possible options. SR142 ODOT repairs. Next meeting 5/6 at 5:30pm in the conference room next door.
- *Councilwoman Treynor* – Most of what we discussed are coming up as either an Ordinance or Resolution.

Public Service Committee

- *Councilman Hitt* – Next 5/14 @ 5:00pm. Discussed pickleball locations, lighting, security, and bathrooms. Ward boundaries and options. Talked about parade route, festivals, electronic sign. We also discussed handicap signs and if they are enforceable. The police stated, yes they are all enforceable.
- *Councilman Norman* – Read the Street Department report. Columbia Gas

work and great job on signage by city Street Department.

- *Councilman McDaniels* – Read Parks & Recs report.

Public Safety Committee

- *Councilman Hays* – Need more speed limit signs. Discussed speeding on N. Main St. Better lane markings on Main St. to show two lanes of traffic. Downtown parking was discussed and will take more than a Safety meeting to get resolved. Next meeting 5/14 at 6:00pm. Side note – movement on Main St. parking. Reviewed the police report.
- *Councilman McDaniels* – Read Fire/EMS report.
- *Councilman Stahl* – Attended the Finance meeting, nothing more to report.

City Official Reports

Mayor – not in attendance

Safety Service Director Castle – A little information about Ward changes and if this would affect our LMI grant. It goes by street boundaries, not Ward boundaries. Main St markings and working with Bill. He requested reflective paint. Load grating company is in town. Noticed questions about trash pickup. Monday, we had three truck failures. They worked very hard to get the trucks working and get everyone caught up on trash pickup.

Councilman Eades – We've received questions about city job openings. Provided directions to the city website and where to find the job openings page.

Old Business

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 118-24 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. This money was appropriated in 2023 that was not spent and needs reappropriated

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 120-24 Sponsored by: Michael Norman A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City would like to build a pickleball court at a location yet to be determined.

Motion to postpone RESOLUTION to June 6, 2024 by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Treynor. The motion failed with 3 in favor and 4 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion failed with 3 in favor and 4 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 121-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. To comply with our contract with Mid-Ohio.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 1 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 123-24 Sponsored by: Michael Norman A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Projections indicate a shortfall in funding for the Fire/EMS Division of $600,000 for the budget year ending 2024.

Motion to table RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 1 against by voice vote.

New Business

ORDINANCE 124-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor An ORDINANCE dissolving the board of public utilities.

Leave for 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 125-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor AN ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a community reinvestment area agreement.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 126-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Public Hearing scheduled for the June 6, 2024 Council meeting

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 127-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Fire Department needs to purchase new hoses. They have received a donation to purchase these hoses.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to table RESOLUTION by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 128-24 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Fire Department put in an exhaust system. They have received a grant reimbursement for the exhaust system.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion failed with 4 in favor and 3 against by voice vote.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 129-24 Sponsored by: Michael Norman A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Council would like to purchase a digital sign to install outside of City Hall. The sign will be informational for the citizens of London.

Leave for 2nd reading

Round Table

Councilman Eades – Pickleball, from what I've been hearing at meetings, it's not opposing pickleball itself. It's more about the cost and location. It's voted down, but it'll come back. It's a great benefit for the city. Secondly, Mr. Norman, Council President and myself were invited to go to a discussion with our Safety Service Director Castle about the comprehensive plan. He did put out a notice to get companies to send us their qualifications. We received three. We have not made a decision on how we are going to move forward. We additional questions. It was interesting that two of the three have done work with Marysville. So, I suggest that Director Castle to reach out to Marysville and give us their opinion of the two companies who worked with them. I'd like to thank everyone who came out tonight and those who helped me get through tonight.

Councilman McDaniels – Thank Mr. Long for cleaning up a county maintained ditch along with everything else he did in his report. Thanks for everyone coming out.

Councilman Hays – Thank everyone for coming out tonight and thank all the city employees for a job well done. I'm really glad that we are moving on getting the lanes straight on Main St. Thank my fellow councilmembers for a great job.

Councilman Hitt – Next Finance meeting is 5/6 at 5:30pm in the meeting room next door. The next Public Service meeting is 5/14 at 5:00pm in the meeting room next door. I'd like to congratulate Mr. Eades on running the meeting for while President Peters is out. Job well done.

Councilwoman Treynor – It's been a long week, so nothing to add.

Councilman Stahl – Thank everyone coming out tonight. As much as we are going, I hate to see Honeywell Intelligrated leaving town and losing 90 jobs.

Councilman Norman – Thanks to those who came out. We are working to get things done and we got our Fire/EMS department funded. We are moving forward. Starting a comprehensive study to address the wants and needs of the city. I attended the meeting and was really happy to hear they want the public involved. There will be public meetings. We want to hear what you want. Community meeting coming up 4/23 @ 7:00pm in the conference room here at City Hall. Speaker – London Police Department.

President Peters – absent

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:09pm

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

Kris Miller, Council Clerk

Greg Eades, Council President Pro Tempore

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