

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

LONDON CITY COUNCIL Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

Held

MARCH 3 20 22

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
March 3, 2022

Minutes

Council President, Henry Comer, called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order at 6:32pm. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting on February 17, 2022 were approved as written.

COMMUNICATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS – none presented

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

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

- Read excerpts from the Constitution

Tommy Boyd – 48 N. Main Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Requested an update on handicap accessible, sidewalk ramps throughout the city
 - Street Superintendent, Bill Long, stated that sidewalks and ramps are the responsibility of the homeowners
- Mr. Boyd stated that he believes that sidewalk ramps should be on all sidewalks and that it should be the responsibility of the city to install them
- Mr. Boyd said that kids will not be able to ride their bikes on the sidewalks to the proposed, new community center due to the lack of ramps

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Eades – Public Service Committee

- Tammy Baskett, the Parks and Recreation Director, has resigned, effective June 4. The Public Safety Committee discussed the operations of her department

Councilman Peters – Finance Committee Chair

- Announced that the next Finance Committee meeting will take place on March 7, 2022 at 4:30pm at City Hall

Councilman Robinson – Public Service Committee Chair

Parks and Recreation Department

- A few volleyball games were rescheduled
- Staff working on pool passes and daily punch cards
- Advertising for pool staff and will be paying for classes for potential lifeguards
- Concrete repairs will begin at the pool when the weather permits
- The next Public Service Committee meeting will take place on April 6, 2022 at 1:00pm at City Hall

Councilman Hays - Public Safety Committee Chair

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on April 12, 2022 at 5:00pm at City Hall

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Councilman Smith – Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Representative
Sanitation Department

- Received two applications for the current, open, driver position
- The truck getting repaired will be back in operation soon
- More informational signs are being installed at the transfer station

Sewer Department

- Happy to have Richard Duncan as the new Superintendent. He comes with a lot of experience and is sure to be an asset.

Water Department

- The new bearing has arrived and work is underway to install it
- Thanked the Water Department, BPU Board, and the Administration for working hard to quickly find a replacement bearing. The goal is to have the repairs complete in approximately two weeks

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Closser reported on current city events and issues (report attached)

Community member, Melody Earles, asked if the upcoming town hall meetings will be recorded and who will be in attendance. Mayor Closser stated that they will be recorded and posted on social media and listed those that he knew would be at the meeting. Ms. Earles also stated that she understood Tommy Boyd's statements and that people do not come to Council because they are upset with the city. Mayor Closser replied that people come to Council to voice their concerns and if they do not attend, it shows they are happy with the current state of the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 113-22 – Sponsored by Bryan Robinson – An Ordinance amending 1064 of the Codified Ordinances

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

Motion by Robinson to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Eades, no; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Robinson to adopt, seconded by Stahl

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

PASSED

Ordinance 114-22 – Sponsored by Josh Peters – An Ordinance amending section 880.15 of the Codified Ordinances

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

LEFT ON

Resolution 115-22 – Sponsored by Josh Peters – A Resolution increasing appropriations

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

Motion by Robinson to suspend, seconded by Hays

Roll call to suspend: Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Eades, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

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

PASSED

Resolution 116-22 – Sponsored by Josh Peters – A Resolution increasing appropriations

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

Motion by Robinson to suspend, seconded by Hays

Roll call to suspend: Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Eades, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Robinson

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 125-22 – Sponsored by Anthony Smith - A Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to remove a bearing with a cost in excess of the \$25,000 limitation

Motion by Hays to place on second reading, seconded by Robinson

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Hays

Roll call to suspend: Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Eades, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Hays

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

PASSED

- Councilman Smith explained that the upcoming legislation was for Council's approval of two contracts, one for the purchase of the new bearing and one for the work to replace the equipment
- Mayor Closser explained that because both contracts were over the \$25,000 spending limit set by Council, legislation was needed to be approved by Council.
- In an effort to be proactive, Mayor Closser stated that, while repairs are taking place, the Water Department is creating a list of parts and equipment that may need attention in the future. He explained that a new, softener tank would cost approximately \$500,000 and that the cost of future repairs will be compared to the cost of replacement.
- Councilman Smith thanked the city for their hard work of quickly finding a replacement bearing.

Resolution 126-22 – Sponsored by Anthony Smith - A resolution authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to install a new bearing with a cost in excess of the \$25,000 limitation

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

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Stahl

Roll call to suspend: Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Stahl, yes; Eades, yes; Robinson, yes; Smith, yes

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Robinson

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

PASSED

ROUND TABLECouncilman Eades

- Stated that the London community always helps each other in times of need and the recent donkey basketball game to support a student with cancer is an example of everyone's generosity

Councilman Peters

- Stated that the next Finance Committee meeting will take place on March 7, 2022 at 4:40pm at City Hall

Councilman Robinson

- Stated that the next Public Service Committee meeting will take place on April 6, 2022 at 1:00pm

Councilman Hays

- Stated that the next Safety Service Committee meeting will take place on March 8, 2022 at 5:00pm
- Thanked the audience for their attendance
- Ask for prayers for Ukraine and asked for God's blessing on London, Ohio

Councilman Hitt

- Ask for prayers for Ukraine

Councilman Stahl

- Thanked those in the audience for their attendance and for expressing their concerns

Councilman Smith

- Stated that he was ill during the last Council meeting and apologized for not attending
- Thanked the Street Department for patching potholes throughout the City
- Stated that he was sorry to hear of Ms. Braskett's resignation and thanked her for her service
- Stated that he was looking forward to the upcoming townhall meetings

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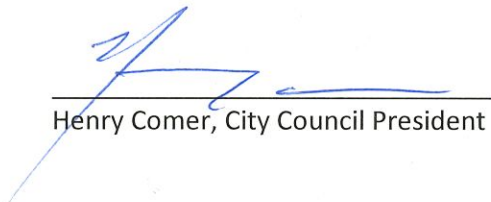
Council President Comer

- Thanked those in the audience for their attendance
- Asked for prayers for freedom
- Urged citizens to pay attention to current political candidates' views and encouraged everyone to vote

Motion by Hays to adjourn at 7:40pm



Amy Rees, Clerk



Henry Comer, City Council President