

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

London City Council

Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

August 3, 2023

Held

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London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
August 3, 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, President Comer, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl, Councilman Peters*

Absent -

Minutes – Approval of July 20, 2023 minutes, approved by unanimous voice vote

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements - none

Audience Concerns

Anita Likens, 157 E. 1st St. – Discussed the financial contributions from both the Democrat and Republican parties for Issue 1. Provided detailed information on who is donating to both sides of the Issue and constitutional changes.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee –

Councilman Peters - Next Monday, August 7th, personnel, finance committee meeting.

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Robinson - Attended the Public Service meeting attended. Bill Long not present. Landon went over swimming pool. Front desk made \$40,990 of estimated \$45,000 revenues. Concessions made \$13,754. Leaks found in expansion joint and repairs to be made once pool is emptied. Last day for pool is August 12th. Swings fixed and up and running. Second movie night on August 13th. Wheeler's family

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annual Wiffleball tournament. Sand volleyball league with four teams started. Upcoming youth outdoor fall volleyball league for K-8 boys and girls. Player evaluations August 28th. Pool repairs have wide range of cost estimates. \$14,000 in account to make repairs. Work on ball fields at Merri Mac and Park Avenue completed. Discussion about coyotes in the city. Requested wildlife officer to come to future meeting.

Councilman Eades - I also attended the Public Service committee, which Bryan already gave most of that report, just a couple other points to bring up. The pool repairs, they have a very wide range of what this could cost. It was eye opening as little as \$7,000 as much as \$80,000, but it's really just a ballpark at this point. They do have still \$14,000 in their account to make repairs, so we'll have to see what happens with that. The work on the ball fields, field two at Merri Mac has been done, field one in Park Avenue still needed to be completed.

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays - BPU special meeting held on July 14th. Board members and superintendent present. Jonathan Green hired as water assistant operator at step B at \$20.23. Water plan update: plant to start up in two weeks, run for four days, then testing. Water bills estimated this month.

Councilman Hitt - Safety committee meetings the 8th at 5 o'clock in the meeting room over here

Councilman Stahl – There haven't been any committee meetings, we have Finance and Public Service next week

City Official Reports

Mayor – not in attendance

Safety Service Director – I'll address what Mr. Eades just brought up about coyotes. I did reach out to the Federal Resource Wildlife Officer. His comment was he would rather not come in the public setting to do the discussion. He said he would invite council members to give him a call. He would talk to them and answer any questions they have, and we can pass along the question and answer everything you wanted to know about coyotes. I'll pass that out to council members. That's pretty much all I have.

Auditor – not in attendance

Old Business

ORDINANCE 193-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl, An ordinance amending section 1496 of the codified ordinances

Councilman Stahl - This has to do with changing the grass height. And I agree that I don't think it should be changed.

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Group Summary - Discussed changes to speed up the process for the second mowing. Grass is still out of control by the time code enforcer Steve Hume gets to it. Looking for a grass cutting company to assess and give a quote. Discussions with Safety Service Director and Steve Hume. Request to change height requirement to 8 inches instead of 6 inches. Request to allow for personal service and regular mail for warning letter. Emergency clause proposed to change law immediately. Companies willing to mow properties, but charge is substantial. Visuals of properties mowed still look awful. Discussion about downtown needing repairs.

President Comer – This to change it from 10 inches to 6 inches. So that way when the grass is cut, it doesn't leave a large amount of grass all over the sidewalks and the roads and everything.

Motion to amend this legislation to change the height requirement to eight inches from six. I'm also going to ask to remove the emergency clause and make this change effective January one twenty twenty-four by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Stahl, 2nd by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote

ORDINANCE 194-23 Sponsored by: John Stahl, an ordinance amending section 660 of the codified ordinances

Motion to amend this legislation to change the height requirement to eight inches from six. I'm also going to ask to remove the emergency clause and make this change effective January one twenty twenty-four by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

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Round Table

Councilman Eades – Discussed the Council Clerk position and the amount of work involved. Agreed that the position requires a lot of time and effort. Noted the importance of detailed minutes and the need to research current legislation.

President Comer - suggested discussing compensation for the position in executive session.

Councilman Peters – I have nothing

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Councilman Robinson – We're on the topic of grass and how everything looks. I do want to just make some mentions of, you know, we have the Rib Fest and we have Shop Hops and everything. Making sure you're taking care of your properties from the front of your door to the back and your back doors and taking care of your neighbors. If you have someone around you that needs help, help them. I don't know what else we can do, but we have the trees and I've been noticing more and more that it's starting to look like a weed instead of a tree. If there's anything that needs help reach out, help someone, even if you help one person, if everybody helps one person, they can start helping everything look a lot better. And with everything that's coming to London, the people that are coming here that aren't from here not only that, but ourselves who have to live here every day here we want something to be proud of and something that looks great. So, I challenge everybody to help out your neighbors, take care of your own properties.

Councilman Hays – Expressed appreciation for all City employees, with a special shout out to the London Police Department for their work in a recent incident. Encouraged everyone to support City employees and take care of their own properties.

Councilman Hitt – Reminded everyone that Rib Fest starts tomorrow.

Councilman Stahl – Commented on the professionalism of the London Police Department and encouraged everyone to show their appreciation. Encouraged everyone to attend the Rib and Jazz Festival in Georgia and highlighted the improvements to downtown buildings.

President Comer – Thanked everyone for their pride in the city and for making it a great place to live and learn.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:09pm

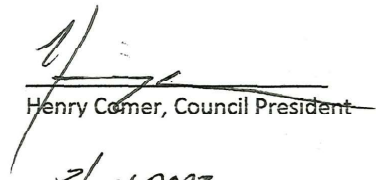
Attestation: Minutes approved, filed in Audit's Office, and posted on City of London website for public review.



Kris Miller, Council Clerk

8/17/23

Date



Henry Comer, Council President

8/17/2023

Date