

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

Held OCTOBER 6 20 22

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
October 6, 2022 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Council President, Henry Comer, called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order at 6:30pm. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

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

Council members absent: Josh Peters

The minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

COMMUNICATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Comer asked for a voice vote to approve Mayor Closser's appointment of Angie Harris to the Historic Review Board, term expiring 12/31/24. The appointment was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Hays made a motion to exit the regular City Council meeting and enter into a public hearing to discuss Resolution 174-22, seconded by Councilman Stahl

Roll call to enter into a public hearing: Rich Hays, yes; Andrew Hitt, yes; John Stahl, yes; Anthony Smith, yes; Bryan Robinson, yes; Greg Eades, yes

The public hearing began at 6:32pm

Motion by Hays to read Resolution 174-22 by title and number, seconded by Hitt

Roll call to read the Resolution: Rich Hays, yes; Andrew Hitt, yes; John Stahl, yes; Anthony Smith, yes; Bryan Robinson, yes; Greg Eades, yes

Ordinance 174-22 - Sponsored by Andy Hitt - An Ordinance vacating an alley

Mr. Rick Dixon spoke in favor of vacating the alley in between Starr Trophy and Fine Designs and Interiors.

Councilman Hays made a motion to exit the public hearing and enter into the regular City Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Stahl

Roll call to exit the public hearing: Rich Hays, yes; Andrew Hitt, yes; John Stahl, yes; Anthony Smith, yes; Bryan Robinson, yes; Greg Eades, yes

The regular meeting resumed at 6:34pm

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Tommy Boyd - 48 N. Union Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Requested that the outdoor lights on the London Visual Arts Guild building be angled downward, or covers installed, to decrease the amount of light shining on nearby residences

Greg Eades on behalf of Anita Likens - 157 E. First Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Mrs. Likens gave additional frames of the Preamble to the Constitution to those who did not receive one at the last meeting

Brent McDaniels - 1051 Amherst Boulevard, London, Ohio 43140

- Asked Councilman Smith if he has looked into the privatization of the City's Water Department. Council Smith replied that he has not yet researched the subject.
Asked Council members to replace the .5% tax credit for individuals who worked outside the City. Council members stated that the topic must be discussed at the Finance Committee and invited Mr. McDaniels to attend the next meeting.

Elizabeth Branson - 500 Graceland Avenue, London, Ohio 43140

- Expressed her appreciation of having a school resource officer at London and Plain City schools and asked Council for help in getting an officer at West Jefferson and Madison Plains schools too.

Held

20

Michael Norman – 188 S. Oak Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Asked what processes did Resolutions 188-22, 189-22, 190-22 and 191-22 go through to enable them to be included on the current Council agenda.
 - Councilman Smith stated that they were discussed at the Public Service Committee
- Asked if there was a time limit of projects getting completed once legislation is approved by City Council

Steve Lelonek – Board of Public Utilities (BPU)

- Mr. Lelonek presented information about Resolutions 188-22, 189-22, 190-22 and 191-22. He spoke of the research and work that the BPU and City Administration have done to help improve and repair the City's Water and Wastewater systems and to make the East High water plant operable. He requested that City Council suspend and pass Resolutions 188, 190, and 191 to help move the projects forward as quickly as possible.

Councilman Smith stated that the agenda language regarding Resolution 191-22 did not include the words "and enter into contract" and made a motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Hays seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. The agenda was amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Hays – Public Safety Committee Chair

- Stated that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on October 11, 2022 at 5:00pm

Councilman Robinson – Public Service Committee

Parks & Recreation

- Receiving quotes to sandblast the pool surfaces
- Installing a curb around the splash pad to conserve water
- The volleyball program is more than halfway complete. Due to weather, some games were played in the Community Center
- Cypress Church members have volunteered to paint the train at Cowling Park on October 8th
- The Merri Mac Park Miracle Committee is purchasing new trashcans to be installed near the park shelter and playground
- The next Public Service Committee will take place on November 2, 2022 at 6:00pm

Councilman Eades – Public Service Committee

Street Department

- The storm sewer camera has been repaired and is back in use
- Stated that vehicle traffic is ignoring road closed signs and asked everyone to please obey traffic signs and to be careful around work crews in and near the roadways
- The St. Rt. 56 paving project is complete
- The Bill Long, Street Superintendent, is having difficulty finding a dump truck to purchase
- Prior to adding additional storm sewers in the Graceland & Marimont area, a couple utilities will have to be moved
- Mr. Long, Street is researching the possibility of leasing mowers instead of purchasing them
- The bathrooms at Cowling Park are locked due to vandalism and will hopefully be repaired and available for special events
- Sending three employees to snow plowing classes
- Mr. Long continues to try to speak to representatives of the railroad company to repair the potholes near the tracks

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Closser

- Reported on current City events and issues (report attached)

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Casto & Harris Inc. Form S-301 E1412692LD

Held _____ 20_____

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Items

Ordinance 146-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1048.05 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 147-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1042 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 151-22 – Sponsored by Rich Hays – An Ordinance amending official zoning map

4th Reading

Ordinance 174-22 - Sponsored by Andy Hitt – An Ordinance vacating an alley

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

Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Hitt

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

PASSED

Ordinance 184-22 - Sponsored by Henry Comer - An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances; providing for the adoption and publication of a new matter in the updated and revised Codified Ordinances; repealing Ordinances in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency

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

LEFT ON

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 186-22 - Sponsored by Rich Hays - A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to apply for a grant through FEMA, the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER)

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

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

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

Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Stahl

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

PASSED

Ordinance 187-22 - Sponsored by John Stahl - An Ordinance for strengths on job descriptions (attachment)

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

Motion by Hays to suspend, seconded by Stahl

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

Motion by Hays to adopt, seconded by Stahl

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

PASSED

Resolution 188-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - A Resolution requesting financing from the Ohio Water Development Authority for design associated with the City of London's water system improvements project by the City of London, Madison County, OH and declaring an emergency

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

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Stahl

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

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Smith

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

PASSED

Resolution 189-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - A Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to enter into a contract for east side trunk sewer engineering

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

LEFT ON

Held _____

20 _____

Resolution 190-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - A Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for engineering services for water well development

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

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Stahl

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

Motion by Smith to adopt, seconded by Stahl

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

PASSED

Resolution 191-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - A Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to advertise for bids and enter into contract for engineering services for water treatment plant upgrades

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

Motion by Smith to suspend, seconded by Stahl

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

Motion by Stahl to adopt, seconded by Smith

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

PASSED

ROUND TABLE

Councilman Eades

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Thanked Mr. Lelonek for his presentation and information

Councilman Robinson

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Stated that the next Public Service Committee will take place on November 2, 2022 at 6:00pm

Councilman Hays

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Thanked all fans and who attend and support the local high schools' football programs
- Stated that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on October 11 at 5:00pm
- Asked God to bless the City and citizens and to keep everyone safe and well

Councilman Hitt

- Asked residents to be cautious and inspect their children's trick-or-treat candy

Councilman Stahl

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Stated that he was happy to hear that the utility projects are moving forward

Councilman Smith

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Thanked President Comer for allowing legislation to move through a committee and be present this evening
- Thanked Mr. Lelonek for his presentation and information
- Asked Mr. McDaniels to contact him after the meeting


Council President Comer

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Thanked Mr. McDaniels for presenting the idea to privatize the Water Department
- Thanked all other citizens who addressed Council for their participation

Motion by Hays to adjourn at 8:23



Amy Rees, Clerk



Henry Comer, City Council President