

President Henry Comer called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order. Council continues to meet virtually due to the COVID-19. The meeting is being recorded and live-streamed on the city's Facebook page.

CLERK CALLED ROLL: Brenda Russell, present; Josh Peters, present; Bryan Robinson, present; Rich Hays, absent; Andrew Hitt, present; Carla Blazier, present; Anthony Smith, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Smith reported on the board of public utilities meeting. The clean-water and sanitation departments are looking to hire new employees.

Mr. Geyman continues to look for a deal a frontend loader.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Closser reported that he continues to give his 7:00 nightly updates. He shared that Cobra's have cancelled their event this year due to the COVID-19. Columbus has cancelled their Red, White, and Boom celebrations.

Governor DeWine announced today that restaurants, bars, hair salons, barber shops, and nail salons will be opening May 15th.

The city is just taking it day by day when we might be able to open the pool or have outdoor movies at the park.

The Board of Zoning met live, practicing social distancing. It recommended that council meet in person for their next meeting.

The governor also announced major cuts to the state's budget. Schools are taking a huge hit.

City administration continues to monitor the city's budget very closing.

President Comer announced that city council will meet in person at their next meeting.

Councilwoman Russell said the finance committee can meet in person.

Mayor Closser said social distancing will be in place at the meetings. City council members will be the only people in the room. Citizens can sit in the hall in chairs place no less than 6 feet apart. They can come in one at a time if they need to address council with a concern.

Councilwoman Blazier reminded that everyone will need to wear masks.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 140-20 Sponsored by: Josh Peters AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 874 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (attachment) Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Blazier. Clerk read.

Councilman Peters explained that this adds public events. He suggested leaving this on first reading until council meets in person.

Safety Service Director Mosier said it just changes the language.

Councilwoman Russell asked if this needs to be passed before the Strawberry Festival.

Safety Service Director Mosier said it needs to be passed before any festival can take place.

Councilman Smith expressed his concern that this needs a lot more clarification. This lumps in a lot of stuff!

He asked if events like Riley Auto Parts, having customer appreciation day, will they have to pay a fee.

Safety Service Director Mosier said it probably does include it at this point.

Councilman Smith noted there is not clarification if the event is on private property or held within the building like a church event. It just doesn't clarify events.

Mr. Mosier pointed out that this is already on the books and is currently very vague.

Council members pointed out other events that could be affect such as the soup house, Kiwanis' Easter egg hunt, firehouse's open house, fund raising events like what the M&M diner hosted.

This will be left on first reading for further discussion.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ORDINANCE 141-20 Sponsored by: Andy Hitt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1446 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (attachment) Motion by Hitt to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read.

Councilman Hitt explained that this is reinstating legislation that was repealed years ago. It requires contractors to register with the city. It helps keep track of quality of services and who is providing it. It generates revenue for the city too.

Councilman Peters asked who will be enforcing this. There are a lot of contractors. Mr. Oswald has a hard enough time enforcing everything now.

Safety Service Director Mosier replied that the building and zoning department will enforce it. Tim and Christy are full-time and always accessible. Jean is part-time.

This is for structural work contractors. Contractors are registered already. The city has run into problems with people coming and going, doing shoddy work with no recourse.

Councilman Peters noted it's not clear if kids need to be registered to mow yards.

Councilwoman Blazier responded that there is no licensure for kids.

Councilman Hitt read over the registration and requirements. A contractor must have a certificate of liability insurance, proof of compliance with workers compensation; certificate of registration with the city income tax department, current license (if required for the trade).

It was decided to leave on first reading for further discussion.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

RESOLUTION 142-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Robinson to place on first reading, second by Blazier. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell explained this is a donation from the London Rotary club to purchase ozone generators to thoroughly clean police cruisers. The donation just needs to be put in the police department line item.

Resolution No. 142-20 (continued)

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Hitt. Roll to suspend: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hitt, yes; Blazier, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Russel to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll to adopt: Robinson, yes; Hitt, yes; Blazier, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes. **ADOPTED.**

ROUND TABLE: Councilwoman Blazier reminded everyone to continue to be vigilant and keep your social distance and to wear your masks. The emergency room is still seeing cases.

Councilman Hitt was hopeful that things will be getting back to normal soon.

Councilman Peters reminded that the next public service meeting is Wednesday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in person.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for tuning in. He thanked the London Rotary club for their donation to the police department

“Prayers for government leaders and for everyone to be safe.”

President Comer hoped that everyone continues to remain safe, healthy and continue to be vigilant.

The next city council meeting will be live.

ADJOURN: Motion by Hitt to adjourn the meeting.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Henry Comer, Council President