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London City Council  
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140  
June 2, 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, Rich Hays, Andrew Hitt, John Stahl, Anthony Smith, Josh Peters, Bryan Robinson and Greg Eades

The minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting were approved as written

**COMMUNICATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – none presented

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**

David Mars – 155 N. Oak Street, London, Ohio 431401

- Discussed the letter he previously sent to all City Council members and the state of the city’s downtown:
  - Stated his opinion that there needs more accountability regarding the issues facing the area
  - Stated his opinion that empty buildings are the biggest issue with 65% of the buildings having no occupants
- The 1811 organization has suggested creating a Homeowners Association for the downtown area. The membership fee would pay for services such as sidewalk cleaning and snow removal
- Stated that he was excited to be working toward improving downtown

President Comer interjected and stated that the City needs a full-time code enforcement officer. Mayor Closser agreed and requested that City Council create a job description and make funding available for the position.

Councilman Hays asked if the Historic Review Board (HRB) had too much power and if it is an obstacle to businesses. Mr. Mars replied that the HRB helps to plan for the future of the downtown area, while also respecting its past

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

- Read excerpts from the Constitution

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Greg Eades – Public Service Committee

Street Department

- All of the traffic signals have been installed but the traffic camera sensors still need fine-tuned. The project finished under budget. Four employees are being trained on the new equipment
- There is currently an open position in the Department
- The Safety Service Director, Rex Castle, is working with the residents of Marimont and Graceland to alleviate the flooding in their neighborhood

Parks & Recreation Department

- Received a report from the newly hired Director, Landon McKenzie stating that there were 480 admissions to the pool since opening

Bryan Robinson - Public Service Committee Chair

- The next Public Service Committee meeting will take place July 6, 2022 at 6:00pm

Rich Hays – Public Safety Committee Chair

- The next Safety Committee meeting will take place June 14, 2022 at 5:00pm

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Anthony Smith – Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Representative

- Reported that the BPU is working hard to fix the east side water plant. Two options have been presented
- The BPU is also working to be able to accept new development
- Details of major projects will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting and encouraged all Councilors to attend

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS** – Mayor Closser’s report attached**OLD BUSINESS** – none presented**NEW BUSINESS** – none presented**ROUND TABLE**Councilman Smith

- Requested thoughts and prayers for Landon Minor, who was in a recent accident

Councilman Stahl

- Promoted the upcoming Strawberry Festival, taking place on June 23, 24 and 25 and the London Cobra Show that will take place on the morning of June 25
- Asked for prayers for his daughter Jamie who is currently on life support

Councilman Hays

- The next Safety Committee meeting will take place June 14, 2022 at 5:00pm
- Thanked City employees for their hard work
- Stated that he was pleased that the City of London partnered with the schools to organize their first Safety Town event for local children and that he attended the first one in Dublin, Ohio fifty years ago.
- Asked for prayers for Councilman Stahl and his family

Councilman Robinson

- Announced that the next Public Service Committee meeting will take place July 6, 2022 at 6:00pm

Councilman Eades

- Asked for prayers for Councilman Stahl and his family
- Stated that there were many items to be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting and encouraged all to attend

Council President Comer

- Tonight’s Council meeting was a test for future live streaming
- Stated that he went to the recent Madison County Emergency Medical District (MCEMD) Board meeting to discuss giving control of the City’s fire and emergency medical services (EMS) to the MCEMD
  - Councilman Smith stated that it would cost London Citizens more money for the MCEMD to provide fire and EMS
  - President Comer stated that the City could negotiate the cost

Motion by Hays to adjourn at 7:10pm


  
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Amy Rees, Clerk


  
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Henry Comer, City Council President