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CASTO & HARRIS INC. S-301

Held July 2, 2026 20

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
July 2, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Peters at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection.

Roll Call

Present – Councilwoman Jackman, Councilwoman Treynor, Councilman Hays, Councilman Boyd, President Peters, Councilman Eades, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl

Absent – 0

Minutes – Approval of June 18, 2026, minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing –

Motion to exit regular Council meeting and enter into Public Hearing by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl.

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

ORDINANCE 140-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor

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President Peters - This is for all gas aggregation to go to the Madison County Board of Elections for the city to vote on whether they want the city to pursue this or not. Okay, hearing no questions, we can move on. Can I get a motion to move out of public hearing to enter back into regular meeting?

Motion to exit Public Hearing and enter into regular Council meeting by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl.

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

Communications/Announcements – none

Audience Concerns –

Councilwoman Treynor – Reading email from Mike McGraner. I did circulate the email. He's

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not able to be here in person but did send an email that he would like for me to present to council; it's his concern regarding non-uniform towing enforcement during the Strawberry Festival. He was, well, in front of his apartment on South Main Street; there was no visible parking sign. He was parked in front of the Graceful Gowns storefront, which did have a no parking sign, and was towed from that location on, I think it was Wednesday night. And then, discovered later during the festival, while it was still clearly in a no-parking zone, that there were at least two other vehicles parked in front of the no-parking signs. He addressed it with law enforcement, who, he asked, are these cars allowed to be parked here in front of the no parking signs, and were told that they weren't sure. And, though, he asked if the cars were allowed to be there, and the officer said that he wasn't sure. My friend was subject to a \$500 tow bill and then found out that the tow company damaged his rental car. So, this is, I'm not sure what specific action he's looking for other than uniform enforcement by law enforcement of any kind of parking restrictions. I'm not sure what sort of action they're looking for from either the City Council or the Festival Committee. But I can understand his frustration if officers towed him from a spot and then blatantly ignored the fact that there were people parked in a no-parking zone as the festival was ongoing. And he did send a photo verification of the cars that were causing him concern.

Raymond Anthony, Mr. Closser, can you tell me where we stand with the Rumpke contract? Has it been completed? I know it's been signed, but has all the other stuff that goes along with it been finalized?

Mayor Closser - Well, I don't know what you mean by all the other stuff. But yes, the contract has been signed. They will take over on August 1st. We are currently working on the mailer that will go out to all the citizens to let them know how everything will work. Currently, everything will be status quo. It will be the same days, the same pickup, and pretty much everything. The employees, the three employees that we do have in sanitation, I believe, all three did have an interview with Rumpke. So, I'm not quite sure if there's anything else. Well, in the contract, it was like a 30-some page contract.

Mr. Anthony - And there are a lot of things that, for instance, everything that has been done in the past will they still stay the same?

Mayor Closser - Everything but the transfer station will not. We won't maintain the transfer station.

Mr. Anthony - So walk, pickup, and all that kind of stuff?

Mayor Closser - Yes. Everything is going to stay the same. And like I said, we'll be getting information out to the citizens, as well as doing a social media campaign, getting it on the website, and trying to get as much information out there as possible on how the transfer will happen.

Mr. Anthony - Okay. So that was one of my questions, but you've already answered it. How will you inform the residents of London about the change? And what things are going to happen, or what things are going to stay the same, or if anything is going to be changed?

Mayor Closser - Yes. So, Rumpke has come up with a mailer. We are on our second revision, just making sure that they put everything on it that we want. One of the

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big questions that we're getting is about curb assistance. So, we're making sure that that information is on there about curb assistance for senior citizens as well as ADA. So, we're making sure that we have a new revision today, and we're making sure that they put that on there. And Rumpke will be mailing those out to the citizens.

Mr. Anthony - Okay. Staying along this same line. Have the administration and Rumpke talked about whether Rumpke is going to mail invoices or bills to the residents for their trash pickup?

Mayor Closser - I believe they are going to bill; it'll be every three months is what the bill will be. Let me look at this real fast, because I believe it says... Billing residents will be billed by Rumpke every three months. They offer a convenient online payment option. So, you just add your account, and it's free. They don't charge you like an upcharge to run your card or whatever. Other payment options are also available. So, this mailer talks about service day.

- Your service day will remain the same.
- Recycling and trash will be collected on the same day.
- And it talks about billing.
- It talks about the holidays that they won't pick up, which are only six holidays. I think we were like 11 or 12.
- The guidelines about setting out trash and recycling.
- Yard waste is just mixed in with your trash.
- Place recyclables in your cart. Don't bag recyclables.
- Extra carts, like if you want extra carts.
- Bulky and large items.

This is something people want to know about. It's just that you have to contact Rumpke customer service by phone. They give a number or email at least 24 hours before your regularly scheduled collection day to request a large item or pair pickup, like mattresses and box springs. And it talks about upholstered items and appliances and things of that nature. And then, yeah. And then we talk about their plate. They talk about the placement in there. Just a little background on themselves. And then the date of August 1st.

Mr. Anthony - Okay. Thank you. Yes. The next thing. City Council approved \$20,000 last year for a portable stage. Has that been bought?

Mayor Closser (with assistance from Auditor Combs, who is not on mic) - It has been purchased. Is it here yet? Do you know if it's here? I believe it's here. Yeah. I know it's been purchased.

Mr. Anthony - Has it been used yet?

Mayor Closser - No. We just got it in. So, we are going to start working on outdoor

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music, doing an outdoor music series. That is what we are currently working on. Eve is heading that up to start doing that in the fall.

Mr. Anthony - My last thing is, first of all, I want to thank you. I wasn't able to attend the last two meetings in person, but I looked at them online. And the microphones for the City Council members are great. Also, the one for the clerk is fine. My only concern, and I see a pattern, is that whenever City Council has a question or concern about a resolution, and they ask the administration, the response is never. You cannot hear the response. I don't know if it's because the things are turned off. I don't know. But I have seen this happen quite a bit. So, I just want to make sure that, hopefully, down the road, when City Council asks the administration for whatever, you can hear it through YouTube if you're not able to come to the meeting. I want to thank Ms. Jackson for looking into something that I requested three meetings ago about a piece of equipment that was going to be sold. So, I want to thank her personally because I did watch the last two. I really thank you for doing that. And I believe that's all I have. Thank you.

Councilman Hays - I've got a follow-up. Your Honor, when will the transfer station close for good?

Mayor Closser - We're aiming for the same date on the first, so we can start getting that property cleaned up. The Sanitation Department employees can either choose to stay 30 days or up to 60 days. So, the ones who decide to stay 60 days, that will have them out there working on stuff, getting things cleaned up, getting things picked up, and go from there.

Councilman Eades - I also have a quick follow-up. Do you have any idea of the ETA when the letter is going to go out?

Mayor Closser - Soon. Yeah, we're working on the final draft of it. So hopefully soon.

Klarissa Ramey, 287 Surrey Lane, So, first off, I'm the president of the London Strawberry Festival. Most of you didn't know that. Hello. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak tonight on behalf of the London Strawberry Festival. As we wrap up another successful festival, I first want to express my gratitude to everyone who played a part in making it possible. Events like these don't happen to one person. They happen because of an entire community that comes together with a shared goal. To the City of London, thank you for your continued partnership and support. We appreciate the work from all of our city departments, from the police, fire, EMS, street department, and admins, and everyone behind the scenes who helped ensure our festival was safe, organized, and welcoming. I want to thank our community for thanking our community and local businesses for all of the entertainment and for celebrating one of our city's longest-standing traditions. Seeing families, friends, and visitors come together is exactly what this festival is all about. While every year brings opportunities to learn and improve, we are proud of what was accomplished. We are already looking ahead to next year and remain committed to making the London Strawberry Festival something our community can continue to be proud of for generations to come. The first thing that I wanted to address, speaking on changes, is the DORA. I understand this is something new to the city, new to the festivals, new to the businesses that participate, and new to the people who support it. But I feel the city needs to be clear on actions that the festival organizers need to take, whether that's posting signs or sending out a notice, or if that's nothing at all. But that communication also needs to be

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made to all city officials because our police enforcement did not know what to do either. So let me explain that. We have our State of Ohio liquor license that I did, or a beer permit that I did bring. And then if anyone wants to see a copy of it. And then I also brought our temporary permit that was signed off by Chief Nichols and by the Safety Service Director. So, everyone who is part of the city knew that we had this beer permit. It was not something that wasn't approved. I know that was kind of something that was in question. And I had made many, many, many conversations asking what else needs to be done. Do I need to post any kind of signs? Do we have to do the DORA cups? I made many attempts to ask what else? Am I okay? Nothing else was relayed at all. And so, I feel like I'm willing to take accountability for some of the harsh words that were said. I do think that it comes down to both parties. There were both parties that definitely had harsh words. But I'll take accountability for my reps who did that to the business owners and to the people. But I also am expecting the city to take some accountability as well because there was no clear guidance on what I was supposed to do as the President or any of our board members. We were told that DORA can happen during our festival, but they can't be on our festival grounds with DORA cups because we have our own permit. And when we were told that and all of the people were coming in with DORA cups, we were asking them, you either have to drink that outside of our borders or throw it away. That cannot happen inside the festival grounds. When they decided not to listen and told us we had to get the cops involved to get anything done, that's exactly what we did. We called the police department over. The police department then tells us they don't know what to do either. So, they make phone calls to their chief. They make phone calls to the safety service director. I'm not sure if you got a call that night or not. But they made numerous phone calls to the city to try to figure out what to do because there was no clear guidance on what to do between us, between our law enforcement, between the business owners. And so now this hardworking relationship that I have been trying to salvage and build for two years now since me taking over our businesses is now gone. And I'm sure everyone has seen the Facebook post. And I feel like the city needs to take some accountability instead of letting us as an organization take all the heat. Because if we had known, that's what we would have done. But we didn't know. We were asking. That was never relayed. So, I understand it is new to the city. It's new to the businesses. Unfortunately, we had to be the guinea pigs. And now we're in the situation we're in. But I hope going forward the city makes clear actions on how to take it. Because I know Ribbon Jazz is coming up. In the past, I'm sorry, Rhythm and Rib, I forgot they changed it. And I know that they also have a beer garden. And you're going to go through the same things if this doesn't get fixed with clear actions on who is responsible for what. So that is the first thing.

Mayor Closser - So we will take part of the blame for this. And you said it, this was all new to everybody, right? And we were trying to figure it out. It was something that kind of slipped through the cracks about how this was going to work. And now we've done our research. And we figured out that you were absolutely correct. So, what it boils down to is that when they get their liquor license, they set it up; the boundaries are pretty much the building walls in a way. So just like any DORA, you can't take a drink from one bar, walk it down the street, and walk inside another DORA bar. You're not allowed to do that. So, with them having that full area, it was like somebody taking a DORA drink into another liquor establishment in a roundabout way. So, we did figure that out. And we are working to see what is best, not just for the festivals, but also for the businesses down there, right? You know, that's one of the reasons why we do these festivals is to bring foot traffic, to show off our downtown, to get people into those businesses, to get people into those different establishments. And so, we are working on a game plan for that. And, you know, like I said, we do apologize for all the frustration that came

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out of this. Live and learn. And, you know, sorry that it happened, but I think we'll get this game plan together and we'll be able to figure it out so that everyone can benefit, where the festivals can benefit as well as the businesses can benefit.

Ms. Ramey - Thank you. I appreciate that. So, obviously, it's been talked about. As I said, if you guys have seen any of the Facebook posts, it's been talked about, like, just there's been great posts, but there's been a lot of bashing in, like, the 1811 group posts and stuff. So, I just want to tell you guys a little bit about what we do in the community. So, the festival supports the businesses. For example, we paid almost \$3,000 to Los Mariachis to cater our luncheon. We buy signs from CK Signs. We order trophies from Star Trophy. This is the second year now that we've rented out the public pool. We had the London Public Library and the youth football team at our festival, raising money. We did help 1811 clean the streets before the festival. We do a community service project every year to help something in our community. For example, last year our queen did a veterans' project. We adopt kids at Christmas, and we give all of our queen scholarships to support, and we also support other Madison County events, such as the fair, 4th of July parade, and Old-Fashioned Christmas. So, this isn't just a festival that's going to come in and disrupt everyone's lives. This is something that we do all year round. So, I just think it's crazy that there is a group of volunteers who do this every year out of the kindness of our hearts and because of our love for the community. We make nothing from doing any of this. And I do get discouraged a little bit seeing all the hate and sometimes question why I do this, but then I think about the girls and the boys in our program and the families that enjoy the festival. I'm willing to listen to and take all the constructive criticism, and once again, we welcome anyone who wants to step up and help volunteer. Despite all the weather we had this year for our festival, our vendors said this was the best year yet. So, this should tell you how much the community is willing to come out and support the festival, no matter the rain. They showed up and supported because the people of our town love this festival. And not only that, but believe it or not, we did have outsiders who came to the festival. Let me give you a quick example. I went and got these new eyeglasses right before the festival in Grove City on Stringtown Road. And I walked in with my London Strawberry Festival shirt on, and they said, oh my gosh, I forgot that was this weekend. And my family and I are two different people in there, said that is something we want to come to, we want to look and explore London and come to the festival. And they were from Stringtown Road in Grove City. So, if that doesn't show you that some locals and outsiders come to our festival, I don't know what does. So, I just want to hope to see a future where we can all work together, make a great festival, make it a huge success like other festivals, Pumpkin Show, Asheville Fourth of July, West Jeff Fourth of July, Jackson Apple, and there are so many more. But I would like to invite all the city council members, Eve and Pat, to come to our OFEA convention in November. A little bit about our convention in November: it's all the Ohio festivals, and they have room blocks for Kalahari. There's a bunch of different roundtable discussions, ways that you can help with your city, ways that you can help with your Queens program, internet, DORA, I mean, so much information that you can get. So, I would really like to invite all of you to come to that, so that you can learn a little bit, if you don't already know, about how a festival works and how to do good things, like cooperating with your city. But yeah, so there are other things that I'll probably bring up closer to the festival that I would like to see if we can get changed, but we don't have to talk about that today.

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Councilman Eades - Mr. President. Thank you for that explanation. I know I received a phone call about the DORA and the conflicts with that, and I've talked to the law director since then, and I think everybody's trying to get on the same page because it was new. Let's give them credit. And this was really the first event that the DORA was actually fully in place. Well, we had the cups, and we had the signs, and we had everything in place. It's the first time there could have been a conflict, and, unfortunately, there was. So hopefully that all gets smoothed out moving forward for everybody to be able to enjoy it

Committee Reports

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Boyd – Nothing here.

Councilman Hitt - The Public Service Committee meeting will be next door on the 14th at 5 o'clock before the Safety meeting.

Councilwoman Jackman – I have nothing.

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays – We'll have the Safety Service meeting on Tuesday, the 14th of July, at 6 p.m. next door in the conference room.

Councilman Stahl – I have nothing.

Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee –

Councilman Eades - Well, we don't have anything new to report from the Finance Committee, but we will meet next Monday, July 6th, 5.30 p.m., in the conference room right next door.

Councilman Treynor – I have nothing.

City Official Reports

Mayor Closser – Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to thank everybody for coming out. Before I get started, I do want to thank the Strawberry Festival. I was out of town, But I came down on Saturday and walked through the festival, and it seemed to be going pretty well. Unfortunate about the door thing, but as I said, we'll get that figured out. Also want to thank the Cobras for coming in. As she talked about, it was a funky weather weekend, and they didn't know if it was going to rain or not. I think they had like 170 registered, but only about 95 came in, but that's still quite a show. And I want to thank them because, once again, they donated \$7,500 to the police department and \$7,500 to the Division of Fire and EMS. While I'm on the thank-yous, I want to thank Paul Gross and Tom Coughlin. They paid to have a free pool day two days ago? Yeah, I think. And there were about 235 people who took advantage of that. Cooper Hudson Love got a hold of me and said, hey, this is fantastic. I'd like to do it for 100 people. So, he did it for 100 people today, and then we slashed the price back to \$2 a person to help cover some costs, but also to let people get in at a cheaper rate today. So, we've had a few busy days at the pool with this beautiful weather that we've had. Just a reminder that we do have the fair coming

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up. It's kind of the next big thing. That'll start on the 11th and run through July 18th. The kids are out there putting a lot of work into their projects. I do want to congratulate them and wish them the best of luck on all their projects as they go through the week of the fair. So many great events are going on every night. You can check all that stuff out. London Fireworks, we've talked about this, but those will be on July 3rd at dark. It'll be about 10 p.m. The school is being gracious enough to let the fireworks off out there, but if you haven't seen, they put in new turf for the track and new track and new turf on the field. So, I want to read this. So, if you plan to join people out on July 3rd for the fireworks celebration at Bullis Field, please note that the track and the playing service is closed to the public during the event to help protect the school's newly installed track and turf. The home bleachers, home entrance, and home restrooms will remain open for spectators, but they just ask everyone to remain in the designated viewing areas and avoid entering the field and track. So please don't go onto the field or track. You can be in the bleachers, you can be in that area, you can be over there by the concession stands, just don't jump the fence and get on the track or onto the field. And I do want to thank the school for once again being gracious enough to do that. Now onto the fun fact, which this year is 78 this week, and that is how many entries we have in the parade for Saturday. So, we had 62 last year, so it's about a 25% increase or so. It's going to be the biggest and best parade that we've seen. So, it's on Saturday, the 4th of July, and it'll start at 11 a.m. The parade route will go from Park Avenue, head south on Main Street, and then come all the way down to First Street. As I said, it's going to be a great time. I'm excited to see the streets packed with people. I'd say if you added all the fire and EMS vehicles as well as the police vehicles, we're probably going to have 85 things rolling down that street. So, tell the kids to bring their Kroger bags because there's going to be a bunch of candy being thrown out. So super excited for that, and that's all I have.

Auditor Combs – I have nothing.

Old Business

4th Reading

RESOLUTION 135-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A Resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes. The City owns the personal property, a 2008 Navistar Work Star 7400 Dump truck and a 2004 GMC C4500 Dump truck, and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes, and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with the law.

Councilman Boyd - Well, I'll say thank you to Mr. Saltsman for getting the diagnostic we were hoping for on that truck also, and glad that we were able to wait. With having requests from citizens, it was nice to have that to go with this type of item, and hopefully we can keep seeing that with everything we put out for bid.

Councilwoman Jackman - I was just going to add that Mr. Saltsman did have a mechanic review the vehicle in question, and Mr. Anthony, you would ask about that. They found a lot of issues with it, power steering leak, cupped front tires, rusted manifold, rusted exhaust, rusted EGR brackets, dry-rotted rear tires, an oil leak, rusted and rotted bed supports, broken welds on the bed, hydraulic leaks, transmission leaks, air tanks almost rusted through, the air compressor was all rust, needs a new starter, needs new batteries, and also had a coolant leak. So, I think these workhorse trucks may not have a lot of miles, but they get run hard.

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Against: 0-

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Councilwoman Treynor - This is the same, or, again, we worked through the electricity aggregation some time ago and then changed suppliers last year. This is starting that process over in order to engage the city in an aggregation program for natural gas. We are currently not doing any aggregation as a collective. Anybody who is looking for lower rates than those offered by the utility directly has to do it on a piecemeal or on an individual basis. This is just submitting the question of whether or not we should be packaged and be looking at aggregation to the electorate for a vote. The reason for this emergency is immediate effect so that we can get it to the Board of Elections in ample time.

Councilman Boyd - If anything, I would just say that even before we get this on, because it is a good choice, if anyone is hoping to maybe look into dropping that price, they might want to look into finding a different supplier also, if they haven't, because they can do that. Before this goes through, this would be a good second ground.

Councilwoman Treynor - This has an opt-out provision. If it should pass, there is certainly no requirement that you participate in any aggregation program. You are always free to search for your own supplier.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilwoman Treynor, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 141-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution increasing appropriations. The City Council would like to upgrade the current sound system that is used for their meetings.

Councilman Eades - All right, so after the amendment, this money is going to be appropriated to the City Hall or Walnut Street building, whichever is correct. Is it City Hall or is it Walnut Street? Okay, City Hall, miscellaneous. So, this money will be appropriated, and at this point, once we appropriate the money, it will be up to the administration to move forward with purchasing what they feel is appropriate. We have a number of up to \$21,000. I don't think it's going to be that much, especially when there's been some discussion about what we may or may not need, especially the microphones. Just by approving this, we basically let them do what they feel is best at this

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point. Although I will state I still think I would prefer to have new microphones for the audience out there that are rechargeable, so we don't have to worry about batteries. That just seems to be an issue. But regardless of that, that's a different point to be made. So that is the \$21,000 to move forward so that they can move forward with purchasing equipment and upgrading.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION with amendment by Councilwoman Eades, 2nd Councilman Treynor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 145-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A resolution revising job descriptions. The City is in need of revising several job descriptions, and Council must approve these revisions.

Councilwoman Jackman - We kind of went over the changes that will be made at our last meeting, but there were a few jobs that did not have a job description. They're also adding residency requirements for a few positions. And then for police and fire, they wanted to change the maximum age requirement to kind of match up with state law and what's typical.

Councilman Body - Have we gotten any type of form that shows what each of the changes is on this one? Has that been emailed out to us? So, yeah, as long as we have something with that.

President Peters - It should be in your packet.

Councilman Eades - All the changes are in red. You can see those.

Leave for 3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 146-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for Personal property no longer needed for city purposes. The City owns the personal property, a 2025 Ford Mustang GT convertible VIN # 1FAGP8FF9S5107581 with approximately 9,000 miles; and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with law.

Councilman Eades – Well, just to remind everybody, this 2025 Ford Mustang GT convertible was lost by the previous owner because of a felony DUI. So, we now have possession of that. We have title to that. And we want to sell that. It was suggested before the last meeting, it was suggested at finance, that we actually add the language to put a minimum bid on there. We didn't catch that in time. That has been added. You can see it in the packet. That's been updated. However, it was pointed out by the auditor during that meeting that we did suggest it should be an emergency clause, which we don't have here. So, that is the suggestion that came from finance at that point, that we add the emergency clause so they can get this listed and sold. So, hearing that, I'm sorry.

Mayor Closser - Yeah, I just wanted to add that. I think they're trying to get this done as fast

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as possible because if you have seen the pictures, it's a very nice car. It's also a convertible. So, the best time to sell a convertible would be as soon as possible. So, we think we could make more money, you know, selling it while summer's still around. How does the city come to own a vehicle because of a DUI? Felony DUI. So, yep, there you go. Thank you.

Councilman Boyd - Also paying for the insurance on it, because it's very cheap.

Mayor Closser - We are paying insurance on it, and they still won't let me drive it. So, we need to sell it, or I need to start driving it, one of the two.

Councilman Eades - And it doesn't state it here, but I believe that the money used or the money gained from this has to go to the Law Enforcement Training Fund. It is required by state law, so this will go into training our police officers further.

Motion to amend the RESOLUTION to add the emergency clause, Councilwoman Treynor, 2nd Councilman Eades. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Councilwoman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilwoman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 147-26 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt

A resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes. The City owns the personal property, a 2004 GMC Yukon VIN # 1GKEK132X4J137516 with 170,149 miles; and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with law.

Councilman Hitt - So, this is the City's 2004 GMC Yukon for the Fire Department. It has 170,149 miles. I believe some of the issues are where the wrapping is coming off and has some rust spots. The floorboard was rusting out. So, this is to allow sealed bids for that vehicle to be sold.

Councilman Hays - Are we still paying the insurance on this?

Auditor Combs – (no audio)

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Councilwoman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl.

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The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilwoman Hays, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 7- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays, Stahl
Against: 0-

Round Table

Councilman Stahl - I wish everybody and their families a happy holiday and safety. Thank you.

Councilman Boyd - I hope everyone's summer is going well. Yeah, I know Mr. Graner's concern there with the tow and everything else. From his incident, he had a rental car at the time, I guess, even. And, you know, North Union and High Street there in front of McDonald's, just kind of, hey, if anything, give another heads-up to everyone. Keep your eyes open. Be safe while you're going through there, because I think we had about three crashes there last month. So, that's all for me. Thank you.

Councilwoman Treynor – Happy Independence Day. Happy Birthday, America. Come see the Adam Stanley musical on July 17, 18, and 19. Thank you.

Councilman Hitt – Public Service Committee meeting is at 5 o'clock in the meeting room next door on the 14th. Thank you.

Councilman Hays – Public Safety meeting, July 14th, 6 o'clock in the meeting room next door. I want to thank all of our city employees for jobs well done. I want everybody to have a safe, real safe holiday. Remember, we're 250 years old. Remember, a lot of people laid down their lives. A lot of people are severely injured. A lot of people bled a lot of blood so we could enjoy this day. So, take a couple of minutes and just leave them in reverence, if you will. Ask a good Lord to watch over our city and our citizens. Keep us all safe and well. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jackman – I have nothing to add.

Councilman Eades – A few things. This is just for future reference. I thought of it earlier during a different discussion. Now that Rumpke is going to be billing on their own, we're still paying Mid-Ohio, I believe, to bill for our storm sewer only. We're going to have to figure out what to do with that, if anything, moving forward. Maybe that comes up next Monday, maybe not. Cooper Hudson Love. The boy is 18 years old. He may not even be 18. It's nice when businesses that have deep pockets, such as Mr. Gross and Mr. Coughlin, decide they want to do something nice. But when an 18-year-old who has his own businesses decides he's going to do that, that is an amazing thing. He's not here. I hope people who see Cooper Hudson Love thank him for spending his own money to do that. I just really appreciate the fact that he's so young and he's doing that. The London Lions, we discussed having something similar to that. And we may rent the pool for the end of the

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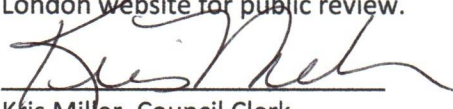
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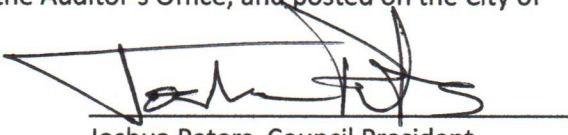
summer splash because we have to bring in the summer bash. We think the end of the summer splash would go really well. So, we're thinking about doing that also. And the last thing, I know it's the Fourth of July. I know people like to set off fireworks. I am not a fan of fireworks in town. I'm not a fan because it's a danger. It's a fire risk. But I'm also not a fan of people being disrespectful to others and letting off fireworks way past the time that's allowed or on days that aren't really the day that they're supposed to do it. So, I'm asking the citizens of London to be respectful to each other, to your neighbors, and to your neighbors' pets. And let's be safe. Thank you very much.

Mayor Closser - I will say that the police department did put a post out today with a link that talks about when you're allowed to, the times you're allowed to, the holidays you're allowed to. So, with what Councilman Eades is saying, you can get on there and check that out and just make sure that you're doing it right. Thank you.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm

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


Kris Miller, Council Clerk
7/16/26
Date


Joshua Peters, Council President
7/16/26
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