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

CLERK CALLED ROLL: Brenda Russell, present; Josh Peters, present; Bryan Robinson, absent; Rich Hays, present; 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 HEARING: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Anna Jacobs, 38 Deger Drive, addressed council. She expressed her concern with the potential increase of traffic on her street. The street has had a "no outlet" sign for years, with a chained barricade separating Stump Lane from the apartment complex.

The chain has been taken down and a few vehicles are starting to use the street. She'd like to see the barricade put back in place. The apartment complex has an entrance/exit off of West High Street. There's really no reason for traffic to drive on Stump Lane. Stump Lane is narrow and with cars parking on both sides of the street, makes it even tighter to drive on.

There are a lot of children in her neighbor. They don't always pay attention before running out onto the street. However, the neighbors are all aware of it and are cautious of the children.

Ms. Jacobs also expressed her concern with the possibilities of chickens being permitted in the city limits. She fears that the chickens will attract coyotes as there are many cornfields around London.

She opinioned if the city is going to permit chickens, then there needs to be a humane officer to deal with situations. She's not against chickens; she just feels there is a lot to be taken into consideration and suggested that a vote be put to the citizens.

President Comer assured Ms. Jacobs that there has been a lot of serious discussion regarding the chickens and thanked her for her expressing her views.

Council discussed Ms. Jacobs's concern regarding an increase of traffic on Stump Lane with the removal of the barricade.

The new apartment complex owner lives in California and may be totally unaware of the situation. Constructions workers may have taken it down for convenience.

Councilwoman Russell thought it was a good idea to erect a more permanent barricade. There is a "horse shoe" drive off of West High Street. There'd be no reason to drive on Stump Lane.

Councilman Peters said the deed might allow for that end of the property to be open. It will need to be determined.

Councilwoman Russell will contact Bill Long of the street department. She will contact Ms. Jacobs with their findings.

Mr. Gerald Hodos, 106 Berkshire, addressed council regarding the chicken legislation. He asked how the legislation came about.

Councilman Hitt replied that the public safety committee had researched other cities' chicken legislation. They combined what they thought would be good for London.

Mr. Hodos asked some questions of council. He wanted to know why roosters were not permitted. He asked what is considered "free range" chickens. He has a six foot fence around his house. His chickens stay in his yard.

He asked about the $50.00 fee. He also stated he wasn't aware that he wasn't permitted to have chickens until he read the article in the paper.

Councilman Hitt said he is okay with roosters, but neighbors might not care for the noise. Mr. Hitt shared that the fence height has been a concern. The $50.00 is an annual fee, but the committee is also looking at that.

Councilman Hitt pointed out that this is only the second reading for this legislation. There will be a lot more discussion at the public safety committee meeting and invited Mr. Hodos to attend and share his views.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Russell informed that the public safety meeting had been canceled.

There was a very short finance committee meeting. There is legislation on the agenda this evening from that meeting.

Councilwoman Blazier added that the auditor's office gave an update on their software program. They are looking into a repayment plan to the school for their portion of the tax abatements.

Councilman Hays read the police department's portion of the public service meeting.

Councilman Hitt shared that there was a lot of discussion regarding the chicken legislation at the public service meeting. They discussed the permit, fees, number of chickens, coop size, lot size, abutting neighbors, and fines. They hope to have it more solidified by the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Blazier reported on the fire department's portion of the public service meeting.

Councilman Smith informed that the next Board of Public Utilities meeting is November 24, 2020.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO 195-20 Sponsored by Brenda Russell AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LONDON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31. 2021

Motion by Hays to place on second reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell noted that the few amendments are highlighted in the amended version.

Russell motioned to accept amended ordinance 195-20, second by Hays. Roll call: Peters, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Blazier, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes. **AMENDED.**

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

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

ORDINANCE 198-20 Sponsored by: Bryan Robinson and Andrew Hitt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 618 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (attachment) Motion by Hitt to place on second reading, second by Hays. Clerk read.

Councilman Hitt said he appreciated the input from the audience regarding the chicken legislation. There will be a lot more discussion before it is finalized.

LEFT ON 2ND READING.

Council members discussed the legislation.

Councilman Smith shared that he had spoken with the Law Director regarding violators. Paul Oswalt, building and zoning department, could be contacted. He could verify a possible complaint and send a letter to comply. If the person doesn't comply, it's turned over the law director's office.

Councilwoman Russell opinioned a fine and a ticket would get their attention.

Councilman Smith said they'd considered that, but it's a lot more complex than you'd think.

Mrs. Russell said it would be not much different than lawn care issues. People are notified of the unkempt property, but do nothing about it. These situations need to be controlled.

Mr. Smith felt that the city needs to find a way to generate revenue to hire another part time person to look into all these types of issues… lawns, unkemp property, chickens, etc.

Councilwoman Blazier didn't feel the legislation should cost tax payers for others to have chickens. She feels there should be enough for the building and zoning to take care of it.

Councilwoman Russell brought up the lack of legislation for dogs. That is another huge issue in itself!

RESOLUTION 200-20 SPONSORED BY: ANTHONY SMITH A RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE GENERATION FEE ABOLISHMENT/ REPEAL FOR THE NCO SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Motion by Hays to place on second reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Smith explained it's the Board of Public Utilities recommendation to vote to "Disapprove the Generation Fee Abolishment / Repeal"

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 202-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS
Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell explained that fund is just $45.00 short of paying the Keny Boulevard bill.

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

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

ROUND TABLE:

Councilman Smith shared that the BPU is running as many tests as possible with the EPA out at the new water plant. They are moving in the right direction.

President Henry confirmed that they are doing everything they can. He was out there the day the EPA made a small adjustment to the system. Hopefully, it will help. T.J. is doing a great job!

Councilwoman Blazier encouraged everyone to remain diligent in wearing their masks. She shared that they are seeing a lot more cases of COVID coming through the emergency room. Continue to just be nice to each other!!

Councilman Hitt reminded that the next public safety meeting is December 8. He wished everyone a safe, happy Thanksgiving!

Councilman Hays thanked all the city employees. All the employees do a job well done! Be thankful for our country. Love one another. Tomorrow is not a given.

Councilwoman Russell gave a shout out of thanks to the police, fire, and street departments when a rogue garage went flying through her neighborhood like the Wizard of Oz! It landed on Rt. 142, bringing a power line down across the sidewalk.

She encouraged those that walk with headphones, to pay close attention to where they are going. A woman, not paying any attention, would have walked right across the lines if she had not been yelled at and warned!

President Henry gave a shout to council members! He thanked the clerk for getting agenda and accurate set of minutes out to everyone.

He thanked Councilwoman Russell for her dedication to the finance committee.

He thanked Councilman Peters for his diligence and expertise

He thanked Councilman Hays for his expertise with law enforcement and his dedication to the safety committee.

He thanked Councilman Hitt for his background in counseling and critical thinking.

He thanked Councilwoman Blazier for her expertise and experience on finance committee.

He thanked Councilman Smith for his researching skills! He will get down to the bottom of everything!

Working together, we get things done!

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Hays to adjourn.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council Henry Comer, Council President