Public Service Meeting Minutes

London, Ohio

August 13th, 2024

Call to Order:

Those attending: Mayor Closser, SSD Castle, Street Supervisor Long, Parks&Recreation Director McKenzie, Administrative Assistant Breedlove, Chairman Hitt, Councilmember McDaniels, Councilmember Stahl, Councilmember Norman, and guest Randy Young.

Citizen Concerns: Randy Young, resident of Willis Ave area, wanted an update on the paving/fixing of potholes on Willis Ave. Street Supvisor Long said that it would be added to the ongoing paving project.

Approval of Minutes: June Minutes**-Approved** July Minutes-**Approved**

Department Head/Administration Reports-

Street Dept.: See attached Report. Also, legislation to purchase a Duro-Patch/Crack Sealer not to exceed $100K.

Parks & Recreation: See attached Report. Also discussed New Park Rules and legislation will be presented at Council amending 1062.03 of the Codified Ordinances. The pool will close later this year. It will close for the season on August 24th, 2024. There is a modified operations schedule. There was discussion about maintaining or fixing some of the equipment at Cowling Park. There was a concern about a culvert that needed to have some sort of cover(screen) to prevent a smaller child's arms or legs from slipping between the slots. There was also discussion of fencing in an area for 5 and below children at Merri Mac park.

Sanitation: There was an incident involving an injury to an employee of the sanitation department. There was a discussion. SSD Castle said it was still under investigation. There will be schedule changes to ensure that in the future the proper number of people will be scheduled for the task. The closing of the Saturday dump drop offs was done as an effort to cover all the shifts needed for trash pickup. There are currently 4 active employees in the Sanitation Dept. There was discussion on staffing and the Administration said it is working on a plan to solve the issues of the Sanitation Dept.

OLD BUSINESS

Digital Sign- Councilmember Norman asked for an update on the process of the community sign. Mayor Closser said the Administration is going with another sign company and is waiting for a response from the electrician . The proposed location will be "triangle park" at the intersection of Lafayette and Elm.

Downtown Sidewalks- Tree roots are causing the bricks to rise. This is causing a potential tripping hazard. A concerned citizen wanted to know if since the city planted the tree, was the city responsible for fixing the sidewalk. After a discussion it was decided that it is the responsibility of

the property owner to fix the sidewalk. When the trees were put in, the property owners were the party responsible for the choice of tree planted.

NEW BUSINESS-

New Park Rules- There were some amendments made to the park rules. This will be brought before Council.

Civic Plus- Is an addition to our current website that will allow for reservations of facilities, inventory control, Point of Sales, Scheduling of events, Event sign-ups, managing sport teams and much more. There is legislation being presented to Council on the cost for this addition.

Adjourned- 6:07pm