February 20, 2020

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

CLERK CALLLED ROLL: Brenda Russell, present; Josh Peters, present; Bryan Robinson, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, present; Anthony Smith, (arrived after roll call)

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

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Comer read a letter from the Mayor requesting councils' approval of his following appointments: Steve Lelonek, Board of Public Utilities (affective March 1); Wayne Roberts-Historic Review Board, and Andrew Hitt and Rich Hays-city properties committee.

Council members were in favor of the appointments by responding "aye".

President Comer asked council members if they had an opportunity to look over the amended city council rules. He went over the changes made.

Councilwoman Blazier noted that the changes would need to be reflected on the city website.

All council members were in favor by responding "aye".

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Peters to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters, second by Hays. He invited Mayor Closser and Safety Service Director Joe Mosier.

Roll to adjourn to executive session: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Blazier, yes; Russell, yes.

REGULAR MEETING: Motion by Peters reconvene the regular meeting, second by Blazier. Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Blazier, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Carla Blazier reported on the fire department's portion of the public safety committee meeting.

Councilman Hitt had nothing to report.

Councilman Hays reported on the police department's portion of the public safety committee meeting.

(Councilman Anthony Smith arrived at this time.)

Councilman Robinson attended the public service meeting.

Councilman Peters reported on the public service committee meeting. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 11.

Councilwoman Russell reported on the finance committee meeting. The next finance committee meeting is Monday, March 9.

Councilman Smith reported on the Board of Public Utilities meeting.

President Comer attended the finance committee meeting.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORT: Mayor Pat Closser presented his administrative update at this time. (attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 106-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION REVISING JOB DESCRIPTIONS (exhibit A) Motion by Hays to place on second reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Smith explained that Dan Leavitt is retiring. This changes the starting classification from supervisor IV to III. This gives the person two year to get the required IV certification.

LEFT ON 2ND READING.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 116-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.01 OF THE CITY POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Hitt. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell explained that this increases the non-union employees sick leave payout from 25% to 50% of up to 960 hours to coincide with union employees.

LEFT ON 1ST READING

RESOLUTION 117-20 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 the committee that used to collect for the 4th of July fireworks, does not want to take on the task anymore.

Mayor Closser explained that the city cannot solicit donations or have fundraisers. The city needs to get into a fireworks contract soon as the 4th is one week earlier in the year. Administration is proposing that the city pay for the fireworks as a guarantee that it's taken care of.

Councilman Hitt asked if additional donations can be given to the city.

Mayor Closser said that the city can accept donations and pointed out that an individual donated money to have the alley paved behind the post office.

Councilman Peters felt the $10,000 could be better used in the community center.

Mayor Closser responded that a lot of cities already pay for their fireworks. It's a guarantee that there will be a 4th of July fireworks event.

President Comer shared that West Jefferson VFW takes care of their fireworks, running funds through their non-profit status.

Mayor Closser currently cannot find a non-profit organization that wants to take over raising the funds for the fireworks display.

Councilwoman Russell pointed out that this is a great family affair! There are wall to wall families attending the event. Other organizations also set up during the event. It would look worse if council didn't pass it.

Councilman Hitt said it should be advertised that the city is paying for it so people will appreciate it. It would be nice for them to see this.

Mayor Closser said he will work with the booster organizations, post on Facebook, and other social media to let citizens know the city will fund it.

(Resolution No. 117-20 continued)

Councilman Hays said even though it seems like a lot of money, people are going to raise cane if we do or don't'.

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

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

RESOLUTION 118-20 Sponsored by: Carla Blazier A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO EMS GRANT Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Blazier informed that the application is due March 13th. There is no set amount. Funds available are spread out depending on the requests.

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

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

RESOLUTION 119-20 Sponsored by: Carla Blazier A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR THE FIRE MARSHALL EQUIPMENT GRANT THROUGH THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Blazier explained that this application is due April 1st. The fire department can apply to get equipment through this grant that would otherwise have to spent out of their capital budget items.

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

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

ROUND TABLE: Councilman Smith thanked those that came in this evening. He asked that residents continue to be patient with their trash pick up. The sanitation department is doing the best they can to catch up, considering they had a truck go down.

Councilwoman Blazier thanked everyone who came in this evening. The auditor's office is working to close out the 2019 year. The "hiccup" in the payroll will be resolved.

Councilman Hitt noted the positive things happening around the city. The splash pad under construction at the pool and the Park Avenue project scheduled to start soon. He thanked administration and council for approving these projects.

Councilman Hays concurs with Mr. Hitt. It is nice to see things happening in the city. He is looking forward to the Dairy Queen opening.

He thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

He shared that the M&M diner will be hosting a benefit dinner for Sean Sabulski on March 2 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. He encouraged residents to help out in this fundraiser.

He also thanked all the city department employees. They are very much appreciated.

The reminded that the next public safety meeting is March 10, 6:00 p.m.

"God Bless everyone."

Councilman Robinson expressed his thanks for everyone helping him in this process as a council member.

Councilman Peters thanked those that came in this evening.

Councilwoman Russell thought the Lion's club maybe holding a pancake event for Sean Saturday.

President Comer thanked everyone for coming in. Good things happening around the city. Good thing a new truck was budgeted for so could be replaced as soon as possible

ADJOURN Motion by Councilman Hays to adjourn.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council Henry Comer, President