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Minutes of London City Council Meeting

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Held May 16, 2024 20

London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

May 16, 2024 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council President Peters at 6:45pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection.

Roll Call

Present - *Councilman Eades, Councilman McDaniels, Councilman Hays, Council President Peters, Councilwoman Treynor, Councilman Norman, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl*

Absent – 0

President Peters – When need to amend the agenda.

Motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 139-24 by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Eades. The motion passed with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Minutes – Approval of May 2, 2024 minutes, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements –

President Peters – The July 4th Council meeting is cancelled due to the holiday, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Audience Concerns

Tommy Boyd – 48 N. Union St., First, thank Mr. Long and Chief Nicol helping to get the handicap signs up to code. Question/concern about the new phase III back by Jacob Ln. Speeding complaints are a concern in that area. Free dump a month and late trash pickup. Do we have anything in mind to getting a new trash truck?

Mayor Closser - $6 million to Mid-Ohio, water money has to stay with water, sewer money has to stay with sewer, sanitation money has to stay with sanitation. The money that went to Mid-Ohio can't be used on trash/sanitation or truck. The money going to Mid-Ohio can't be used for a trash truck.

Tommy Boyd – I understand. But they do need help. Having an extra trash truck

would be nice.

Mayor Closser – The money can't intermingle. Les and I have been talking about getting a new truck. Either at the next Finance meeting or in July.

Tommy Boyd – Last Safety meeting it was brought up that the safety crossing at Cowling Park and the line striping. I'd like to see this continue with the plan.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee
(Department reports are attached to committee meeting minutes.)

- *Councilman Eades* – Number of items coming to Council tonight.
- *Councilman Hitt* – Overall month to date expenses exceeded revenue. Year to date revenue exceeded expenses. Fiscally we look like we are in good shape. Talked about locations for pickleball and cost of installing security cameras and electric. Next meeting is 6/10 at 5:30pm in the conference room.
- *Councilwoman Treynor* – nothing to report

Public Service Committee

- *Councilman Hitt* – Talked about the redistricting of the Wards and the work around. Discussed the parade route for the Strawberry Festival, which was approved by their committee. We have legislation tonight regarding cats. We talked about park vandalism. Next meeting is 6/11 at 5:00pm in the conference room.
- *Councilman Norman* – The pool opens 5/25. Gave the Street Department report.
- *Councilman McDaniels* – Talked about the need to get a handle of vandalism at the parks. There's legislation coming up tonight.

Public Safety Committee

- *Councilman Hays* – Had a meeting on 5/13. Minutes from April approved. Chief Nicols gave the police report, Councilman Stahl will give that. Chief Eades gave the Fire/EMS report, Councilman McDaniels will give that. Safety Service Director, Toland Street vacate from 2023 will be revised with legislation sponsored by Councilman Hitt coming at the next Council meeting. Tonight, there is 9-11 legislation that needs to be completed by June 3rd with Councilman Stahl sponsoring. Planning Commission gave approval for 70 lots in phase III. That legislation will be coming tonight. Discussed putting up crosswalk lights at Main & Park by Cowling Park. Talked about marking the lanes on N. Main St. After discussion the committee voted to not do these projects at this time, due to the expenses. Also, talked about there are no sidewalks past the hospital on the right side of the road. No action taken at this time. Talked about the Ward redistricting. We have

a couple of dates to meet. Next meeting is 6/11 at 6:00pm in the conference room.

- *Councilman McDaniels* – Read the fire/EMS report
- *Councilman Stahl* – Read the police report

City Official Reports

Mayor – See attached

Safety Service Director Castle – nothing at this time. I can answer any legislation questions.

Councilman Eades – Ask the Safety Service Director about safety crossings malfunctioning. Are we having problems with those generally? If so, are they under warranty?

Mr. Castle – Yes, we've been having trouble with the crosswalk mechanisms and I don't think they are under warranty anymore. When there's a problem the Street Department will go out and take a look at them. If they can repair it, they do. If not, they'll contact the company to come out and address the problem.

Councilman Eades – Thank you for the update.

Old Business

Tabled legislation

RESOLUTION 123-24 Sponsored by: Michael Norman A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Projections indicate a shortfall in funding for the Fire/EMS Division of $600,000 for the budget year ending 2024.

Motion to take the RESOLUTION off of the table by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to postpone RESOLUTION to September 19, 2024 by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Eades. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

3rd Reading

ORDINANCE 124-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor An ORDINANCE dissolving the board of public utilities.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

ORDINANCE 125-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor AN ORDINANCE approving

and authorizing the execution and delivery of a community reinvestment area agreement.

Mike Ford, Westwood Collection investor, spoke briefly about the downtown projects and updates on those completed.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 126-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Public Hearing scheduled for June 6, 2024 during the regular Council meeting

RESOLUTION 128-24 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Fire Department put in an exhaust system. They have received a grant reimbursement for the exhaust system.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 129-24 Sponsored by: Michael Norman A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Council would like to purchase a digital sign to install outside of City Hall. The sign will be informational for the citizens of London.

Motion to amend RESOLUTION to say "purchase a digital sign and install" and remove "outside of City Hall" by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman McDaniel. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

New Business

RESOLUTION 130-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Fire Department was awarded a grant for the exhaust system.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion passed with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 131-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Fire Department applied for and received a MARCS Grant; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 132-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. ODOT completed a project within the City limits; and the City has received an invoice for this work; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 133-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor A RESOLUTION authorizing auditor's warrant for payment. There is currently due to Treasurer of the State of Ohio an invoice in the amount of fifteen thousand two hundred seventy eight dollars and sixty cents. ($15,278.60)

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 134-24 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City is in need of a new Comprehensive plan; and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 135-24 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into contract with OHM.

Leave for 2nd reading

RESOLUTION 136-24 Sponsored by: Brent McDaniels A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Parks and Recreation Department is in need of increasing personnel.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion passed with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 137-24 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the planning commission. The Planning Commission has met and approved the attached plans.

Public Hearing scheduled for June 20, 2024 during the regular Council meeting

RESOLUTION 138-24 Sponsored by: John Stahl A RESOLUTION to approve the recommendations and plan of the Madison County 911 program review committee.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Norman. The motion passed with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 139-24 Sponsored by: Michael Norman A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into contract for storm water sewer project.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion passed with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 against by voice vote.

Round Table

Councilman Norman – We are all neighbors in Madison. Some of our neighbors were victims of violence. The active shooter at Amazon in West Jeff. I appreciate that our officers were allowed to go down there and assist. We had our own possible event in London. I'd like to ask that we keep those involved in our prayers. Mayor also mentioned the passing of Sean from battling cancer. Also, I want to mention 2nd Lieutenant James Marrah coming home after 82 years. Lastly, for those that are here, thank you for coming out and for those who are watching, thank you. Have a good evening.

Councilman Stahl – Thanks for everyone coming out. Prayers for the soldier coming home and for Sean's passing.

Councilwoman Treynor – The 1811 group Downtown Shop Hops again this evening. The downtown group doesn't want to interfere with festivals or the Fair, so don't look for another Downtown Shop Hop until August.

Councilman Hitt – I forgot to mention from the Public Service committee. We received the road grating report and several roads/streets failed by standards requirements. And many were in poor in condition. I see some kind of street work coming from that. Thank everyone for coming out and watching online. Next Finance meeting is 6/10 at 5:30pm and next Service 6/11 at 5:00pm, both in the meeting room next door.

Councilman Hays – We talked a lot about heroes tonight. Sean, the courage of that man. I look around and see these idiots protesting and tearing up buildings, and you see what this man went through. Lt. Marrah, I was in Vietnam, I lost some good marine buddies over there and a good friend that received a Medal of Honor. There's a bridge in Pomeroy named after him and a statue is going up. He was a good man. I want to talk about our police officers. When everyone is running out, they are running in. They're heroes. Thank them for a job well done. Fireman and first responders with them. It's been a rough week. The people in this city and county are great people and proud to call it my home. Memorial Day is coming up. Honor those who gave their lives for what we have today.

Councilman McDaniels – Thank everyone for coming out and keep the Sebulsky's in your prayers.

Councilman Eades – I'm proud of this Council. We fixed some problems tonight. The park monitor, I think the Administration has listen to those who don't feel comfortable taking their kids to the parks. I spoke with a Mortgage broker who rides his bike to London and happen to catch the Strawberry Festival. His only complaint was, he didn't have any place to park his bike and walk around. This may be something we need to talk about going forward. Last of all, I can't add much about Sean Sabulsky, but he's been very inspirational. My condolences to his family also.

Mayor Closser – Speaking about bike racks, they can park in public parking. Just a thought. Bring it up at the next Public Service. Another thing, we will have a couple of outdoor movies. Sorry for the lateness, but our first one is 5/31. Teenage Mutant Ninga Turtles: Mutant Mayhem. And then the second one we are going to add a little flavor to it. We're going to have a little carnival, bouncing houses and face painting. It's on June 28th, Kung Fu Panda 4.

Councilman Norman – Last year you asked for sponsors for the movies. Did you do it this year?

Mayor Closser – No, we did not. With everything going on, I took it out of my misc. fund for the two movies.

Councilman Norman – Shameless plug…the London Lions on 6/8, free community event. Serve hot dogs, bouncy house, face painting…etc. at Cowling Park.

Kris Miller, Clerk – We have a Gold Star family member on our Council now and I want to thank you and your family for Josh's sacrifice.

President Peters – I want to piggy back off of everyone else with the Sabulsky family. Sean, junior year, he was a big baseball guy. This London baseball team right now gave some drive from Sean, 7 game winning streak, and they just won their 2nd Tournament game this evening. Again, my condolences to the Sabulsky family. Thank you, gentlemen, for coming out.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:17pm

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

Kris Miller, Council Clerk

6/20/24
Date

Josh Peters, Council President

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