London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

August 1, 2024 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Absent – *Councilman Eades*

Minutes – Approval of July 18, 2024, not complete, hold until next meeting

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements - none

Audience Concerns –

Raymond Anything – 521 Union St., On July 18th Council approved legislation for $30,000 to go to the Street Department to purchase a Beet Juice system. Has the City determined if they are going to do all the streets in London or just the main thoroughfare?

Director Castle – I don't think they are going to do anything different then what they do with salt. They will treat the main thoroughfare streets and intersections. This is my belief, but I'm not 100% sure.

Committee Reports -

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

- *Councilman Eades* – absent
- *Councilman Hitt* – The next meeting is this coming Monday at 5:30pm in the conference room on August 5th.
- *Councilwoman Treynor* – nothing to report

Public Service Committee

- *Councilman Hitt* – The next meeting is at 5:00pm in the conference room on the 13th.
- *Councilman Norman* – nothing new
- *Councilman McDaniels* – Next meeting is August 13th

Public Safety Committee

- *Councilman Hays* – Next meeting is August 13th at 6:00pm in the conference room.
- *Councilman McDaniels* – nothing to add
- *Councilman Stahl* – nothing to report

City Official Reports

Mayor –

Safety Service Director Castle – ODOT asked me to make an announcement so it's added to the minutes regarding the route changes in the city. I passed out a map to everyone. What use to be SR 56 & SR 38 that is Main St. from High St. to Center St., they are removing SR 38 off of that. It'll be strictly SR 56. From of the intersection of Main and High going toward South Charleston, will add SR 38 and SR 42 until you come to Midway St. They will add SR 38 to Midway St. from Hight St to Center St. and continue as SR 38. Also, on Center St. from Main St. to Midway, it'll have the designation of SR 665. Those are the changes of the State Route within the City limits. Our hope is that this will eliminate the destruction of city property at the intersection of Main St. and Center St.

Councilman Norman – Since we are making these changes, will there be an increase of policing or educating truck drivers of the changes?

Director Castle – I'm not sure what you are asking, but it is against the ORC and our ordinances, trucks must stay on state routes. It will take time for the state to get it out the information for GPS systems routing them to the new designations. There will be signs informing of these changes.

Councilman McDaniels – Do you know how soon the signs will go up?

Director Castle – I would think they will be going up quickly. Someone said they saw some already up. I think the state does this for us.

Councilman Norman – I have a couple questions for Rex from people who have contacted me in the past day.

1. Comprehensive Plan – emails were sent to people who attended the

meeting about the plan. Are you pretty much done with that? Is the Council not needed anymore? Are we done? Because the email I heard about that went out is that you are looking for people to join the Steering Committee. Do you not want Council input of that?

Director Castle – It's not a Steering Committee. It's for Stakeholders and were looking for people who areas of expertise in putting a Comprehensive Plan together. Council will have the ability to review the plan and approve the plan, but Council wouldn't get too involved in the process. If you get too many Council members involved, then you have to have a special meeting, and notices put out. So, we try to stay clear of that.

2. Festival set up – Strawberry Festival representative contacted me asking about setting up the day before. They had to set up the morning of the festival and not the day before, and they stayed open until the evening on the last day. The question is, why did the city close the streets down at noon today for a festival that doesn't start until 11:00am tomorrow? Are we not forcing the changes we made?

   Director Castle – It's a cost thing, if I'm not mistaken.

   Multiple discussions in the audience to the mayor going on without microphones.

   Mayor Closser – That was never said to the Strawberry Festival that they couldn't set up the day before, if they want to set up that morning. We thought that was what they wanted to do. The Rib vendors have to set up the day before because it takes them a very long time to set up and they will start cooking that night to have the ribs ready for lunch tomorrow.

   Councilman Norman – Do we have the proper signage for the trucks to detour? I know in the past is been a problem.

   Mayor Closser – I'll double check, but I'll check with Darren. The signs are always up. We just flip them up and back down.

3rd Reading

Amended RESOLUTION 147-24 Sponsored by: Michael Norman A RESOLUTION amending 151-23 establishing a trap-spay/neuter-return program. This Council has identified the issue of feral cats throughout the City to be a concern for the health and well-being of the community.

Councilman Norman – We are amending the costs from last year because the prices have gone up and would like to make those changes.

Director Castle – The veterinary clinic who does this in town, their rates have gone up and we didn't want the participants to get stuck paying the difference.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Norman, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: **1-** *Greg Eades*
Affirmative: **6-** *Rich Hays, Andrew Hitt, John Stahl, Michael Norman, Shannon Treynor*
Against: **1-** *Brent McDaniels*

2nd Reading

President Peters – Recused himself. Councilman Hays will preside over the next reading.

RESOLUTION 159-24 Sponsored by: Greg Eades A RESOLUTION adopting the recommendations of the Planning Commission**.** Johnson's Creek Subdivision, Parcel #31-03399.001.

Public Hearing scheduled for September 5, 2024 during the regular Council meeting

Leave for 3rd Reading

New Business

None

Round Table

President Peters – Those of you that don't know, our Clerk has a new job and has to step down. Next meeting we'll have a new Clerk. Kris, I want to thank you for all your time and effort and all you've done for Council. I wish you luck in your new endeavors. I also want to thank everyone who came out tonight.

Councilman Norman – First, I'd like to apologize. I was the person responsible for putting the agenda up on the website, I didn't realize that. So, it didn't get put up. I apologize for that. Thank you for all of you have come out. I want to remind you that Rib Fest starts tomorrow. Come down and enjoy it. It's great every year. The music and food. Have a nice evening.

Councilman McDaniels – I'd like to thank everyone for coming out. Have a good weekend.

Councilman Hays – Thanks to everybody for coming out tonight. I want to thank city employees for doing their jobs. We are going to miss you (Kris). You did a great job and we appreciate you very much. Safety meeting is August 13th at 6:00pm in the conference room.

Councilman Hitt – Service meeting is on August 13th at 5:00pm in the conference room. Finance is on August 5th at 5:30pm in the conference room. I'd like to thank Kris for all she's done for us and I appreciate that. Good luck on your new spot.

Councilman Treynor – Thanks Kris. We are going to miss. I also want to congratulate the Arts Council for a successful Summer Musical. If you missed it, shame on you,

come out next year.

Councilman Stahl – Thank everyone for coming out. We'll miss Kris. Everyone needs to attend the festival downtown. One of our two great festivals. So, come on down. Thank you.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:49pm

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

Kris Miller, Council Clerk	Josh Peters, Council President
Date	Date