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CASTO & HARRIS INC. S-301

Held June 18, 2026 20

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
June 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Minutes

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present – Councilwoman Jackman, Councilwoman Treynor, Councilman Hays, Councilman Boyd, President Peters, Councilman Eades, Councilman Hitt

Absent – Councilman Stahl

Minutes – Approval of June 4, 2026, minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing – none

Communications/Announcements – none

Audience Concerns –

Anita Likens – Reading of the Declaration of Independence. When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and their happiness. Prudence indeed will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes, and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, convinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies, and such now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. Thank you so much.

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Committee Reports

Public Service Committee –

Councilman Boyd – I got to attend the public service committee and I'll be giving the parks and rec. So, the pool does still have memberships and punch cards that you can purchase online. If you have a daily pass you'd like, you need to show up at the front desk to get that guy and make sure that you have an account registered online. After our pool rentals are filling up pretty quick for them this summer, I was looking at that one and you're pretty much into July, if you're wanting to get a day to enjoy the pool to yourself, \$350 for that guy and fun time from 7 to 9 p.m. Still hiring lifeguards, still trying to get a few more of them, that way we can actually get some swim lessons planned this year. Right now, it's tough to actually get those going, I guess, and I may not have some of them. So, fingers crossed, hopefully we can get a few extra lifeguards to get those things going. So adult sports leagues will only be having the co-ed softball this year, games on Sunday through the end of July. The sand volleyball, you'll have co-ed Sunday afternoons beginning July 12th, so those who can still sign up online, get your team signed up and ready for it. Had the movie night in County Park, which was brought up, looked like it went really well out there, lots of people showing up through the evening, so good job on that one. And then some new park rules, or more of a sign that we put up out at the park there, kind of helping deal with the new situations of our electric bikes in the city, that they are kind of flying through the parks there. And so there has been signage put up kind of showing, hey, we don't want any bicycles or any kind of wheeled vehicles on the paths within the parks. We had discussed maybe possibly bringing this to where it says no motorized vehicles on the city park pathways, but you know, I think that's kind of, yeah, our job of sitting here, as Anita was saying, to adjust these laws to the new things and technology that is going to continue to update as we go. And so hopefully we can keep looking into that, keep our parks open to the city as much as possible. That is all for me.

Councilman Hitt - I also attended the public service committee meeting. There wasn't any old business, and there wasn't any new legislation that came out of that. We did talk about the street department purchasing a smaller dump truck as opposed to a larger one for approximately \$150,000, which we had approved up to \$275,000 for that purchase. The Safety Service Director gave the Street Department report, and Landon McKenzie gave the Parks and Recreation report. Mr. Boyd will give the recreation report in a moment. And then we had several questions that were addressed during the committee meeting on a variety of topics, such as grass in the streets or curbs and sidewalk ramps, the start of the ODOT project, East High Street sinkholes, and Ward 3 stormwater issues. The next public service committee meeting is July 14th at 5 p.m. in the meeting room next door.

Councilwoman Jackman – I did attend the public service meeting. I wrote the minutes, but I didn't bring the street department report. Andy, do you happen to have it? Saved by hand and saved by hand. And for about a year, I didn't realize I should read everything that Bill put on here, but I guess that's, do I just hit the highlights? The street department met with folks about water in the basement, replaced traffic lights around town, and met with Columbia Gas at the Center Street project. They put signs up at the pool, cleaned some ditches, and delivered trash cans. They did some cool patching and had a Zoom meeting with Choice One on the 4th Street project. They had a sinkhole they had to take care of with Mid-Ohio, and reported some lights that were out to Ohio Edison. They did some weed eating, trimmed trees, and called in oops about the sinkhole at Cowling Park. They had a visit from the Bureau of Workman's Comp. They worked on the trash trucks, changed oil, did a sewer repair, and looked at Kenny with the contractor about the blacktop

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repairs. They had to mow some city property, worked on a drain, worked on the mowers, delivered signs for a flea market, and worked at the church. I'd say they had a busy month. And that was the street department report, so that's all I had.

Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Hays – Attended the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 9th, which started at 6 p.m. All three committee members were present. We approved the minutes from the May 10th meeting. Our Chief Eades was there, gave his fire and EMS report. Mr. Hitt will give that report to the council momentarily. There's a discussion coming up about advertising for sealed bids and selling the fire chief's former vehicle, a 2004 GMC Yukon. There was a motion by Mr. Hitt, seconded by Mr. Stahl, to bring it to the council. There was a three yes vote to bring it to council, and I believe it's on for tonight. Mr. Hitt will sponsor that legislation. Under the police report, Sergeant Harris gave the police report for Chief Nickel. Mr. Stahl is supposed to give it. He's not here. I'll give it momentarily. Under the Safety Service Director, Mr. Saltsman spoke about continuing construction work that's going on inside the new police building. Still looking for the end of July for completion, hopefully. Under new business, we had none. Under the old business, we had none. We did have a public comment. We had a guest. Her name is Betty Figaro. She is from the Red Cross. She spoke about the need for volunteers for the Red Cross. Three to four hours a month is all they're asking for, and I believe she told me there was an online training that you can take. You don't even have to leave your house. So, if anybody's interested, contact her. I have her number if anybody needs it. We adjourned at 6.20 p.m. The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be on July 14th at 6 p.m. I'll give you the Police Department briefing. Public personnel participated in Safety Town and the Fairhaven Touch a Truck event. Officers participated in the London High School Graduation Parade, Graduation Ceremonies, and the London Middle School Collar Run. Members of the department participated in the Click It or Ticket event hosted by Madison County Public Health, promoting traffic safety awareness and seatbelt compliance. Officers participated in the Torch Run and Luncheon at Cowling Park, supporting Madison County Special Olympics, helping raise awareness and support for our local athletes. Department assisted the Ohio State Highway Patrol with an OVI checkpoint as part of ongoing efforts to promote roadway safety and deter impaired driving. The police assessment center process has been completed, and candidates have advanced to the next phase of the selection process. Applications for police officer positions have been submitted for certification to the Civil Service Commission. Upon certification, the department will begin processing candidates and conducting background investigations. The department acquired a 2025 Ford Mustang convertible through a court-authorized forfeiture process. This vehicle is being prepared for auction. Construction of the new police facility continues to progress. Utility power installation and parking lot remediation work is expected to be completed this week. The building dedication ceremony remains scheduled for July 30th at 10 a.m. And that's all I have.

Councilman Hitt - I attended the Public Safety Committee meeting, and I'll give the Fire Chief's report that he submitted. EMS had training in Madison Health activities and also in advanced stroke life support for Ohio Health. And fire training was driver's training and a new part-time orientation. They hosted several students for ride time for Tolles and Grant paramedic class. Did several house maintenance projects. They attended the London Lion Club summer bash. They escorted the London track team. They had a medical director meeting. They hosted safety town tours. They participated in the senior parade. They participated in the eighth grade clap out. They interacted with 638 kids, 200 senior citizens,

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and 50 adults for public education. And they attended the Madison County Senior Fair. And as Rich mentioned, legislation is coming forward for the sale of their 2004 GMC Yukon. Some statistics. Last year, there were 1204 incidents, which is an average of 7.525 per day. This year, they had 1206 incidents, which is 7.5375 per day. So, it's up a tiny bit from last year.

Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee –

Councilman Eades - Thank you. The Personnel Budget and Finance Committee met on June 8th. The auditor's update was revenue for the month of \$3,165,283 and change, and expenses were \$2,078,476. Overall, for the year, the revenue is \$11,338,367, and the expenses are \$12,088,769, which includes about \$1.2 million for the police department at that point. I did not bring the tax department number, and I did not write that down, but we were up a little bit, slightly for the month, I believe, and we're still up slightly for the year on that. A number of things were discussed, most of which are going to come before us tonight. One thing that's not going to come before us that was on the agenda was the 4th Street project. We still needed to track some things down on that, but that's going to be replacing the road beside the courthouse, the old brick road, which is just terrible to drive on. So that'll come before us next month. Everything else, I believe we're going to have discussions about tonight, with the exception that I did not see the parking lot at the pool, I don't think that's on here, or the pickleball courts in the pool, so I don't think we have that. Otherwise, we will meet again on July 6th at 5.30 p.m. in the conference room next door.

Councilman Treynor – I also attended the finance committee. The matter regarding the pickleball and pool parking lot had already passed council, Greg. It was just passing through the committee for finalization. And just to remind, that was to approve to go to bid for funds not to exceed \$225,000 from a combination of parks and playground fund and general fund, depending on whether it was repair or new construction. The rest of what we talked about, the majority of which is finance, and coming up later on this agenda. The finance committee's next meeting is July 6th, 5.30 in the conference room next door.

City Official Reports

Mayor Closser – Yeah, good evening. Thanks, everyone, for coming out. On Tuesday, I had the opportunity, along with two other mayors and three county commissioners from Central Ohio, to travel over to Columbus to meet with Congressman Kerry. It was a roundtable discussion, and we talked about things going on in our community, Central Ohio, the state, and on the federal level. It's a great discussion. I just appreciate the Congressman taking his time out to do that, as well as all the support he has given us, especially with the police department. As it was spoken about, the movie night did happen, and it was very well attended. It's probably the biggest movie we've ever shown, attendance-wise. The event went well. I just want to thank London Parks and Rec and Eve for all the hard work that they put into that, manning all the stations and just doing that for our community, that free family event.

As you guys know, we have been talking about Rumpke for the sanitation services. We did sign the contract, and we sent that in to them. It's looking like August 1st is the date that we're shooting for. The agreement not only avoids the increases that we had talked about, but it will save citizens money immediately while maintaining the same level of service that they currently receive. The contract is guaranteed for three years, and I believe the city has

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an option to extend that for two additional years. Most importantly, residents will experience no interruption in their service. Trash collection schedules will remain the same, and current trash containers will continue to be used. So, it just helps with the transition and also looks out for the citizens and their dollars.

The new police department is coming along; it seems like we're out on the site every day. The progress is going well. The interior work, I just walked through it again today, it is looking very good. We're getting very close, and we hope to have it completed by the end of July.

Once again, we're continuing to monitor and go through the governmental process of people not mowing their properties. I seem to bring this up in every meeting in the summer. If you have a property that's near you or you see one, please reach out to the administrative office, and we will get it on the list or let you know that it's already on the list and it's going through the governmental process. But as always, the easiest thing to do is just mow your lawn.

I want to thank the Merrimack Miracle Park Board. They are finalizing plans to have two new dugouts installed at the Merrimack ball field. They hope to have that project completed sometime in August, so we just appreciate their continued partnership and their efforts for Merrimack. Spoke about the London Cobra show that will be coming here on Saturday, June 27th. We did have a meeting with them, and they're going back to their old path on how they came into town. I said a different path, but they decided to go back to the old one. So, they'll be starting at the Madison County Engineer's Office, and at 9 a.m., they're going to head into town. They'll come down Route 40 and then hit State Route 56 and make their way into Main Street heading south. So, they should make their way into town a little bit after 9 a.m. And their event ends at 3, and as we know, that coincides with the London Strawberry Festival, which runs from June 25th through the 27th.

The London Fireworks, we're here to celebrate 250 years of independence, and the London Fireworks will be on July 3rd at dusk, which is usually around 10 p.m., and those will be let off from London High School. Before I move on to the fun fact, I want to thank Councilman Eades. We had our big 10U Tournament Championship. There are 12 teams in 10 new ones this year. It's Madison and Pickaway County League, and the old Casey's Carryout Cubs were in the championship. Now it was not our night, as Greg will probably tell you, but we came up a little short in the championship. Councilman Eades came down, and they had the game on the radio. So that's a big deal for a bunch of 10-year-olds, and we were there, but people were saying that it was just neat to hear the kids' names and their interests. So, LABC did a great job putting that championship on. So, I just want to thank you and Ready FM for doing that for the kids. I know it meant a lot to them.

So, now on to the fun fact, which is the number 55. So, that is how many entries we already have in our Independence Day parade. For comparison, last year we had a little over 60, and we still have over two weeks for people, well, hopefully a week to get their applications in, but a little over two weeks before the parade. So, this is shaping up to be one of the biggest and best parades Madison County has ever seen. So, on the 4th of July, we will host the parade, and it's starting at 11 am. That parade route starts from Park Avenue and then heads south on Main Street to 1st Street. So, if you would like to participate, please reach out to us, the London City Facebook page, my mayor's Facebook page, or the website, or just call in, and we can help you guys if you want to get into the parade. But it's going to be a good one. So, thank you.

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Councilman Eades - I would like to ask a question. Whenever you guys are done, or I can ask it now. The Rumpke, you've accepted that bid, you said guaranteed for three years. I just want some clarification, whether the rate's guaranteed for three years to be the same rate or guaranteed that they'll give a service for three years?

Director Saltsman - That rate is the price for the first three years. We have two one-year add-ons that are our option, which we can add to. At the end of those three years, we can elect to move forward if we're happy with that service and those rates.

Safety Service Director Saltsman – So, the Mayor hit most of the things. I did want to attach one thing to the police building. So, he talked about, like, their work on the inside vigorously. The exterior is going to really start shaping up. They should start, well, they started concrete work today, or finished up some of the sidewalks. We'll see blacktop and the exterior really start to come together as a building. So, I think things are starting to come together there. Mid-Ohio. I want to bring up, because I know there's been a number of questions, Greg, we've talked about it, but other people have concerns. I think it's fair to mention that Todd Brandenburg is their new Director of Operations. I think he was the Assistant Director of the event. They changed his job title. But like he has become our person to go to with information, needs, things like that. It has definitely increased. We meet every month before the London meeting and have an operational meeting to discuss. But those communications have really opened up, and I think that when we have needs, they've been addressed pretty well. So, I bring that up for a couple of reasons. One is if people have issues that can't get done, and we get people to call the time we're passing on to Todd from citizens that are reaching out to us. But if you guys see issues. We tend to be doing really well with communicating that level. So, we're quick to condemn, so I want to throw a pro out there, too, that things are looking up from that perspective. Back to the Police Department. So, the Chief will be retiring effective August 7th. We hope to have the new Chief in place. We have one more part of the process, the interview process. We hope to have him, the new Chief, selected in the first week of July. Really happy. I think the mayor said at the last meeting that we had three really great candidates who had a good assessment center. So, we're looking forward to moving forward with that. And my opinion is, no matter which way we go, we've got three really good candidates to be able to see the Chief through the next 10 years. But that's going to open a sergeant's exam, too. And so, we're starting that process, because we don't have a current sergeant's list. So, one of them will get promoted, we'll have that vacancy, so we're starting that process with Civil Service. I think on the 24th, they'll finalize that date and move forward with the test for that. So, unless there are questions, that's all I have.

Auditor Combs – I have nothing.

Law Director Davis – I have nothing.

Old Business

3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 135-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A Resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes. The City owns the personal property, a 2008 Navistar Work Star 7400 Dump truck and a 2004 GMC C4500 Dump truck, and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with the law.

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Councilwoman Jackman - This was just to bid out the 2008 Navistar Workstar 7400 dump truck and a 2004 GMC C4500 dump truck. I believe Mr. Anthony had asked for, or maybe it was Tommy, who asked, so you could update us on that.

Director Saltsman - So I went and inspected them today. We have not yet gotten an inspection by a mechanic. Sorry, I couldn't think of it. Levi was supposed to come out; he's scheduled either tomorrow or Monday to do it. I did go out and took some pictures today, this afternoon, before the end of the day. I'll address it in general for both. We have it from, I mean, they're a 22 and an 18-year-old vehicle that's run the plows in the front, rusted. We have one where we're using an old sign where the floor is rusted through, a tremendous amount of rust. In 2008, we had already replaced the steering box at least once, but it's leaking heavily again. I'll be glad to share the pictures; we will get that assessment also. But these are old trucks that have been used heartily over the years for both, largely for snow removal; they take some abuse. So even though, and I know there were questions about the miles, and that's a fair question to ask, but it's like fire apparatus, it's more about hours in use than it is necessarily just how many miles. As I say, I'll be glad to share these photos with you if you'd like, but these vehicles have seen their life, so if there are other questions, I'll be glad to address them.

Councilman Boyd - And that's what I was kind of like, I figured maybe another way of looking at this would be saying, you know, are many of our other trucks or dump trucks around this age, under 50,000 miles right now, or are many of them under?

Director Saltsman - I don't know the specific, you know, miles they are, I'm assuming they're all fairly low because it's, you know, in town, you know, we have 99 square miles of, or 99 miles of road miles. You know, it's not like we're huge, so they don't get that much, but they get abused. I do want to comment, and I noticed this, so before the snow storm I was out there, the guys in that shop take care of their equipment, they're always taking care of it, they're changing oil, they're doing the maintenance on them, taking care of them, they're cleaning, they wax them, they are, all the current equipment, if you went out there and looked at it, they do really take care of that equipment. I think part of it, you know, they're salt trucks, they're plows, you know, just the jobs they do are going to lead them more to rust of the undercarriage, rusting through, things like that. And then, obviously, you have different vehicles that have mechanical issues just because of the year. But I am, I mean, my opinion is that those vehicles have exceeded their use for us. If the desire is still to have the inspection done, he's scheduled to come out, and we'll do that.

Councilman Boyd - I mean, yeah, it was something kind of open for tonight, so I was hoping to say yes to make a motion to table till our next meeting for that guy, but I'd leave that up to the others.

Motion to table RESOLUTION by Councilman Boyd. The motion did not carry due to a lack of a 2nd.

Leave for 4th Reading

RESOLUTION 137-26 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt
A Resolution giving the Chief of Police the authority to sell a primary duty weapon upon retirement, disability, or death.

Councilman Hitt - So this is just as it states. If an officer retires, is disabled, or passes away,

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the weapon can be purchased for a dollar, and the retirement years would change to 10 years as opposed to 25 years to allow that weapon to be purchased.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilwoman Treynor, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 138-26 Sponsored by: John Stahl
A Resolution giving the Fire Chief the authority to gift a surplus helmet and badge upon retirement, disability, or death

Councilman Hays - I can kind of answer. This is basically the same thing, almost the same lines as the police department, the turnout gear is good, if I'm correct, I think it's got a lifespan of 10 years, and then it has to be retired, helmets. I'm not really sure about those, but a badge is basically the same thing as the other one, with the police receiving their weapon.

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

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

ORDINANCE 139-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
An Ordinance amending section 3.01 (a)(4) of the City Policy and Procedure manual. The Policy and Procedure Manual must be updated to reflect revisions to the residency requirements section.

Councilwoman Treynor - So this is clarifying the term certain employees to specify what those certain employees are when it comes to the residency requirement. The following job titles are police chief, police captain, police canine officer, police detective, fire chief, street superintendent, assistant street superintendent, street foreman, street maintenance workers 1 & 2, sanitation superintendent for the time being at least, parks and recreation director, and residency is within the county or a contiguous county to Madison.

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

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

ORDINANCE 140-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to affect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Madison County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors of the City of London, and declaring an emergency.

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Councilwoman Treynor - So when we did the aggregation program the last time, that was for electricity only. This is the same program following the same process to put it to a ballot question as to whether or not London should amass itself as a single package to effectuate better rates with natural gas providers. We are currently not aggregated. Our rates, just this last winter, I think everybody felt the pinch of the increased cost per unit price on natural gas. So hopefully if this gets before, and this is only to pass to put it to the ballot, so people will still have their opportunity to voice their opinion as to whether or not that would be a good idea. And even if it does pass, there's always an opt-out provision. If you choose not to aggregate, you would certainly not be required to. And just to let everybody know, this is scheduled for a public hearing on July 2nd.

Public Hearing is scheduled for July 2, 2026, during the normal Council meeting.

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 141-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution increasing appropriations. The City Council would like to upgrade the current sound system that is used for their meetings.

Councilman Eades – So, with the ongoing issues we've had with sound here, specifically our sound, I understand that they were here before the last council meeting. They fixed the speakers here. We lost the other speakers that were on the stage, but those are now repaired. However, this has been an ongoing issue. We wanted to make sure that we can be properly heard, that people at home can hear us, and not just here at our meeting, but when it's recorded. So, this started months ago. We have to thank Eve for doing a lot of legwork on this. We did have to go back and get pricing again. We've talked about this a couple of times at committee. We did not move forward with it yet, so we went back and asked for updated pricing. There was a slight difference here in the pricing. Just as a heads up, I had asked for a couple of additional things. I thought maybe we needed new cordless mics because these don't hold battery charge very long. I had a long discussion with the tech, and we added those to this proposal. So, you'll see it if you have seen the proposal; it's in the proposal. But at the finance meeting, Eve came in and once again discussed the things that she felt that we needed to not just operate as the City Council, but operate this room as a room that holds events. So, when all that was said and done, the discussion was what was the proper channel for the money to go to, to be appropriated to, to be spent. So, with that, we were going to use the City Council miscellaneous fund to add money to that so that we can spend it. So, with that, we were going to use the City Council miscellaneous fund to add money to that so that we can spend it. Upon that discussion, we're now going to move to amend this legislation so that it goes, the increase is put to 101.750.52505. This says miscellaneous City Hall.

Motion to amend RESOLUTION, to use the City Council miscellaneous fund to add money to 107.750.52505, miscellaneous City Hall fund, to purchase sound equipment in City Hall, by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

Leave for 3rd Reading, as amended.

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New Business

RESOLUTION 142-26 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor

A resolution increasing appropriations. Parks and Recreation has received a donation, and the available funds must be appropriated prior to expenditure.

Councilwoman Treynor - So, a very nice person gave the Parks and Rec Department a \$100 donation. The Parks and Rec Department needs an appropriations increase in the amount of \$100 in order to expend said donation.

Motion to suspend the three reading rule by Councilman Treynor, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

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

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

ORDINANCE 143-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

An ordinance amending section 242 of the codified ordinances. The City would like to amend the current ordinance, and this Council must act to approve the recommendations.

Councilwoman Jackman - This one is with the Fire/EMS division for, I guess, it's bringing us up to match what is pretty standard in the state. Steve can correct me on this. It's for an original appointment as a firefighter in the City of London. They have to be at least 18 years old and before they turn 41.

Director Saltsman - Yeah, that's correct. So, our previous legislation restricts the age we can hire them, and just as we've been having issues on the police side, the same applies to the fire, getting people within the correct age. The state law allows us only up to the maximum of 40, age 41, and that is, again, they have to be appointed. The original appointment must be before their 41st birthday, and we are asking for an emergency.

Motion to suspend the three reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

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Against: 0-

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ORDINANCE 144-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

An ordinance amending section 242 of the codified ordinances. The City would like to amend the current ordinance, and this Council must act to approve the recommendations.

Councilwoman Jackman - And this is a very similar ordinance, only it affects the police division, where those folks, for their original appointment, have to be at least 21 and also before their 41st birthday.

Director Saltsman - So the only difference in this is that the state legislation does not limit police to age 41. It gives them an unlimited number. Everybody from the civil service, police division, and discussion administration agreed that 41 is best to leave that so they're consistent in the city. And again, we ask this, so both have the current list on, so we're asking again to waive and pass the emergency.

Motion to suspend the three reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 0-
Affirmative: 6- Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 145-26 Sponsored by: Lisa Jackman

A resolution revising job descriptions. The City is in need of revising several job descriptions, and Council must approve these revisions.

Councilwoman Jackman - So these are to revise job descriptions, to add a new job description, to summarize the police chief, police captain, fire chief, parks and rec director, we're adding the residency requirement, the police detective, police canine are new position descriptions and they also will have the residency requirement, the police officer will have updated job skills and maximum age as a requirement, the firefighter full-time will have the maximum age requirement, firefighter paramedic will have maximum age requirement and a new job description, the part-time fire inspector is a new position description, and street department will all have residency requirements due to the need to respond to weather and other emergencies. And was there an emergency on this?

Director Saltsman - No. Okay. So, really quick, this just brings up from the The previous three legislations we did it brings the job descriptions in consistent with that and make sure everything is on that.

Leave for 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 146-26 Sponsored by: Greg Eades

A resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for Personal property no longer needed for city purposes. The City owns the personal property, a 2025 Ford Mustang GT convertible VIN # 1FAGP8FF9S5107581 with approximately 9,000

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miles; and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with law.

Councilman Eades - All right, as Councilman Hayes said earlier, this vehicle was forfeited due to, I believe, it was a felony DUI that occurred here in the city. This car has some value to it. We discussed this at length at the finance meeting, the 2025 Ford Mustang GT convertible, if anybody is interested. However, at that meeting, during our discussion, we did discuss but did not come to a conclusion on whether we could put a minimum bid on this. Since that point, there has been further discussion that we could put a minimum bid on that. Is that, and we have our law director, that she can confirm that we are allowed to do that, and she is good with this piece of legislation or this amendment?

Law Director Davis - Yes. We can add the minimum bid; it just has to be in the legislation.

Councilman Eades - Okay, very good. So, we do have a request to amend this so that we can place a minimum bid as part of this package when we put it out, a minimum bid of \$45,000, and that would be advertised as a minimum bid. So that is the request for the amendment. I move that we do amend this piece of legislation to include a minimum bid of \$45,000.

Motion to amend RESOLUTION to include a minimum bid of \$45,000 by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Treynor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain:	0-	
Affirmative:	6-	Eades, Hitt, Treynor, Jackman, Boyd, Hays
Against:	0-	

Leave for 2nd Reading, as amended

RESOLUTION 147-26 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt

A resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes. The City owns the personal property, a 2004 GMC Yukon VIN # 1GKEK132X4J137516 with 170,149 miles; and said personal property is no longer needed by the City for its purposes and wishes to dispose of the property in accordance with law.

Councilman Hitt - So this involves a sale or the put out for bid for the sale of a 2004 GMC Yukon. The Safety Service Director sent me some details on this. It has 170,149 miles. He also sent me some pictures. I think some of the wrapping was coming off, and there are some rust spots, but there's something else that was...

Director Saltsman - So that was a hand-me-down from the police in 2004. I believe the detective had driven it before. Probably well exceeded its life. There's tremendous rust in the quarter panels and some of the bottom. That vehicle was already replaced by the chief's new vehicle, and then they acquired a truck that was going to be used for prevention, but they had acquired a separate vehicle in much better shape, I think, from Pleasant Valley. So just doesn't offer us the visual or the effect. It's in bad shape.

Leave for 2nd Reading

Round Table

Councilman Boyd - One item that did come up at public service that was kind of just

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mentioned was the spraying for mosquitoes. Could we elaborate? Was it West Jeff we said that we'll be having to do that now?

Director Saltsman - Several years ago, we went into contract so they bought the equipment, we paid for the materials, and they came over and did it. I know we are working on a schedule. I'm not sure if it's been published yet, but we do have a schedule for the four different zones that can be done. I don't have it with me to be able to share that. We were talking earlier with Eve to get it out on our social media and our website for that spraying.

Councilman Boyd - So we had started that not just this year, but prior also?

Director Saltsman - Previously, yeah. I think at least the last two years, maybe three. So, the equipment's really expensive, but it's only got that certain use. So, they bought the equipment. I think under the law, we're allowed to help purchase. We do that, and then we pay for the materials. They come and do the spraying.

Councilman Boyd - Gotcha. I wasn't sure if that had anything to do with the herbicide applicator license that we've kind of discussed.

Director Saltsman - No, but we have people licensed. It's more about the spray equipment than that.

Councilman Boyd - Okay, thank you much.

Councilman Eades - I believe they've already been here once.

Director Saltsman - Actually, I think I heard her on the phone today.

Councilman Eades - They've been here like 10 days ago or so.

Councilwoman Treynor – The summer musical program of the Adams Family Musical is coming up quickly. It's scheduled for the 17th of July. Rehearsals are well underway. The show is coming together really, really nicely. So, make plans to come out and support the arts.

Councilman Hitt - Public Service Committee meeting is July 14th at 5 o'clock in the meeting room next door.

Councilman Hays – I want to thank all of our city employees for a job well done. Public Safety meeting is July 14th at 6 o'clock, next door in the conference room. And I just want to thank God for not letting all that rain hit us last night. So, we have no flooding. There's a lot of rain coming through. We got some, but I think we got spared last night. So, thank you, Lord. We appreciate it. The war is over with Iran. Thank God. Hopefully, gas prices are going to start going down and get the interest rates started down. Things will start taking off. I look for the city to boom. I look for things to really start booming in the second half of this year. I think that's all I've got. Thank you, everybody. I appreciate you.

Councilwoman Jackman – I have nothing.

Councilman Eades - I do have a few things. First of all, I would like to thank the Police

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Department for allowing us, the Lions Club, to use their grill. They've allowed that for the last three years. Without the grill, we don't hand out the free hamburgers and hot dogs, which is always nice. The Fire Department showed up unexpectedly, but we were really happy to have them there. We want to thank Councilman Boyd. He showed up, and without him, we would not have had an activity because we were running a little short on volunteers ourselves that day. Otherwise, it was a scary day to begin with because we knew rain was going to move in, and it moved in, and it lasted about 10 minutes, and we think that kept the attendance down. However, after that, everybody seemed to enjoy it. We had a lot of positive comments. So, we thank the Parks and Rec for allowing us to use the building or use the shelter house, and it's just a nice community event. Everybody works together. It's really nice. The mayor brought up the baseball game. If anybody wants to listen to that, you can listen to it for free. You go to readyfm.com, look under podcasts, and it'll be under special events. I actually listened to part of it last night because I knew we were cutting out. I just wanted to see how bad it was, but it was okay and it was a little embarrassing because if you haven't heard it, two of us, one of us, it wasn't me, decided to act the part of Harry Carey because the Cubs were playing and then he led take me out to the ballgame and two of us sang take me out to the ballgame. Whether it sounds good or not doesn't matter. It was just fun to do. There was a discussion earlier about sinkholes, and you know, I've had people call and ask, you know, why do the sinkholes appear, where are they appearing, why is this happening? There was one right beside the Legion on Union Street. I think that was relatively new. Have we, do we have, we determine a cause of what's causing these, and a lot of people have commented on Center Street and how bad that was, but I don't think those were sinkholes. I think that was work. Could you just give me a little explanation there, please?

Director Saltsman - Yeah, so the one by the Legion, I think, was Mid-Ohio. They had one on Center at Walnut that we just looked at with Bill Long the other day. We think that is directly in line with a recent water repair they did. Total guesstimate, I'm not the expert, but I think when they did the vacuum, they probably pulled out the gravel from underneath, and that sunk in. It's small right against the curb, but those have been thrown in mid-Ohio, too. The other, I think we talked about in the previous meeting off of East High Street, that clearly was an area that had just been repaired from mid-Ohio for some water. When they did that repair, they were going to come back. I've not heard back from them, but they were going to investigate further. They filled it with, backfilled it with gravel, but they were going to hold off the patch until they figured out why they had done it. They had literally just paid that the day before. To my knowledge, no one's been on a storm sewer site.

Mayor Closser - Right, and that, once again, the Todd Brandenburg thing with Mid-Ohio, I got a message about one of them that he just spoke about. I emailed Todd, and he was like, " We'll get somebody out there today", and they were out there, and they assessed it. It just takes a little bit of time to get a fix, especially when you have to blacktop. If anybody has any or sees one, please get a hold of the administration, and we'll get that email shot over immediately.

Councilman Eades - All right, thank you. That's all I have. Thanks for the explanation.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm

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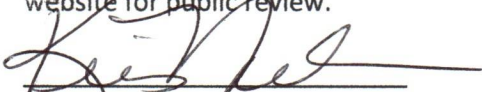
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Kris Miller, Council Clerk
7/2/26
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Richard Hays, Councilman
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