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

CLERK CALL ROLL: Brenda Russell, present; Josh Peters, present; Bryan Robinson, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, present; Carla Blazier, present; Anthony Smith, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Shannon Treynor, 164 N. Main Street, addressed council. She stated that she was appointed to sit on the Historical Downtown Revitalization Committee. She stated that Heritage Ohio non-profit is coming is coming to assess London on October 28 & 29. A community feedback session will be on October 28 from 6-8pm and she invites all the members of council to attend. Heritage Ohio will provide positive and constructive feedback about the downtown area. She stated that this group would create recommendations and lay out a clear path for downtown revitalization success. She also stated that they are seeking guidance and help related to a board and committee structure and possible funding opportunities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Russell attended the finance committee meeting and gave her report from the meeting. The next finance committee meeting will be November 9 at 6pm

Councilman Peters attended the Public Service meeting and gave a report from street department and parks/recreation departments. The next public service meeting will be Thursday November 12 at 1pm

Councilman Hays attended the Public Safety meeting and gave the police chief report. The next Public Safety meeting will be November 10

Councilman Hitt also attended the Public Safety meeting and gave the Fire/EMS Chief report.

Councilwoman Blazier discussed two possible new resolutions related to chickens in the city and changing how to vacate an alley.

There was some discussion amongst council members about allowing chickens in the city. It was stated that most cities in Madison County and around Columbus have ordinances on chickens in city. Zoning would enforce and a permit would be required.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 178-20 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY Motion by Hitt to place on third reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. Councilman Hitt stated that all abutting residents are in favor of this vacating.

A public hearing is scheduled for November 5.
LEFT ON 3rd READING

ORDINANCE 179-20 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY Motion by Hitt to place on third reading, second by Hays. Clerk read. Councilman Hitt stated that this alley is functioning as a driveway and all abutting residents have signed off.

A public hearing is scheduled for November 5.
LEFT ON 3rd READING

ORDINANCE 182-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell AN ORDINANCE SETTING A MONTHLY STORM WATER UTILITY FEE Motion by Hays to place on third reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. Councilwomen Russell commented that they wanted three readings for citizens of London time to respond with input. She also stated that this fee will be effective beginning January 2021.

Motion by Russell to amend to be effective January 2021, second by Hays. Roll to amend: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Blazier, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes. **AMENDED.**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 191-20 Sponsored by: Carla Blazier A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Robinson to place on first reading, second by Hays. Clerk read. Councilwoman Blazier stated that this a resolution for the police department. They have extra money in their training budget and need to transfer some money to pay the annual fee for the reporting system. This does have an emergency clause included.

Motion by Russell to suspend rules, second by Hay. Roll to suspend: 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 192-20 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Hitt. Clerk read.

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

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

RESOLUTION 193-20 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. Councilman Peters stated that the city has received additional CARES act funds and they would like to move from grant revenue line to expense line in order to spend this money.

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

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

ORDINANCE 194-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1060 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. Councilman Smith stated that they did not have a charge system in place, so they have moved the gates because people were just going out and dumping without anyone present. The city was then having to paying for removal of things that weren't supposed to be there. In order to help cover some expenses of certain things being out there. (listed in ordinance attachment). This has nothing to do with main dumping station but commercial type people.

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

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

ORDINANCE 195-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LONDON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Robinson. Clerk read. Councilwoman Russell reported that this is first reading of the budget for 2021. She stated that this is duplicate of last year since we are in similar money situation and staying close for 2020. This ordinance will be discussed at next finance committee meeting. A budget needs to be presented by December 31, 2020

LEFT ON 1st READING:

ROUND TABLE Councilwoman Russell thanked the substitute clerk and asked that they introduce themselves. Matt Edgington was the substitute clerk.

Councilman Robinson encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Councilman Hays thanked all the city employees for all the work they do. He stated "Lots of men and women died so that everyone has the right to vote, so get out and vote"

Councilman Hitt reminded everyone of the November 10 public safety meeting. He also encouraged everyone to get out and vote, as there are critical issues at stake

Councilwoman Blazier stated that it is very important to get out and vote. She said, “You can’t complain if you don’t go out and vote, many people have died so that we have the privilege to vote and a lot of people do not. Try to be nice to each other and wear a mask. COVID numbers have gone up in Madison County and we are at level 3”

President Comer also encouraged everyone to vote and keep all the public officials in your thoughts

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilman Hays to adjourn.

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Matt Edgington, Substitute clerk Henry Comer, Council President

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk