

Public Service Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 7/08/25

Present: John Stahl, Andrew Hitt, Brent McDaniels, Rex Castle, Bill Long, Landon McKenzie, Lisa Jackman, Pat Closser.

Call to Order: 4:54 PM

Minutes Accepted: Minutes from June 2025 were accepted.

Department Head Reports: See attached for Street Department and Parks & Rec Department Reports.

Pat Closser-1. The signs coming in to London that highlight special accomplishments that our teams and citizens have performed are difficult to read. The possibility of moving them to a place such as a park or City Hall was discussed. It was also brought up that we don't know the criteria for earning one of the signs. 2. SSD Castle's replacement will be lined up soon. Law Director Hitt's replacement will be appointed by the Republican Central Committee since hers is an elected position. 3. Lots of positive feedback on the fireworks display. Next year (2026) will be the 250th anniversary of the USA so adding a bit to the display was discussed. The fireworks company is booking up early for next year due to the 250th and they asked us to sign up now to be sure that we have a spot for next year's celebration.

The City budgeted \$30,000 for 2025 and it was discussed to bring that up to \$40,000 for 2026. Councilman McDaniels mentioned that residents were setting off commercial-grade fireworks at all hours and for several days. Concern about them being set off so close to homes. He asked about State regulations such as distance from houses and hours allowed for set-off. 4. Discussed adding a line in the budget for Events such as the movie night, adult egg hunt, fall fest, COSI etc.

Currently, those events are paid for from various budgets and it would be easier to have a planned line item so the different departments don't have to scramble to see who has funds available as each event arises. Ms Goodlove and Mayor Closser are working on an amount to suggest for this.

Rex Castle-There have been many equipment issues with the garbage trucks and rather than run each route twice (once to pick up trash and a second time to pick up recyclables), both cans are often emptied into the same truck and recyclables are mixed with general trash. When recycling was started, the City was to make a little money from it but that has not happened. Often, the recycling company refuses entire loads due to "contamination" by non-recyclables being mixed in the loads from residents. New trash trucks are about \$380,000 and in high demand so that it may take a year to receive the truck once an order is placed.

Bill Long-We discussed prioritizing the equipment needs for repair and replacement for the Street Department, checking prices and determining what monies may be available in the budget.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Criteria for placement of traffic calming devices. Chief Nicol and Law Director Hitt are working to transcribe Hilliard's program and taking suggestions from LPD and street department.
2. Law Director Hitt had some concerns about the SAFE sidewalk replacement and repair summary. Council will schedule a work session soon.

Adjournment 6:03

Next Meeting: August 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Submitted by Lisa Jackman

Public Service Committee

6/10/25

July 2025 Pickleball: Status

1. Pool

- a. 122 Pool Memberships Purchased
 - i. 37 from MRDD
- b. 37 10-Visit Punch Cards
- c. 21 20-Visit Punch Cards
- d. Patrons of the Pool
 - i. 2,042 Check-Ins on Memberships/Punch Cards
 - ii. 4,568 Daily Passes
 1. 298 were \$1 daily entry after 5pm during the Beat the Heat Special we offered (6/23-6/26)
 2. 747 were \$3 daily entry after 5pm
- e. Madison County Marlins held 2 home swim meets at the pool
- f. Last 2 sessions of swim lessons are upcoming
 - i. The cost is \$75 per child per session (sibling discount of \$10 if registering more than 1 child)
 1. Session 3- July 14 thru July 17 from 11:00-11:45am
 2. Session 4- July 21 thru July 24 from 8:00-8:45pm
 - ii. Online registration can be found on our CivicPlus Catalog at <https://secure.rec1.com/OH/city-of-london-oh/catalog>
- g. Water Aerobics is offered on Mon & Wed from 6-7pm
- h. Will gather employee availability for the month of August to see what days we can keep the pool open.
 - i. London City Schools starts on August 13 this year

2. Parks

- a. Cowling Park
 - i. New metal roof has been installed.
 - ii. 1st movie night in the park was a success for the showing of Dogman.
 - iii. 2nd Movie in the Park is scheduled for July 25th
- b. Merri-Mac Park
 - i. Gaga Ball Pit has been acquired and will be installed once a location is determined.
 - ii. Hosted a car audio competition in June and will be the host a car/truck/boat benefit show this upcoming Saturday

3. Adult Programs

- a. Co-Ed Softball
 - i. 2 weeks left of games and then will have a post season tournament
- b. Men's League Softball
 - i. Going to open registration here shortly to see if there is enough interest
- c. Ballroom Dancing
 - i. The next session will start on July 21st @ 6pm here at City Hall
 1. 8 classes @\$45 per person
 2. Online registration can be found on our CivicPlus Catalog at <https://secure.rec1.com/OH/city-of-london-oh/catalog>

July 8th

look at some drainage problems
AROUND TOWN

GOT A sink hole on W. 1ST ST
YARD WASTE pick ups
BRUSH call

REPORT ST LIGHTS out
WORK ON EGPT.

NEW BATTERY FOR SIGN BOARDS
Black Top GOING DOWN
LONDON Landing

Blk Top Johnson CR-ck
MEETINGS

4TH JULY PARADE

Talked ARBOR Homes

ABOUT STORE THING ON STREETS

HAD A MOWER Blow up

REPLACE SIGNS AROUND TOWN

REPLACED MULT. TRAFFIC LIGHTS

WORKING ON GRAND FOR
4TH ST.

WORKING ON CENTER ST.

STORM SEWER

MEET W ELFORD ABOUT LPD

Building

MEET W MID-OHIO ABOUT WATER LINES
4TH ST.

STREET Dept

7-8-25

Pick up DEAD ANIMALS MULT

MOWING MULT TIMES

LOC MULT TIMES

REPAIRED SINK HOLE S. WALNUT

DURO PATCH MULT TIMES

TRIM TREES MULT PLACES

CLEAN TRAFFIC CAMERAS

Help with TRASH DEPT

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

COBRA SHOW

CLEAN UP SOME DOWN TREES

REPAIR CB KENY BLVD

JOB INTU.

REMOVED TREE SHEFFIELD

- GPS STORM SEWER SYSTEM

MET WITH LIGHTPOINT ABOUT BORING

WORK ON LIGHTS ART BUILDING

200M MEETING ODOT

MET PROP. OWNER 160 S. MAIN ST. ABOUT
REHABBING PROP.

RUN STREET SWEEPERS

TALK CONT. ON JOHNSON CREEK

CEMENT TRAP MULT.

WENT THROUGH ASSETS FOR AUD. OFFICE

CLEAN CB AROUND TOWN

- * LIKE TO STARTED RIGHT WAY PROGRAM

STREET DEPT.

7-8-2021

Buildings - EPT NEED REPAIRED
OR REPLACED

✓ SKITED DOME	\$ in budget	REPAIR
3 BAY POLK BARN		REPLACE
2003 F-150		REPLACE
1 2008 IH Dump - plow Truck		REPLACE
SWEEPWR		REPLACE
1 VAE TRUCK		NEED
HOT BOX		NEED
CRACK SUTER		NEED
GRADER BOX		NEED
✓ MOWER	To replace Blown up one \$ in budget	NEED