

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

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Tim Winebrenner, 249 East High Street, addressed council. He pointed out that according to the proposed events' legislation, the annual Rock and Run event will now have to apply for a permit.

As it is strictly a non-profit organization, with 97% of the proceedings going to Nationwide Children's cancer floor, he asked that the extra officer fees be waived. It would cost the organization approximately \$1700 under this new plan to help with traffic.

The sheriff and police departments have always volunteered with special officers for the event.

Over \$30,000 was raised last year. Volunteers are utilized for entire event.

After discussion, it was determined that the fees Mr. Winebrenner was referring to, is the application filed with the police department. This is a completely separate document.

One day events do not need to file for a permit.

Councilman Hays asked Mr. Winebrenner to attend the public safety meeting to discuss it further.

Councilman Hitt says that this legislation excludes Rock on the Run. It is a non-profit organization hosting a one a day event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Robinson reported that at the special public service meeting, the committee decided to open the pool July 1st. The new rules will be posted on Facebook. The pool will be open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 7:00 p.m. It will not be an easy task to open it and it is subject to change, if the rules are not followed. The manpower will be the issued. It is a tremendous thing our city is doing to open the pool.

Councilwoman Russell said they can't determine how much it's going to cost due to the extra chemicals that are going to be required.

The pool did make a profit last year.

President Comer noted that the city is providing a service to the community.

Councilman Smith reported that the sanitary water department has hired a new superintendent who already has the required level 4 certification.

He also shared that a lot of files were missing that had maintenance records of all the equipment. The new superintendent didn't feel it would be an issue, it will just take longer to be able to service the equipment.

Councilwoman Blazier asked if a police report had been filed. Whoever did this needs to know we are serious about the matter.

Council members were in agreement with Mrs. Blazier.

Mr. Smith reminded there is a special BPU meeting Monday, 11:00 a.m., to hire the two new individuals for the sewer department.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: None this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

AMENDED ORDINANCE 140-20 Sponsored by: Josh Peters AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 874 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (attachment) Motion by Hitt to place on third reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Blazier said she would like to see the application Mr. Winebrenner was referring to.

Councilman Hitt agreed that it needs to be available at the committee meeting for discussion.

Councilman Smith shared that he had been approached before about the application. Council is not voting on the application. That application is handled through the safety service director. There is some confusion.

LEFT ON 3RD READING.

ORDINANCE 141-20 Sponsored by: Andy Hitt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1446 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (attachment) Motion by Hitt to place on third reading, second by Hays. Clerk read.

Councilman Hitt explained that this deals with requiring contractors/subcontractors to register with the city.

He reminded that Councilman Peters didn't feel that this piece of legislation is enforceable. There's the issue with lawnmowing services or the replacing of a door type work.

Councilwoman Russell shared that she has a handyman that does a lot of the little jobs around her house like gutter cleaning, roof repair, and mowing. She believes that the list of those required to register was too in-depth. She felt it was too invasive inside her own home.

Councilman Hitt shared that it's been suggested to amend to read that those already requiring a permit, will need to register.

Mr. Bill Long, who suggested the legislation, addressed council. He explained that it is intended for those who already require a permit for their work. By registering with the city, it guarantees they have insurance and pay workers' compensation. It's only \$25.00 to register.

This also creates a list of contractors registered in the city. For example, if someone needed a licensed roofer, they would be registered with the city.

Councilman Robinson asked if they are buying a permit, are we not already keeping track of them?

Mr. Long said this makes them more accountable.

Councilwoman Russell said we need to make sure we can regulate this first. The list is too in-depth.

Councilwoman Blazier also felt amending it to those who are required to have a permit, need to also register. This would take out professions like snow removal and lawn service. It needs to be enforced fairly. It could drive up costs of working being done for the consumer.

Councilwoman Russell said they do understand the importance of making sure companies are not doing shoddy work.

Mrs. Blazier work involving or affecting public property. Like commercial snow removal. Damage road or pushing snow out onto the road.

Motion by Hitt to send back to committee, second by Blazier. Roll call: Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Blazier, Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes.

Motioned passed to send back to committee for further discussion.

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Councilwoman Blazier asked Mr. Long if he had looked into Mike Carter's flooding situation that he presented to council last week.

Mr. Long said was not contacted to do so, but was familiar with the situation.

He explained if the city gets more than 6" of rain, the sewer will flood. The lines just can't move it fast enough to the plant. The city used to have by-passes that would direct the overflow to the creeks. This is no longer legal and the by-passes had to be removed. That's what has caused more flooding for those who may not have experienced it years ago.

Councilman Smith said the new superintendent will look into all areas to see if there all blockages. The sewers can only handle so much, unless we gut and replace with larger lines.

Councilwoman Blazier just wanted to let Mr. Carter know that they are looking into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 147-20 Sponsored by: Rich Hays AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY (attachment) Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Hitt. Clerk read.

Councilman Hays explained this alley vacation was requested by the city for the alley running beside the fire station from High Street to Fourth Street. Abutting neighbors are in agreement. Utility companies involved have indicated they have no problem with the request and will maintain their easements rights.

A public hearing is scheduled for the Thursday, July 2, city council meeting.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ROUND TABLE:

Councilman Hitt thanked Mr. Long for coming in this evening to answer questions regarding Ordinance 141-20.

Councilman Hays thanked all city employees for all they do and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

He thanked all the citizens of London for their continued patience.

Councilwoman Blazier reiterated that everyone needs to stay safe. There will be lots of rules and regulations to follow as things continue to open back up.

President Henry read a prepared statement: I am grateful to the law Enforcement Officers of London and the Sherriff of Madison County. As well as First Responders. They lead London and Madison County with professional and community pride every day. They care about the community and live their oath to protect and serve with honor. Thank you to Sherriff Swaney, Chief Nichol, Chief Olwin, and Chief Eades for your Leadership. We are all in this together because together is the only way that we can be successful. Together we stand divided we fall. Let's do our best as leaders to unite our people and unite our Country. Pertinent leaders need to get together to constructively discuss bringing the change that many are looking for to address our countries issues. Let's all join together as the all mighty God lights the way to our solution. May God be with us all along our journey.

ADJOURN Councilman Hays motioned for adjournment.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Henry Comer, Council President