London City Council Service Committee Meeting November 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robinson at 6PM.

Attending Chairman Robinson, Committee Members Josh Peters & Greg Eades, Council President Henry Comer, Mayor Closser, Safety Service Director Rex Castle, Street Superintendent Bill Long, Recreation Director Landon McKenzie, resident Brent McDaniels, Guests Susan Wilson & Joe Snyder.

The minutes were approved by a 3-0 vote.

Presentation: Susan Wilson and Joe Snyder with the Communication Workers of America presented information about the National Broadband Internet infrastructure bill. The CWA is a stakeholder in the public/private partnership that is part of BEAD (Broadband Equity Access Development). There is 2.5 billion available to bring highspeed broadband to areas of Ohio. To be considered for this it must offer 25 megabit download speed and 5 megabit upload speed. They believe this will build a standard for lines like there existed 100 years ago, but is not standardized consistently now.

Eades: Is this an exclusive contract with a single carrier?/No, as long as the provider qualifies.

Eades: Is there a cost to the City?/NO the cost would be paid by the state from the funds that are available, as long as funds are available.

Mayor Closser: Where are the Federal funds currently going?/Cleveland and larger cities, along with underserviced areas, of which London may qualify as an underserved rural area./Would expect this to be on a graded or weighted scale

Closser: Why isnt Spectrum approaching the City/They are probably satisfied with their current underperforming network.

Closser: Are there issues with Pole space? Yes, if Edison owns the poles it can lease space, but it can also choose to not lease space.

Recreation Department

Recreation Director Landon McKenzie submitted a report. See attached.

Highlights: Still looking into sand blasting the pool and re painting it.

Fall Volleyball wrapped up. Income from registration and concessions were $5212. Expenses were $1616.

Winter basketball registration is currently under way, so far 264 registrations. Season will end Jan 15th.

Landon McKenzie and Adam Smith are both taking on line courses for Certified Pool Operators,

Peters: How are the Electric upgrades coming along at the park?/Bill Long: The company is currently measuring the lines, and the EV car charging stations are being installed. There are 2 double charging stations, one at Cowling and one at the City lot on 2nd. There are also 2 single stations on the street on 2nd, across the sidewalk from the parking lot.

Street Department

Superintendent Bill Long provided a 2 page report listing the activities of the Street Department in October. See attached report.

Highlights of the report: He has checked on pricing on mowers. He also has inquired about purchasing a new truck, and there are none available at this time, and may not be available until 2024. The pricing has went up, and the expected cost of a single axle dump truck is now at $225K, which is more than what was expected for a dual axle truck. In order to put an order in to reserve a truck we will need at least $32K more appropriated. He has found two 2015 dump trucks and those are currently priced at $125K each. Bids for the crosswalk pedestrian crossings are being accepted until Nov. 16th. There have been at least 12 bids for the demolition of the old school.

Robinson: Any updates about the railroad crossings?/Long was advised by Norfolk Southern that there are no funds available for cold patching, and the City is not allowed to repair the tracks.

Robinson: What about dead animal removal?/Long advises that the Street Department does pick up dead animals when they are notified of the animals.

Safety Service Director

Safety Service Director Rex Castle advises that in July it was discussed that there would be Ohio Public Works Commission funds available to repair storm Sewers. With the evaluation by Choice One engineering, the City has scored high for these funds. There is a $700K grant available to the city, and the city can apply for 1.8 million in zero interest loans for the additional repairs to the south side storm sewer lines. The Grant needs to be accepted by the end of November. The funds will be awarded in July.

12-7-22

Approved

2-0 vote

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STREET Dept. 11/2/22

STORM Rules
Power wash part Building
Poured sidewalk Repairs
Cement Insp.
Tree Trimming
S.R. Dept.
F.H 2 High
F.H. Work
F.H. Chandler
Plan CB Mult. Times
Oops Class
Mow Crack Bank
Mow Ditches
CB Toland
Yards Waste
Cement Blk Top Repairs
Replaced Down Signs
[redacted]
March Dinner
Loc
Mowing Rail Trail
Mowing
Charging STATION 2ND ST.
Moving STUFF out old Buildings
Snow plow Class
Weeds Clean up Around Bridges
Potholes
Work Gas Co. on Merrimont 2

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STREET DEPT

11/2/22

Back Fence Down old school
Shut Bathroom Down at park FOR winter
Shut water off Dog park
put winter mats on [redacted] house shoe pits
Camera some storm & sanitary sewers
Looking at add on To learn To at Shop
CHG. on mowers
CHG. on Trucks
push DIRT up landFill
Bids are FOR cross walks
DEAD animals

Public Service Committee
11/2/2022

1. Swimming Pool
    a. Quotes to sandblast and paint pool
        i. First two companies who have visited about blasting and painting the pool have not submitted any quotes and have not returned call/emails
        ii. Coleman & Sons Eco Blasting visited the pool on 11/1/22. Just submitted a quote of $45k to only dry blast all 5 pools
        iii. Will be looking for additional quotes
    b. Concrete curb work for the splash pad has been finished. Will be painted yellow in the springtime before the pool opens
2. Fall Volleyball
    a. Season wrapped up on Oct. 12th
        i. Revenue from Registrations was $4500
        ii. Revenue from Concessions was $712
        iii. Expenses for referees, uniforms, and trophies totaled $1616
3. Winter Basketball
    a. Registration is still active
        i. Currently at 264 kids registered, with 5 days to go (266 last year)
        ii. Registration fee is now $85
        iii. Player Evaluations will be the week of Nov. 7th
    b. The winter basketball season starts Nov. 14th and ends on Jan. 15th
    c. Games will be held in the Community Center
    d. Online registration and more information can be found at https://www.londonohio.gov/winter-basketball
4. Parks
    a. Train at Cowling park did not get painted due to cold temperatures.
    b. Trash cans for Merri Mac shelter house should be delivered in Decemeber sometime
5. Training
    a. Adam Smith and Landon McKenzie are taking a Certified Pool Operators course thru an online fusions course offered by Columbus Public Health
        i. 6-8 hour of self led, online training through a primer course from PHTA (Pool & Hot Tub Professional Association)
        ii. 6-8 hour webinar with Columbus Public Health
        iii. 50 question quiz, once passed, obtain a Certified Pool Operators license that is good for 5 years

ELECTRIC UPGRADE @ PARK & ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS