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Held March 6, 2025 20

London City Council

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

March 6, 2025 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present – *President Peters, Councilman Eades, Councilman Hays, Councilman Hitt, Councilman McDaniels, Councilman Stahl*

Absent – Councilwoman Treynor

President Peters stated we would be going into executive session to interview candidates for ward 3 council member vacant seat. There were 6 candidates to be interviewed

Motion to exit regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for personnel reasons for purpose of appointment to city council by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Eades, Hays, McDaniels, Hitt, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

Motion to exit executive session and enter into regular meeting by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**6-**	**Eades, Hays, McDaniels, Hitt, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

President Peters asked all council members to write down who they would like to appoint to vacant ward 3 seat. He stated Councilwoman Treynor was not present, but she was given opportunity to vote. He also stated if there was a tie then he would break the tie. President Peters then read the votes; Lisa Jackman received 4 votes, Klarissa Ramey received 2 votes. President Peters then appointed Lisa Jackman to vacant Ward 3 Council Seat. He stated they will swear her in at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Closser asked other candidates to reach out if interested in serving the city in other capacities. He stated he is always looking for commissions, and other committees.

President Peters noted and encouraged all to pull a petition for council elections.

Minutes – Approval of February 20, 2025 minutes, approved by unanimous vote

Public Hearing – None

Communications/Announcements – In the past, the first meeting in July has typically been canceled due to the holiday. Since July 3rd falls on a Thursday this year, President Peters proposed canceling the meeting. A voice vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously. The July 3rd meeting will be canceled.

Audience Concerns

Anita Likens, 157 E. First Street, addressed the Council about her experience with towing companies following a car accident on February 21, 2025. She explained that she was not at fault, and provided supporting documents, including a police report and an invoice from the towing company, Damien's Towing. Anita shared the following points: The accident occurred on Laurel Street. While her vehicle was drivable, it had to be towed. She requested her car be taken to a preferred repair shop (Coughlin's), but was informed by Officer Goubeaux that the towing company on rotation had to be used. The towing company, Damien's Towing, took her car to V's Auto Lot, despite her request for a different location. Anita expressed frustration over the inflated bill from Damien's Towing, which included charges such as $450 for transport and a $1,750 recovery charge. She was able to negotiate some of the fees down with her insurance company but still had to pay a final amount of $3,595.88. She raised concerns about the lack of transparency and oversight in the city's towing practices, stating that overcharging impacts insurance rates for all residents. She asked the City Council to review the city's policy on towing, especially regarding fee structures, business practices, and how towing companies are selected for the city's rotation list.

Mayor Closser: acknowledged the situation, stating that he had already been contacted by the insurance company and the administration had begun reviewing the case. He expressed concern about the overcharging and agreed that the towing company in question should be suspended until proper contracts and regulations could be put in place.

Mr. Peters: commented that he was surprised to hear that the police department had dictated the use of a specific towing company. He pointed out that in other situations, residents are usually able to choose their towing company, provided it is reasonable. He supported the idea of reviewing and revising the city's practices to prevent such issues in the future.

Chief Nichols: explained that the city's policy allows residents to choose their towing company, as long as the choice is reasonable. He admitted that there was a breakdown in procedure during this incident and pledged to investigate further. He mentioned that the officer involved had been off work since the incident but assured the Council that the police department would address the issue and improve the process. He also said the city would implement a new contract for all towing companies to ensure they follow a competitive and reasonable fee structure.

Mr. Hays: suggested that the Attorney General could be contacted to see if there was any additional action that could be taken from a state perspective.

Anita Likens: thanked the Council for their attention and expressed hope that London could set an example for other municipalities in addressing towing practices. She emphasized the potential risks of towing companies exploiting residents, especially those who might not have the financial means to contest inflated fees. She also suggested that better consumer protection policies should be in place to prevent this kind of situation in the future.

Mr. Eades: shared that he had spoken with the administration about the incident, and they had already contacted Damien's Towing. He acknowledged that while the insurance company was able to negotiate the charges, the situation still highlighted the need for better regulation. He expressed support for a review of the city's towing practices and fee structures.

Anita Likens: reiterated her concerns about the ethical conduct of the towing company and the potential risks to the community. She stressed that these kinds of issues could impact all residents, not just those directly involved in the towing incident. She thanked the Council again for their consideration.

Brittany Hall, 1056 Amherst Blvd, shared her experience with calling 911 for the first time in her life, expressing gratitude for the emergency responders, especially the way they handled her three-year-old child. She mentioned how calm the responders kept them and their professionalism during the entire situation. Brittany also raised a concern about the recent changes to how 911 calls are dispatched, now being handled through the county. She explained that when she called 911 last week, her first attempt didn't go through, and she had to try again. She found this concerning, especially since police calls may also now be routed through the county. Brittany worried about the potential consequences of this system, particularly for people who might not have the option to hang up and try calling 911 again. She emphasized that they were lucky enough that their situation didn't escalate but expressed concern about the impact of this new system on emergency calls.

Mr. Hays: acknowledged Brittany's situation and expressed relief that everything turned out fine. He thanked her for her compliments about the responders and agreed that it was concerning when 911 calls don't go through. He assured her they would check into the issue.

Brittany Hall: thanked Mr. Hays again and praised the emergency responders, especially for how they reassured her during a stressful time. She reiterated that having to hang up and try calling 911 again was a serious concern, especially in an emergency.

Mr. Hays: reassured her again that they would look into what had happened with her call. He mentioned that, to his knowledge, most 911 calls were being routed correctly, but acknowledged the situation needed to be checked into.

Chief Nichols: clarified that they don't have control over the 911 calls themselves, as they are managed by the county. He confirmed that the change to dispatching calls through the county should not affect the calls themselves. He reassured Brittany that they would work with 911 to investigate the issue.

Brittany Hall: explained that she had lived in London for several years and emphasized that her main concern was understanding why the 911 call didn't go through the first time.

Chief Nichols: reiterated that the move to county dispatch should not affect 911 calls. He assured her they would investigate further and check what might have happened during her call.

Mayor Closser: asked if the call didn't ring at all, suggesting that it could be related to the carrier or another technical issue. He expressed curiosity about the details of what happened during the call.

Brittany Hall: clarified that the call didn't ring at all, and she wasn't sure if it was a carrier issue or something else. She mentioned she would be open to checking for any potential issues with cell towers.

Chief Nichols: asked for more details, including the specific day and time of the call, so they could check into it further.

Brittany Hall: replied that the call occurred on a Wednesday evening, around 11:00 PM, providing the exact time for further investigation.

Committee Reports – *(Department reports are attached to committee meeting minutes.)*

Safety Committee meets March 11 at 6, Service Committee meets March 11 at 5, and Finance Committee meets March 11 following the other committee meetings

City Official Reports

Mayor Closser report attached

Old Business

7th Reading
ORDINANCE 207-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor, Andrew Hitt and Greg Eades An ORDINANCE creating nineteen incentive districts and declaring improvements to certain real property within the incentive districts to be a public purpose, and exempt from Real Property taxation; Identifying certain public infrastructure improvements that, once made, will benefit or serve the parcels in the incentive districts; Requiring the owners of those parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing an incentive district public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of such service payments; Authorizing payments to the London City School District and Tolles Career and Technical Centers; and approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a tax increment financing agreement with Tom Cat, LLC.

Mr. Eades gave brief update that process of this discussion is still ongoing. Our law firm sent redline edits to TomCat LLC but no movement at this point. He also stated he is asking our law firm to come to a meeting to discuss the whole process.

Leave for an 8th Reading

ORDINANCE 208-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor, Andrew Hitt and Greg Eades An ORDINANCE authorizing the City of London, Ohio to accept title to certain real property located within the city and immediately transfer title back to the current owner for the purpose of implementing tax increment financing pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; and Dispensing with the requirement that this resolution must be read on three different days pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 731.17(A)

Leave for an 8th Reading

ORDINANCE 209-24 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor, Andrew Hitt and Greg Eades An ORDINANCE declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the City of London, Madison County, Ohio to be a public purpose pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41; Declaring such property to be exempt Real Property taxation; Designating improvements that, once made, will directly benefit the parcels for which improvement is

declared to be a public purpose; Requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; Establishing an urban redevelopment tax increment equivalent fund; authorizing the execution of a tax increment financing TIF agreement; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.41, 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85

Leave for an 8th Reading

3rd Reading
ORDINANCE 111-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt An ORDINANCE amending section 874 of the codified ordinances

Mayor Closser: The event layout portion of the proposed legislation has raised concerns, and the Mayor appreciates all the discussion on it. However, he believes it's important to address other aspects of the legislation that have been largely overlooked. While the focus has been on the layout, this legislation isn't just about festivals; it also covers sidewalk sales, street closures, and similar concerns. If the issue is only the layout, the Mayor suggests moving forward with the rest of the legislation and working through the layout separately. The layout can always be amended later, but the legislation also addresses street markets, ADA compliance, nonprofits, and other essential guidelines. If the whole process is delayed because of the layout, it could result in not having the necessary regulations in place.

Mr. Hitt: When an organization submits an application, does that include approval for the setup as well?

Mayor Closser: Yes, the setup is part of the approval process. The Mayor mentioned that they've been working with the Safety Service Director and other department heads to create a safe setup for events. He understands that the Strawberry Festival isn't happy with the current layout, which is why he asked for City Council to hold a work session to work through the layout. The Mayor suggests amending the hours and removing the map to allow progress on the rest of the legislation. For example, someone could hold a sidewalk sale right now, but businesses may not want a vendor right outside their door, especially if it affects accessibility. Having clear regulations in place helps ensure everyone's space is respected and safety is prioritized.

Klarissa Ramey: Are you saying businesses might not want certain vendors in front of their shops during sidewalk sales?

Mayor Closser: Exactly. He gave an example of a salon that didn't want a 10x10 tent blocking their entrance, particularly since they rely on elderly clients who use walkers and wheelchairs. The goal is to ensure accessibility and respect for business operations. The Mayor explained that while sidewalk sales can continue, they need to make sure they don't block walkways or interfere with businesses. This legislation addresses those concerns and ensures that streets aren't blocked or vendors aren't setting up just anywhere.

Mr. Eades: The group could either kill the whole legislation tonight and come back with revisions or table it until they have a clear list of things to remove. For example, Section 874.04 could be taken out, and the hours in Section 874.02 could be amended if the group wants to move forward with those changes right away.

Mr. Peters: Wouldn't it be easier to just amend the hours and bring in revisions when needed?

Mayor Closser: Yes, the Mayor agreed that they could amend the hours to what was discussed, possibly 78 hours, and remove the map for now. They could then have a work session to figure out the layout details. This approach would allow the group to keep moving forward with other important aspects of the legislation.

Mr. Eades: Just to clarify, removing the map means the group won't be tied to the exact vendor layout as specified. This allows flexibility until they can figure out the best layout for each event.

Klarissa Ramey: Right, so the map is being removed, but what about the stage placement?

Mayor Closser: The Mayor confirmed that for now, the stage and other setups can stay as they are, but the map is being removed. Once the group has a work session, they can get guidance on where everything should go. For now, they can proceed with the other aspects of the legislation without being tied to the map.

Motion to amend ORDINANCE to remove the vendor map (874.04: A, B and C) and extend the event hours to 78 hours *by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:*

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, Stahl, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

Mr. Eades motioned to remove Section 870.4.04 entirely and amend the hours under 874.02, Section C, to 78 hours. No second was received.

Mayor Closser: So, the map has been removed. The group can now work on the layout separately in a work session. The only thing still under consideration is the stage placement, but that's something to be worked out in the future.

Klarissa Ramey: So, is it now settled that the vendors can be placed anywhere, or is there still a specific guideline?

Mayor Closser: Right now, there's no fixed layout because the map has been removed. Those details will be worked through in a future work session, and the setup will be more flexible until then.

Mr. Hitt: So, as of right now, the guidance is that everything is set in the center of the road, but once more specific direction comes from the work session, plans can be made accordingly.

Mayor Closser: Exactly. The group is just waiting for guidance from City Council. Once that's received, the group can move forward with applications.

President Peters: A Council Work Session was scheduled for March 12 at 6 pm to further discuss changes to this ordinance.

Leave for 4th Reading

RESOLUTION 112-25 Sponsored by: John Stahl A RESOLUTION assessing the costs of the removal of high grass and weeds

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 113-25 Sponsored by: Rich Hays
A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into contract. The City would like to contract with the county for dispatching services

Mr. Hays: The discussion would likely start around July, with a prorated cost for the current year. The cost for the next three years would not exceed a 5% annual increase, covering personnel costs, equipment costs, supply costs, and collective bargaining agreements. After 2027, there would be no cost to the city, as it would be covered by the 911 tax levy. The agreement can be terminated by either party with a 180-day written notice. The savings from this arrangement would amount to $1,373,625 over a four-and-a-half-year period. The cost for the new dispatch system itself is $412,786, with an annual maintenance fee of $25,000, bringing the total to $512,786.

Mr. Hays also acknowledged a question from Brittany regarding a call that didn't go through. He speculated it could have been a minor issue, as he had experienced similar problems with his own phone. The savings would significantly benefit the city, especially given the current challenge of hiring dispatchers. As it stands, the county handles dispatching for the city eight hours a night, every night of the week. The three dispatchers the city currently has would have the opportunity to apply for county jobs if they wish. Additionally, the chief mentioned that there might be two clerk positions opening up within the police department, which the dispatchers could apply for if they were interested.

Mr. Eades: Councilman Hayes, when looking at the highlighted costs for the remainder of the year—$61,500 for 2026, $129,150 for 2027, and no cost after that—I'm curious about the second line regarding the administrative costs at $114,400. Is this something we're responsible for? The additional figures of $118,000, $123,000, and $128,000 seem to suggest further costs. Will we need to cover the cost of administrative staff as well?

Mr. Hays: I do not believe so, but I'll clarify that before I confirm.

Mr. Eades: Well, maybe the chief can help clarify this. I'm not sure I've seen these numbers before, and that's why I'm asking. If we're paying $130,000 for dispatch, $114,000 for administrative costs, and other costs adding up to $298,000 per year, I'm struggling to see where the savings are. Could you help explain the administrative costs?

Chief Nichols: Let me take a look. The second line you're referring to is for the two clerks that would still be city employees, which we discussed earlier. This cost includes their pension, Medicare, and health insurance, as broken down by Mr. Castle. So, the total cost at the bottom includes both central dispatch costs and the two clerks for the police department.

Mr. Eades: Okay, thanks for the clarification. That helps clear things up.

Mr. Hays: Great, we'll keep this open for now. As for the timeline, Chief, are you okay with moving forward?

Chief Nichols: Yes, I'm good with it.

Mr. Hays: Alright, let's continue working on this.

Leave for 3rd Reading

RESOLUTION 116-25 Sponsored by: John Stahl
A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to sell or trade property in property unneeded, obsolete or unfit for municipal purposes.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 117-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt and Brent McDaniels
A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to apply for a loan. The Sanitation Department would like to purchase new front load residential trash truck.

Mr. Hitt: The proposal is for a loan for a new sanitation truck, not to exceed $400,000, which would allow the Safety Service Director to apply for the loan.

Mr. Eades: At one point, we were concerned because we were already paying off another loan, and starting this new loan would overlap. However, with the timing of the readings, the new loan would start closer to when the previous loan is paid off. Do we still have thoughts on this?

Mr. Hitt: The trucks are supposed to be paid off in August, right? What he was looking at was the purchase of a new truck, so he wanted to try to get the loan out before that.

Mayor Closser: Our plan is that we would start looking for the truck now—actually, we've already started the process—but the loan payment wouldn't begin until August.

Mr. Hitt: This new truck would be smaller to allow access to alleyways or smaller areas that the bigger trucks have trouble getting into.

Mr. Eades: Do we need to leave this on the agenda? The way I see it, if they've already found the truck, it seems like we shouldn't delay any further. The sooner we move forward, the better.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 1- Treynor
Affirmative: 5- Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels
Against: 0-

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

Absent: 1- Treynor
Affirmative: 5- Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl
Against: 0-

RESOLUTION 118-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt and Brent McDaniels
A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to purchase a sanitation truck through the Joint purchasing program or advertising for bids and entering into a contract.

Mr. Hitt: So, this applies to the same thing as the sanitation truck—this just allows the Safety Service Director to purchase through the purchasing program, advertise for bids, and enter into the contract, not to exceed $400,000.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 1- Treynor
Affirmative: 5- Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels
Against: 0-

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

Absent: 1- Treynor
Affirmative: 5- Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl
Against: 0-

New Business

ORDINANCE 119-25 Sponsored by: Brent McDaniels AN ORDINANCE amending 881 of the codified ordinances

Mr. McDaniels: Yeah, as you know, I brought a finance committee proposal in February to bring back the half a percent income tax credit for people who live in London but work outside of London. That was unsuccessful. So for this meeting, I was going to bring back new legislation for a 0.25% credit for people who live in London and work in other cities. On Monday, the law director emailed me this, which I think will make the process a little smoother by just amending Section 881, which means it doesn't have to go back to the Finance Committee because it's not new legislation. He also thanked the Law Director because, all in all, this is what working together and compromising looks like.

Mr. Hitt: Well, we can move to send it back to committee if we want.

Mr. Eades: It can also be left on because it's an amendment.

Mr. Eades: Was there any input from anyone else besides the law director, or did she reach out to anyone?

President Peters: She did not reach out to anyone about financials.

Mr. McDaniels: Well, since it's only an amendment, it wouldn't need to go back to the finance committee.

President Peters: Well, I hope this is discussed at the next finance committee meeting.

Mr. Hitt: Well, it was discussed at finance, and some of the concerns were all of the financial obligations that the city has, such as debt services for the new police station, the trash truck, the increase in pay for the police department. What else? There's a variety of things that the city has financial obligations to. Some concern was that this would cut into those revenues quite a bit. Well, that was the thing—it was $830,000, and with new houses coming in, it would add to that loss as well.

Mr. McDaniels: She also talked to the tax department, and the numbers were the original ones I tried to bring through finance. This is for 0.25%, which is half of the original.

Mr. McDaniels: Moved to suspend the 3-meeting rule.

No second was received.

Leave on for a 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 120-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City is expected to receive grant money to fund the new police department

Mr. Eades: So, since Councilman Treynor is not here, this is to accept the grant offered to us by the federal government. This was discussed before. This free money is sitting out there, and we just need to set it up. Let's accept it. There is an emergency measure on this, and we would like to move forward. We've talked about this long enough, we've beaten it to death—let's move on and take the money.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 121-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City has received bond money for the construction of the new police department

Mr. Eades: So, $5,025,000 is not enough to go to the police department. We know it's about $9 million. There's a bond that will be issued, or has already been issued. We just need to increase the appropriation so we can spend this on the police department too.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hitt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 122-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City has received bond money for the new police department

Mr. Eades: Things are taking a little bit of a turn. This also applies to the bond. There is some bond service that we're going to have to pay. I believe the first $109,484.88 is to pay the bonding company. This is their fee, correct? Yes. Okay, so this is part of the deal, and we do have to pay them to do that work for us. This is also an emergency.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 123-25 Sponsored by: Shannon Treynor
A RESOLUTION authorizing the Auditor to increase appropriations and transfer funds. The Auditor will need to pay the debt service on the Police building

Mr. Eades: So, not only do we get money, but we're going to have to start paying it back. This will appropriate money out of our general fund so we can start paying it back this year. Whenever you take a loan, we have to start paying it back. We don't get a whole free year, wish we did, so we do have to pay them back and move forward.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 124-25 Sponsored by: Greg Eades
A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Abatement Revenue Sharing- General

Mr. Eades: Okay, this is supposed to be sponsored by me, and I'm not sure if I can recall all the details, but from what I understand, Stanley Electric had more employees than we expected, so there's an abatement that needs to go back out. We didn't appropriate enough money to cover that based on the employees, so this is an abatement to the general fund, or we're reimbursing the general fund at this point.

Auditor Combs: Yes, we've already paid it out of the general fund to the schools. Since there was a significant increase, I'm just asking to reimburse that expense.

Mr. Eades: So, we're basically paying ourselves back for money we've already spent in the amount of $9,465.97. There is no emergency on this, and I feel like I've asked for too many suspensions.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 125-25 Sponsored by: Greg Eades
A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Abatement Revenue Sharing-Fire

Mr. Eades: So, it's the same thing, except that we have to pay ourselves back because we paid this out for the fire portion as well.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2nd Councilman Hays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl, McDaniels**
Against:	**0-**	

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

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**5-**	**Hitt, Hays, Eades, McDaniels, Stahl**
Against:	**0-**	

RESOLUTION 126-25 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids for four pickleball courts

Mr. Hitt: So, we discussed this last year, and the main opposition to it was the location. This would be on North Walnut by the skateboard park and the basketball court. So, this is to allow the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids for that. I believe that included lighting, no electric security, just the pickleball court.

Mr. Eades: I believe this was just for the pickleball courts. We were going to have to get further information about lighting and extending the parking lot, is that correct?

Mayor Closser: This does not allow us to accept the bid, just allows us to go out and get some bids

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2nd Councilman Stahl. The motion failed by the following vote:

Absent:	**1-**	**Treynor**
Affirmative:	**4-**	**Eades, Hays, Hitt, Stahl**
Against:	**1-**	**McDaniels**

Leave on for a 2nd Reading

Round Table

Mr. Hitt: The Service meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on March 11, followed by the Safety meeting at 6:00 p.m., and then Finance will follow after that.

Mr. Hays: Thanks, everybody, for coming out tonight. I'm really starting to get tired—it's 9:05, but we're doing okay. Congratulations, Lisa, glad to have you on board. I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight and being involved; it really makes the process go by a little easier when you're engaged. Sometimes questions come up, and we take the time to address them. We want to do it right, and I want to say great job to our employees for the work they've done. I also want to thank all my council members; it's been a long evening, but great job, guys. I appreciate you all. The Safety meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday in the conference room, and we'll get together again on the 12th at 6:00 p.m. Okay, that's all I've got. Thank you all, and a special thanks to everyone involved.

Mr. McDaniels: Thanked London EMS and asked if his legislation needed to be moved back to committee.

Mr. Eades: Clarified that it can be left on the table, but it can also be discussed at Finance.

Mr. Eades: Thanked everyone for staying through the long meeting and expressed happiness about moving forward with the police department and working out the details for festivals, emphasizing the importance of safety. He also thanked Ms. Jackman for staying and putting her name forward, acknowledging that someone had reached out to her. He noted that the position was only for the remainder of the two years, but there was still time until May 5th for others to run as Independents.

President Peters: Encouraged individuals who haven't pulled petitions yet to do so if they wish to run for Council or President as Independents. He also thanked Anita Likens for coming and speaking at the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:07pm

Attestation: Minutes approved, filed in Auditor's Office, and posted on City of London website for public review.

Matthew Edgington, Council Clerk

4/3/2025
Date

Joshua Peters, Council President

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