London City Council Public Service Meeting June 7, 2023

Attending: Chairman Bryan Robinson, Committee Members Josh Peters & Greg Eades, Mayor Closser, Safety Service Director Rex Castle, Street Superintendent Bill Long

The meeting was called to order at 103PM by Chairman Robinson.

Mayor Closser announced the Municipal Pool was currently closed as a sensor went out and too much chlorine was pumped into the pool overnight. Recreation Director Landon McKenzie is working on it to level out the chlorine in hopes to open today (Mayor Closser later announced that the chlorine level was now safe and the pool would open at 2PM).

Recreation Department Report

SSD Castle advises that the storage building at Merri Mac was broken into overnight, and the people used the softballs being stored were evidently used for batting practice and were left on the field.

Rec Director McKenzie submitted a report that SSD Castle went over. (see attached)

Highlights: The Municipal Pool opened and has generated $19,321 in sales which includes season passes and punch cards. This is 43% of the projected total of $45,000. There has been $4,293 in concession sales. 5 new Lifeguards were hired and they would still like to hire 2-3 more. The Pool is available to rent after hours at a cost for $350 for residents, and $400 for non residents. The Spring Volleyball league has concluded and after expenses, netted a profit of $8,230. Field 2 at Merri Mac is ready and available for rental at $15 an hour, or $100 for 10 hours. Field 1 work will start soon. There has been vandalism at both Merri Mac and Cowling in recent weeks, which includes graffiti, a water fountain has been pried up out of the ground, and fecal matter was spread on playground equipment.

Councilman Eades asked if it has been considered to hire a part time Rec Assistant to monitor Cowling Park, and they can report any issues to the PD? Bill Long advises there are signs up which advise people to call the non emergency number of the PD, and there are cameras up, however the vandals seem to know where the cameras are. SSD Castle also advised he would consider this.

Street Department Report

Superintendent Long advises that Tommy Boyd has posted on Facebook that the timing of the light at Sheffield & Lafayette has been changed. It has not been changed. Superintendent Long also stated that he will not be responding the Mr. Boyd on social media anymore. If Mr. Boyd emails Superintendent Long on his city email address he will respond.

Superintendent Long submitted a 3 page report of work that has been completed by his Department (see attached).

Highlights: The crosswalk equipment is in, however, the brackets for the overhead arms (2nd St and 4th Street) are wrong and new brackets are being sent. He met with ?? regarding the I & I (Influx and infiltration) of the storm sewers. They are currently running camera's to find any issues. Met with ODOT about the Main & Center Intersection. The bucket truck has been out of service but has been repaired and is currently back in service. The Storm sewer on Graceland has been finished. The new Ford F550 is in the shop to have the bed installed, it is expected to be another 60-90 days. Repaired a number of water lines including at the pool.

Councilman Eades asked if private alley owners that would like to have their alleys repaired, and pay the City for the service, if this could be worked out. Superintendent Long advises he would have to ask the Law Director about this.

The next meeting will be July 5th at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM

Respectfully submitted by Committee member Greg Eades