

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

LONDON CITY COUNCIL

Meeting

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Held

AUGUST 18 20 22

London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
August 18, 2022 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Council President, Henry Comer, called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order at 6:30pm. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

Council members present: Henry Comer, John Stahl, Anthony Smith, Bryan Robinson, Andrew Hitt and Josh Peters

Council members absent: Rich Hays and Greg Eades

The minutes of the August 4, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

COMMUNICATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Notice of Legislative Authority was received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control for 15 Below LLC dba London 101. Council members unanimously voted to not require a hearing on the advisability of issuing a permit.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Brent McDaniels – 1051 Amherst Boulevard, London, Ohio 43140

- Requested that City sell the Water Department to a private company and use the funds for other needs

Michael Norman – 188 S. Oak Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Expressed his opinion that City Council and Administration members are stating false information in regards to potential water rates from potential privately controlled Water Distribution Companies
- Said the statement that the City has not enacted any new taxes since 2013 is false because a .5% tax credit was retracted
- Asked if the City would be liable if there was not enough water capacity for the proposed housing development between E. High and Lafayette Streets
 - Mayor Closser stated that a developer would not commit to building homes if there was a chance that water would not be available and that the only legislation before Council was to change the zoning code for the area

Anita Likens – 157 E. First Street, London, Ohio 43140

- Read excerpts from Ronald Reagan’s speech, “A Time for Choosing.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Peters – Finance Committee Chair

- Stated that items that were discussed during the Finance Committee meeting will be presented to Council in the upcoming, New Business portion of the meeting

Councilman Robinson – Public Service Committee Chair

- Announced that the next Public Service Committee meeting will take place on September 7, 2022 at 6:00pm

Councilman Hitt – Public Safety Committee

- Read the London Fire/EMS Department report
- Announced that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on September 13, 2022 at 5:00pm

Councilman Stahl – Public Safety Committee

- Read the London Police Division report

Councilman Smith – Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Representative

- Working to get additional companies, other than just Rumpke, to bid on hauling the trash from the transfer station. The bid opening for this service is tomorrow morning

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS – Mayor Closser reported on current City events and issues (report attached)

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OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Items

Ordinance 146-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1048.05 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 147-22 - Sponsored by Anthony Smith - An Ordinance amending section 1042 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinance 151-22 – Sponsored by Rich Hays – An Ordinance amending official zoning map

2nd Reading

Resolution 169-22 - Sponsored by Bryan Robinson – A Resolution to authorize the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the purchase of pedestrian crosswalk equipment

Motion by Stahl to place on second reading, seconded by Hitt

LEFT ON

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 170-22 - Sponsored by Rich Hays – An Ordinance amending Ordinance 172-19

Motion by Stahl to place on first reading, seconded by Hitt

LEFT ON

Resolution 171-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters – A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Stahl to place on first reading, seconded by Hitt

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Resolution 172-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters – A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Stahl to place on first reading, seconded by Robinson

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Resolution 173-22 - Sponsored by Josh Peters – A Resolution increasing appropriations

Motion by Stahl to place on first reading, seconded by Robinson

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Ordinance 174-22 - Sponsored by Andy Hitt – An Ordinance vacating an alley

Motion by Stahl to place on first reading, seconded by Robinson

A public hearing was scheduled for October 6, 2022 at 6:30pm at the regular City Council meeting

LEFT ON

ROUND TABLECouncilman Smith

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Asked for prayers for additional companies to bid on the trash hauling service for the City
- Announced that the next BPU meeting will take place on August 25, 2022 at 6:30pm

Councilman Stahl

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Stated that he hoped the water situation gets taken care of soon

Councilman Hitt

- Thanked everyone for their attendance and their research about City issues

Councilman Peters

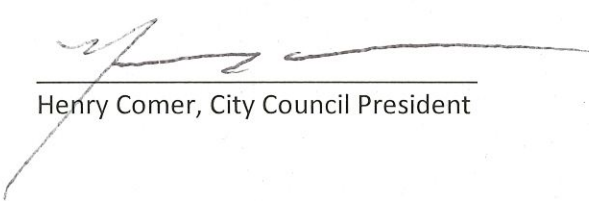
- Announced that the London High School Football season has begun

Council President Comer

- Thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked Anita Likens for reading excerpts from Ronald Reagan's speech

Motion by Robinson to adjourn at 7:22pm


Amy Rees, Clerk


Henry Comer, City Council President