

President Henry Comer called the regular meeting of the London City 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, present; Brian Robinson, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, present; Carla Blazier, absent; Anthony Smith, present.

MINUTES: Motion by Hitt to approve the minutes as received, second by Hays. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Melody Earles, 71 Laurel Street, addressed council. She questioned why she was told a few months ago, that the city had no money to maintain alleys, yet when the alley across the street was vacated, the city filled potholes and smoothed it out.

After much discussion, it was explained that the alley she complained about was not a through alley. The alley had a garage built at the end of it. The city does not clear out brush and debris out of any alley. The city will fill potholes for through alleys.

Councilwoman Russell apologized that this had not been made clear. The city did say what they would not do, clear brush and debris, but was not clear on what they would, which is fill potholes for through alleys.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Smith shared that the sanitation department is working on catching up with trash pick up and apologized for the delays. They are looking into purchasing a good, used truck.

Councilman Hitt reported that the next public safety meeting is Tuesday, March 10.

Councilman Hays informed the next city properties is Wednesday, March 25.

Councilman Peters shared the next public service meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 1:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Russell informed the next finance committee meeting is Monday, March 9.

CITY OFFICIALS REPORT: Mayor Pat Closser welcomed Scout Troop 104 to the council meeting and is looking forward to seeing them Monday!

He gave his administrative report at this time. (attached)

He mentioned that the republican committee is taking applications for the city auditor position.

President Comer added that the auditor would need to live in the city limits.

Mayor Closser confirmed that this true.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 106-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION REVISING JOB DESCRIPTIONS (exhibit A) Motion by Hays to place on third reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Smith explained this changes the entry level requirement for the waste water superintendent position back to a class III, as Mr. Leavitt is retiring. The individual will be required to attain a class IV within two years.

Motion by Smith to adopt, second by Russell. Roll to adopt: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes.

ADOPTED.

ORDINANCE 116-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.01 OF THE CITY POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL Motion by Hays to place on second reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell explained this changes the non-union employee's sick leave pay off percentage to be the same as the union employees.

LEFT ON 2ND READING.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 120-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS DURING 2020 Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell explained that these are just normal, yearly transfers.

Motion by Russell to suspend the rules, second by Hays. Roll to suspend: Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes. **SUSPENDED**

Motion by Russell to adopt, second by Hays. Roll to adopt: Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes. **ADOPTED.**

ORDINANCE 121-20 Sponsored by: Rich Hays AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1228 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Hays explained that this will require developers to provide a spare sign with each street name and a spare traffic control to include all the hardware and posts at no cost to the city.

President Comer commented this will save the city money with long term maintenance.

Motion by Hays to suspend the rules, second by Hitt. Roll to suspend: Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll to adopt: Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes. **ADOPTED.**

ORDINANCE 122-20 Sponsored by: Josh Peters AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1064 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Peters explained this increases the brush chipping service fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

Councilwoman Russell added that is just the cost of doing business. The city is not making any money.

Motion by Peters to suspend the rules, second by Russell. Roll to suspend: Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes. **SUSPENDED**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Peters. Roll to adopt: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 123-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS
Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Hitt. Clerk read.

Councilman Smith explained that these are funds that have already been approved to spend on a new, used sanitation truck.

Mayor Eades added that they will be putting together a bid package for the new, used packer truck.

Motion by Smith to suspend rules, second by Hays. Roll to suspend: Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Smith to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll to adopt: Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION NO. 124-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT.
Sponsored by Brenda Russell. Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Hays. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell explained that this is the city's portion for the Ohio police and fire pension fund. The information was just received today and must be paid.

Motion by Hays to suspend the rules, second by Hitt. Roll to suspend: Hitt, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll to adopt: Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes. **ADOPTED.**

ROUND TABLE :

Councilwoman Russell thanked everyone for coming in this evening. She thanked administration for what looks to be a promising solution to the water plant situation.

The next finance committee meeting is March 9, 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Closser explained that the water is ran through gravel, overs moss and sand. The mold eats the ammonia. The engineering company said this should work.

Councilman Peters thanked the Scouts and everyone else for coming in this evening.

The next public service meeting is March 11, 1:00 p.m.

Councilman Robinson thanked the Scout Troop for coming in this evening.

He shared that he and Councilman Peters attended the OML new council member training and found it very informative. He thanked the city for the opportunity to attend.

Councilman Hays thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

He thanked the Scout Troop and told them that they may not know it yet, but they are the backbone of this country. He shared that he was a scribe while in the Boy Scouts.

The next public safety committee meeting is March 10, 6:00 p.m.

The next city properties meeting is March 25, 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Hitt thanked the Boy Scouts for coming in this evening.

He urged everyone to get out a vote. "Your vote matters!"

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

He's excited to see the new DQ opening.

The next BPU meeting is March 26, 6:30 p.m.

President Comer thanked Scout Troop 104 of the First Methodist Church for coming in this evening. His son was also a member of this troop.

ADJOURN: Motion by Councilman Hays to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Henry Comer, Council President