

President Henry Comer called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order. He led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

CLERK CALLED ROLL: Brenda Russell, present; Josh Peters, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, present; Clara Blazier, present; Anthony Smith, present.

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

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Closser gave his state of the city address at this time.

President Comer added to his report saying he'd also been in contact with representatives from Steve Strivers office regarding the water tower.

President Comer asked about committee reports from the public service committee.

Mayor Closser expressed his opinion that it is hard to get department heads in for a meeting in the middle of the day as they are working. If they can't make it though, they do send in reports. Noon is not a good time for the departments heads or working citizens.

President Comer replied that the committee does reserve the right to have the meeting at a time that is convenient for the members. It is helpful to have the department heads at the meeting to answer questions.

Councilwoman Russell added that if Bill Long or Tammy Braskett are unable to attend the meetings, they submit very detailed, handwritten reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Russell reported on the finance committee. The meetings are held the first Monday after city council meetings. There is legislation on the table tonight from that meeting.

Department heads have been asked to bring in their capital budget requests so the committee can start looking at those.

The next meeting is February 10, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hays reported on the public safety committee meeting. They will be looking into legislation for signs to the entrances to the city. There is a party interested in having their name on it.

The next public safety committee meeting is February 11, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hitt gave the police department's report from the public safety meeting.

Councilwoman Blazier gave the fire department's report from the public safety meeting.

Councilman Peters reported on the public service meeting from the recreation and street departments.

The next public service committee meeting is February 12, noon.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 101-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY Motion by Hays to place on second reading, second by Hitt. Clerk read. Councilwoman Russell noted that the alley is around and behind the Creamery Building on West Fifth Street.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 102-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LONDON Motion by Hitt to place on first reading, second by Hays. Clerk read. Councilwoman Russell explained that this money needs transferred for payment Allstate Exteriors.

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

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

RESOLUTION 103-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Hitt. Clerk read. Councilwoman Russell explained this is authorizes payment Allstate Exteriors.

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

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

RESOLUTION 104-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Hitt. Clerk read. Councilman Smith shared that Mr. Leavitt, waste water/sewer plant superintendent, has done a great job in bringing in revenue for the city with this biosolids project. The Farm Science Review will then take biosolids product and use it on their land.

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

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

RESOLUTION 105-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A USED TRASH TRUCK. Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

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

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

ROUND TABLE: Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He assured residents that whenever a call is made to the BPU regarding their water bill increasing, it is looked into. The department is still looking into why bills are going up.

Councilwoman Blazier thanked everyone for coming in. She thanked council members for their help.

Councilman Hitt reminded that the next finance committee meeting is February 10, 6:00 p.m. and the next safety committee meeting is February 11, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hays thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He thanked all the city departments for everything they do. Residents have asked him to pass on their appreciation. "God bless everyone."

Councilman Peters thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He reminded the next public safety service meeting February 12 at noon.

Councilwoman Russell thanked Councilman Smith and the BPU for the trash cans. They are easy to maneuver! Thank you sanitation department good they do!

President Comer thanked the sanitation and BPU departments. It is good for them to have new truck that can handle the new cans.

He thanked also thanked Bill Long for pricing salt for every neighborhood in the city.

ADJOURN: Motion by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Henry Comer, Council President