

February 6, 2020

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.

President Comer called roll: Brenda Russell, present; Josh Peters, present; Bryan Robinson, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, absent; Carla Blazier, present; Anthony Smith, present.

**MINUTES** of the previous meeting were approved as received. Motion by Hays to accept minutes, second by Russell. All were in favor by responding "aye".

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Comer read Mayor Closser's request for councils' approval appointing Jerrad Christian to the city properties committee and Michael Klamo to the civil service commission. All council members were in favor by responding "aye".

President Comer asked for a voice vote to re-hire Arlene Duffey as city council clerk. All members were in favor by responding "aye"

President Comer welcomed new council member Bryan Robinson. Mr. Robinson will serve on the public services committee, along with Josh Peters-chair and Brenda Russell.

Brenda Russell will serve as chair of the finance committee with members Carla Blazier and Josh Peters.

The other committees will remain the same.

President Henry asked for approval of the committees by responding. All were in favor by responding "aye".

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Ordinance 101-20 alley vacation. Hays motioned to adjourn to the public hearing, second by Blazier. Roll call: Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Blazier, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes.

Councilman Russel explained the alley location. There were no objections.

Motion by Russell to reconvene the regular meeting, second by Hays. Roll: Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Blazier, yes; Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS:** Charles Fisher, 510 North Main Street, London, addressed council regarding the rezoning ordinance No. 115-20. He felt that there was already too much traffic in the area for this zoning change request. There doesn't seem to be a good traffic plan proposed. The original plan proposed a community center. A restaurant will just add to the traffic and he didn't think one would go well in the middle of nowhere. There is no clear plan where the drive is going to be or if there will be a turning lane. He asked if ODOT will hold a public forum when the time comes.

Mayor Closser said that ODOT will need to approve the driveway locations. This ordinance is only changing the zoning from a R-1 to a PUD. This zoning change allows for more options on the property. It is not approving any plans for development.

Final plans for development to include water flow, parking lots, fire hydrants, driveways, etc. will be submitted to the planning commission and then forwarded to city council for their final decision.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Councilman Hays reported that the next public safety committee meeting is February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Peters informed that the next public service committee meeting is February 12, at noon.

Councilwoman Russell shared that the next finance committee meeting is Monday, February 10. All departments are to have a written copy of their capital budget requests ready.

**CITY OFFICIAL REOPRT:** Mayor Pat Closser gave his administration report at this time. (attached)

Safety Service Director Joe Mosier asked council to consider 109-20 this evening. The grant will cover the majority of the cost of the cots for the EMS/fire department.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE 101-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY Motion by Hays to third reading, second by Russell. President Comer read.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Dan Leavitt, waste water superintendent, explained the job descriptions and certification levels. The waste water plant superintendent must be certified OEPA Class IV.

**LEFT ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING.**

RESOLUTION 107-20 Sponsored by: Rich Hays A RESOLUTION REVISING JOB DESCRIPTIONS (exhibit A) Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Blazier. President Comer read.

Safety Service Director Joe Mosier explained that the old job description required the safety service director to live in the city limits. This is just "housekeeping" to remove that wording as it has been deemed illegal and non-enforceable. It's nothing that his controversial so it can be voted on this evening.

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

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

RESOLUTION 108-20 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNEXATION OF LAND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF LONDON, OHIO (attachment) Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Blazier. President Comer read.

Safety Service Director Mosier explained that the property is located on 665 and is contiguous to the city. The property owners, Coates, would like to build a veterinary clinic.

Councilwoman Blazier asked why the emergency clause.

Mr. Mosier replied that they would like to get started as soon as possible.

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

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

RESOLUTION 109-20 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKER'S COMPENSATIONS Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. President Comer read.

Mr. Mosier explained that the fire department is requesting a grant to assist in paying for one man, power assisted cots.

The city would be responsible for 1/3 of the cost.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 110-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DEWATERING PROJECT. Motion by Blazier to place on first reading, second by Hays.

Dan Leavitt, sanitation department superintendent, explained that the current equipment is 15 years old. This would replace it with newer technology. They need to contract with a design service so it can be done no later than next year.

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

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

**ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 111-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT TRASH RATES Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Smith. President Comer read.

Councilman Smith explained that this adds a service to the residents. Currently, there is one free bulk pick up once a month. A resident could choose to bring the load out to the dump for free, using it as their one free pick up. They must keep track of going to the dump, in lieu of a pickup.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

ORDINANCE 112-20 Sponsored by: Anthony Smith AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 209-19 TO REFLECT A RANGE OF SALARIES OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND NON-UNION PERSONNEL (attachment) Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. President Comer read.

Mayor Closser explained that Dan Leavitt didn't get the raise as the other non-union employees did about a month ago. It was an oversight.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

ORDINANCE 113-20 Sponsored by: Rich Hayes AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1264 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Blazier. President Comer read.

Councilman Hays read the amendment to the codified ordinance.

Mr. Mosier explained that there are a lot of regulations building in or around flood plains. Fortunately, Tom Hale, building official, has the certifications, he does not. It is prudent to have someone with certifications

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

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

RESOLUTION 114-20 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Peters.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

ORDINANCE 115-20 Sponsored By: Planning Commission AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (attachment) Motion by Hays to place on first reading, second by Russell. President Comer read.

Mr. Mosier explained that the Planning Commission held public hearings regarding this request to rezone the property from R1 to a PUD. They have approved and are recommending council approve the rezoning.

The property is located behind the Blue Bird assisted living facility and the Crossroads church.

Mayor Closser explained that this is for a zoning change only. It has nothing to do with driveways, condos, parking lots, etc. It was only an idea submitted. The owners don't want to pay for an engineer to draw up finalized plans if it is not rezoned. This is just an artist rendering.

The individual would like to get started as soon as possible and taken advantage of potential CRA programs.

Motion by Smith to add the emergency clause, second by Hays. Roll: Smith, yes; Russell, yes; Peters, yes; Robinson, yes; Hays, yes; Blazier, yes. **AMENDED.**

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

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

## **ROUND TABLE**

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He commented on the passing of Jim Hunt. A wonderful member of the community. He asked everyone to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers.

The next Board of Public Utilities meeting is February 27.

Councilwoman Blazier thanked everyone for coming in this evening and sharing their concerns. She shared another active member of the community, Ray Chamberlain, passed away. He was very dedicated to the youth of the community serving as a boy scout leader for many, many years and was a mentor to a lot of young men.

Councilman Hays thanked everyone for coming in. He thanked all the city employees for the work they do. He too shared that an active member of the community, Ed Birmele, had passed away recently. He was active with the youth softball teams and the London High School bowling team. He extended his thoughts and prayers to Ed's family.

Councilman Hays felt it would be beneficial for the new people on council to have a sit down with current members and maybe administration for an orientation.

Mayor Closser said he thought would be fine before or after a meeting. It would just need to be publicized as a public meeting to follow the Sunshine Law.

Councilman Robinson thanked everyone for coming in. He thanked the republican party for selecting him. He will do his best to be a positive asset to the committee.

Councilman Peters welcomed Mr. Robinson. He reminded everyone of the February 12 public service committee meeting.

Councilwoman Russell reminded everyone of the finance committee meeting Monday, February 10.

President Comer thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He shared that he found it beneficial when he attended the Ohio Municipal League for new council member training. There are elected officials from all over the state in attendance.

Mayor Closser said that if any council member would like to attend one of these meetings, the city pays for it. Just let him know. He shared that he attended many of the conferences and always found them to be very informative.

Councilman Peters located upcoming dates for training on February 29 in Cincinnati and March 21 in Columbus.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Councilman Hays to adjourn the meeting.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Henry Comer, Council President