

President Joe Russell called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed moment of silent reflection.

Mayor Pat Closser performed the swearing in ceremony for all the council members.

President Russell asked for a motion to re-hire clerk, Arlene Duffey. Motion by Councilwoman Russell, second by Councilman Hatt. All council members were in favor by responding "aye".

CLERK CALLED ROLL: Trint Hatt, present; Rex Castle, present; Brenda Russell, present; Rick Hays, present; Lora Long, present; Josh Peters, present; Henry Comer, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Russell re-appointed to the EMS Board. Motion by Peters to approve, second by Russell. All were in by responding "aye"

He also announced that Lora Long will be serving on the Board of Public Utilities committee. All in favor by responding "aye"

The committee structure will remain the same. Council members received a copy of the committees. (attached).

Councilman Comer has been appointed to public service and Councilman Hays to public safety.

All were in favor of the committee assignments by responding "aye".

President Russell noted that council members all received a copy of the revised council rules. He went over a few of the changes.

He hoped to achieve more structure with legislation and insuring that we are following a process with enough input.

He went over a few revisions. In order to ensure that there would be a quorum to conduct business properly, council members must provide written notice, three hours in advance of a meeting if they are unable to attend.

He just wanted to point out that there is a requirement that council members are to ask permission to speak. These are Roberts Rules. This is not something that council follows regularly. As long as council keeps a good decorum, he didn't feel it was a problem.

One of the major changes is the way legislation is presented. He clarified the two ways.

All legislation shall be presented and approved by the appropriate committee or committees prior to approval by Council. Legislation may originate in a committee and be approved prior to appearing on the Council agenda, or legislation may be introduced and receive a first hearing by Council before being referred to a committee for consideration. Council may approve legislation without committee approval by suspending this provision as outlined in 2(H) of these rules.

He wants to make sure there is a sponsor for legislation prior to meetings.

Any legislation for which money is appropriated shall also be considered authorized and/or released so long as the legislation received affirmative two thirds (2/3) vote of Council to pass or adopt. This would require five (5) affirmative votes. When required, separate legislation to authorize and/or release dollars that has already been approved in accordance with this rule is necessary if and only if the appropriation legislation received less than two thirds affirmative vote or the appropriation legislation was passed as a result of a rule suspension.

All in favor of the revised rules by stating "aye".

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Hatt announced that the next public safety meeting is January 9 at the police department.

Councilman Castle reported on the December 27 city properties meeting. ODOT is still working on getting the West High Street property over to the city.

Committee members took a tour of the 20 South Walnut Street property. The remodeling project is coming along.

It was discovered that illegal entry had been made in the Brightway building. Small fires had been started, possibly to just keep warm.

The committee voted to start proceedings to reclaim the property. Brightway has not held up to their end of the contract.

The next city properties meeting is January 24 in council chambers

The next finance committee meeting is Monday, January 8, 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.

Councilwoman Long attended the city properties meeting. She commented that the new city building remodeling is coming along!

Councilman Peters announced that the next public service meeting is January 11th.

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

Safety Service Director Joe Mosier shared that the sanitation department is playing catch up. They are down to two out of five trucks due to weather conditions. They hope to be caught up by tomorrow. If not, they will be working Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 168-17 Sponsored by Dick Minner AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ELECTED OFFICIALS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS WAGE

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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 101-18 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY AND INTENT OF THE CITY OF LONDON TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CONTRACT WITH BRIGHTWAY Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

Councilman Castel explained this is necessary to try and secure the property back from Brightway. Litigation takes time.

The city has to make sure the building is safe for the recreation department and those that are getting into the building.

Councilman Peters asked if it was possible that Brightway might not let us use the gym.

Mayor Closser replied that the city has a contract with them to use it.

Motion by Castle to suspend rules, second by Long. Roll to suspend: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Hays, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Comer, yes; Hatt, yes. **SUSPENDED**

Motion by Castle to adopt, second by Hatt. Roll to adopt: Russell, yes; Hays, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Comer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes.

ADOPTED.

FINAL RESOLUTION 102-18 TO RESURFACE PORTIONS OF US42 Sponsored by Josh Peters.

Safety Service Director Joe explained that this legislation is necessary for ODOT to “sell” the project. This needs to be sent to ODOT by January 22.

Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

Motion by Long to suspend rules, second by Hatt. Roll to suspend: Hays, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Comer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes. **SUSPENDED.**

Motion by Peters to adopt, second by Russell. Roll to adopt: Long, yes; Peters, yes; Comer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Hays, yes.
ADOPTED.

ROUND TABLE:

Councilman Hatt thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He welcomed new council members, Henry Comer and Rick Hays.

Councilman Hays thanked everyone for coming in on such an extremely cold evening. He stated that he is very proud to be sitting here tonight. “God willing, I will do a good job!”

Councilman Comer thanked everyone for coming in this evening and is looking forward to working together to continue the city moving forward.

ADJOURN: Motion by Councilwoman Russell to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Joe Russell, Council President