

January 7, 2016

President Jennifer Hitt called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance the observed a moment of silent reflection.

ROLL CALL: Trint Hatt, present; Brenda Russell, present, Rex Castle, present, Dick Minner, present; Lora Long, present; Josh Peters, present; Megan Douglas, present.

MINUTES of the December 17, 2016 and the December 28, 2015 special meetings were approved. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Jennifer Hitt welcomed new and returning council members.

Council members received a copy of council rules. She asked that they look them over prior to the next meeting.

President Hitt read over her council committee assignments. Personnel and Finance: Rex Castle, Trint Hatt, and Brenda Russell. Public Safety: Trint Hatt, Dick Minner, and Megan Douglas. Public Services, Parks and Recreation and Street Departments: Josh Peters, Lora Long, and Brenda Russell. Council members also received a copy of this.

President Hitt re-appointed Arlene Duffey as city clerk. All were in favor by responding "aye".

Bill Long was appointed to the EMS committee.

She also read Mayor Closser's appointments to city committees: Jason Schwaderer, Board of Zoning Appeals; Phil Taylor, Historic District Review Board; Bryan Shoemaker, Recreation Commission; Bill Beathard, Civil Service Commission; Bill Long and Bryan Howard, Tree Commission.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Rex Castle announced that the next finance committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, instead of Tuesday, January 19.

The next public service meeting is Thursday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m.

The next public safety meeting is Monday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Patrick Closser thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He welcomed new council members.

He said that so far, he has found the job as Mayor to be challenging and rewarding. He has already met some of his goals. He is opening up lines of communication and wants to be an approachable mayor.

Mayor Closser plans to analyze everything within the city. They plan to pursue new businesses. They want to look into curbing the drug problem within the city.

Due to the city's deficit, a new tax director will not be appointed. The department has been over-staffed and after discussions with the employees, he is confident that they can run the tax department. This will be a savings of \$72,271.13 to the city, bringing the deficient under \$261,000.00

Mayor Closser thanked all the citizens for voting for him. He is proud to be a part of a strong team.

Auditor Szabo noted that council members received reports for revenue and expense. He'll have end of year closing by the January 13 meeting.

Police Chief Glenn Nicole announced that they have a dispatcher opening and first aid kits have been donated to the department.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 101-16 AN ORDINANCE FOR STRENGTHS ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS Sponsored by: Rex Castle Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that this consolidates departments into one strength ordinance. He noted that there are no changes to the strengths.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ROUND TABLE

Councilman Hitt reiterated his concerns of the deficit budget.

Councilman Castle welcomed the new members.

He challenged the new administration to take care of the over flowing donation bins around the city and getting all city offices into the old primary building.

Councilwoman Russell thanked everyone for coming in this evening. She thanked Mayor Closser on accomplishing a few goals already and said that she is looking forward to serving on the council committees.

Councilman Minner welcomed new members and is looking forwarding to moving on the primary building.

Councilwoman Long said that she is excited about the changes and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Peters welcomed the new councilpersons and Mayor Closser. He is looking forward to working with everyone.

President Hitt thanked everyone for coming in. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as President. She looks forward to working with everyone and the new administration.

ADJOURN: Councilman Hatt motioned for adjournment.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Hitt, Council President