

January 19, 2017

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

CLERK CALLED ROLL: Trint Hatt, absent; Rex Castle, present; Brenda Castle, present; Dick Minner, present; Lora Long, present; Josh Peters, absent; Megan Douglas, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were corrected to read that President Hitt, not Hatt, reminded that Resolution No. 173-16 will be discussed in the next finance committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Hitt reminded everyone to submit their Ohio Ethics Financial statements.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Peters reported on the public service committee meeting.

Councilwoman Long attended the public service meeting.

Councilman Minner attended the public safety meeting.

Councilwoman Russell attended the public service meeting.

Councilman Castle attended the personnel and finance committee meeting.

The next finance committee meeting is February 13; public safety is February 21; and public service is February 9th.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Closser gave his administrative report. (attached)

Stan Kavy, board of public utilities, gave updates on the water tower and the new plant. The water tower is full and functioning.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 134-16 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,550,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATING AND IMPROVING AN EXISTING FACILITY FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, INCLUDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME; AND ACQUIRING LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THERETO; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS Sponsored by: Rex Castle
TABLED.

ORDINANCE 171-16 Sponsored by Richard Minner AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 194-11 TO REFLECT A RANGE OF SALARIES OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND NON-UNION PERSONNEL. Motion by Douglas to place on fourth reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Castle shared that this was discussed at the finance committee meeting.

Councilwoman Long commented that as subordinates get raises, department heads need to be kept at the same pace. Job performance must justify raises.

Councilman Castle reminded that the attached salary table reflects the amendment for the water superintendent. The maximum salary was amended from \$58,409.39 to \$61,244.80.

Motion by Castle to adopt, second by Russell. Roll to adopt: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peter, yes; Douglas, yes.

ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 105-17 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Councilman Peters explained that the park district is applying for a grant to improve the trail and extend the trail. This resolution is part of the application filing process, indicating the city's agreement to match required funds. The city's portion will be 38% of the cost.

Motion by Peters to suspend rules, second by Castle. Roll to suspend: Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peter, yes; Douglas, yes; Castle, yes.

SUSPENDED.

Motion by Russell to adopt, second by Douglass. Roll to adopt: Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peter, yes; Douglas, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes.

ADOPTED.

ROUND TABLE:

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

He shared that a resident of his ward asked if would be possible to have extended hours at the trash facility. They asked about extended hours for the tax department too.

Mr. Kavy shared that they were open four or five Saturday's during the fall, but no one took advantage of it. He said they are willing to try once a month if people would use it.

Mr. Castle would like to see it be open without using overtime, having employee hours flexed. Advertise that it's going to be open on a particular Saturday on the water bill.

Mr. Kavy explained that they've been short staffed too. They will be re-advertising for the position. Applications will be due January 31st. Once they are back up to full staff, they should be able to open the trash facility on a Saturday without paying overtime.

ADJOURN: Councilwoman Russell motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Hitt, President