

January 21, 2016

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, present; Rex Castle, present; Brenda Castle, present; Dick Minner, present; Lora Long, present; Josh Peters, absent; Megan Douglas, present.

**MINUTES** of the previous meeting were correct by Councilman Hatt. Under round table, it should have read Councilman Hatt, not Hitt. All were in favor of the amended minutes by responding "aye".

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Hitt asked if council if they had an opportunity to read over council rules and if were any amendments. There were no changes. All members were in favor of the council rules by responding "aye".

President Hitt read correspondence from Mayor Pat Closser announcing that he is appointing Mr. Joseph Mosier as the new city safety service director and requested council's approval. All council members were in favor by responding "aye".

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Councilman Castle reported on the finance committee meeting. Legislation is being presented this evening as a result of that meeting.

At the finance meeting, Mayor Closser said that he will be appointing a sub-committee to move forward with moving city offices into the old primary building.

The next finance meeting is Monday February 15, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hatt reported on the safety committee meeting. The police department held interviews for dispatcher position. They are getting rid of four cars. The fire department ordered turnout gear, wrapped on the toy drive, and will be providing CPR classes for city employees.

The next public safety meeting is Monday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Lora Long reported on the public service meeting and parks and recreation committee meeting. The street department did a great job on the snow removal. They are patching potholes, repairing lights, and removing Christmas decorations.

Parks and recreation director Tony Brake will be working with Brightway. He checks on the pool regularly.

Mayor Closser mentioned that Madison Reality Association will be offering \$500 for small projects such as the flower gates.

The police department has received complaints from residents near Lincoln and Walnut Streets. A stop sign may be needed.

Mayor Closser shared that they will be looking into the flooding situation at 207 East Center Street. It seems the paving of trail may have created a flooding problem in this yard.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:** Mayor Closser thanked everyone for coming in. He thanked council for approving Joe Mosier as his safety service director.

Mayor Closser shared that the police department will do an internal vehicle transfer to the fire department instead of selling it. It is a good way to save the tax payers' money. He thanked both chiefs for thinking "out of the box" and everyone working together as a team.

He reported that administration is working on the trash situation around charity donation boxes. He is working on putting together a sub-committee to brainstorm ideas for the primary building. There has been discussion with an architect.

The old high school was sold to Brightway College. They will be providing classes for certification such as concrete, forklift, and landscaping positions. These types of jobs are needed within the city and county.

Mayor Closser informed that a new business is looking into coming to London and he will keep everyone updated.

He thanked Rich and Sandra Hughes for donating 50 US flags. The city will only need to purchase 20 new flags now.

Mayor Closser read the criteria for the tax review board. He will be working with council to get a representative for the board.

Auditor Zsabo reminded everyone to file their financial disclosure statements by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Stan Kavy, Public Board of Utilities Director, updated those present on the water tower project. Bidding on the water plant will begin end of this month or early January.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE NO. 101-16 AN ORDINANCE FOR STRENGTHS ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS Sponsored by: Rex Castle. Motion by Long to place on second reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that this just consolidates all the positions into one document. There are no changes.

**LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 102-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS DURING 2015

Sponsored by: Rex Castle Motion by Douglas, second by Long. Clerk read.

Motion by Hatt to amend to read 2016 instead of 2015 in the body of the legislation, second by Russell. Roll to amend: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes.

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

RESOLUTION 103-16 A RESOLUTION DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS Sponsored by: Rex Castle. Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

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

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

**ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 104-16 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO SELL PROPERTY UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES VIA INTERNET AUCTION Sponsored by: Trint Hatt Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read. Mayor Closser shared that he had spoken with Law Director Siddiqi about this resolution. The resolution gives them the authority to sell the equipment, but it doesn't mean it has to be sold. The resolution doesn't have to be amended in order for the departments to do an internal equipment transfer.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

**ROUND TABLE:**

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilwoman Long thanked everyone for coming in this evening. She also thanked all the city employees whose jobs require them to work outside in the cold.

Councilman Minner said "Ditto to that".

Councilwoman Russell thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He apologized to the department heads for not making them aware that the finance committee had been cancelled. He reminded that the next meeting is February 15.

Mr. Kavy shared that Board of Public Utility meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30.

President Hitt thanked everyone for coming in this evening. She also thanked that Mayor for the direction the city is taking and approved of his appointment of Joe Mosier as the new safety service director.

**ADJOURN:** Motion on Councilman Minner to adjourn.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Hitt, Council President