

February 4, 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.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Castle informed that the finance committee has been rescheduled from February 15 to Wednesday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Douglas reported on the Board of Public Utilities meeting. A driver accidentally damaged a gate which will be replaced. The board is looking into possibly purchasing trash bags from another company. The trash bid comes up in a couple of weeks.

Councilman Peters informed that the next public service meeting is Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m.

President Hitt reiterated the meetings: finance – February 10, 6:00 p.m.; Public safety-February 18; public service – February 11.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor Closser informed that the OML training is February 27 in Dublin from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He encouraged all council members to attend. The city will pay the registration fee.

Administration is looking into improving the city's WIFI and getting a better understand of the internet provider.

Mayor Closser is working with Law Director Siddiqi in removing the charity donation bins around London. They want to make sure everything is done properly.

Mayor Closser explained that he wants to proceed with moving city offices into the old primary building and has put together a city properties' committee and would like council's approval of those appointed this evening. Committee members are: Richard Minner, Rex Castle, Jason Schwaderer, Chuck Duvall, and Bill Long. The committee will serve to year terms. Mr. Duvall's and Mr. Long's terms will expire at the end of the 2016. This will split up the term expirations so the committee can run efficiently without all five members being appointed at the same time in the future.

The committee will look at all the city's real properties. He asked that this be approved after the legislation is passed.

He invited all council members to attend all meetings, especially the first one where they will be touring the primary building on February 17.

He asked council to suspend resolution 107-16 creating this city properties committee.

Mayor Closser informed that there have been a lot of meetings with existing business owners and potential new owners. He will keep everyone updated on developments.

He also shared that recreation director Tony Brake will be resigning March 6th. He thanked Mr. Brake for his hard work and the great deal of work he put into organizing the department.

Administration is working with Mr. Adkins to get the position posted as quickly as possible.

He thanked the Columbus Dispatch for the great article put in their paper regarding London. It shows the growing excitement within the city. He noted that he still loves the local papers!

Councilman Castle asked about the problem with having the donation bins removed.

Mayor Closser shared that there currently is an ongoing court hearing case against a city that tried to remove the bins.

Councilman Castle felt that those responsible for the bins should be charged for us picking up their trash.

Councilman Minner felt the property owners should be responsible for trash pickup. If they city has to do it, then the property owners should be billed.

City auditor, Nick Szabo, noted that he passed out February financial reports to council members. He also shared that he has interview five outstanding individuals for the payroll position for the auditor's office. He will make a decision tomorrow for the hiring of the position.

Mr. Bill Long informed that Madison Health donated \$69,000 to the Madison Emergency Squad district to purchase three new monitoring devices. The squad purchased an additional one for a total of four.

Madison Emergency Squad would like council to prepare a proclamation publicly thanking Madison Health for their generous donation.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 101-16 AN ORDINANCE FOR STRENGTHS ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS Sponsored by: Rex Castle. Motion by Peters to place on third reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read. Motion by Hatt to adopt, second by Russell. Roll to adopt: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes.

ADOPTED.

AMENDED RESOLUTION 102-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS DURING 2016 Sponsored by: Rex Castle Motion by Peters to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. Sponsored by: Rex Castle Motion by Russell to place on second reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

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

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

ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 105-16 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO SELL PROPERTY UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES VIA INTERNET AUCTION Sponsored by: Trint Hatt Councilman Hatt explained that this vehicle was overlooked by the Police Chief and just needs to be added to the list of items to be sold via the internet auction.

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

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

RESOLUTION 106-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY Sponsored by: Rex Castle Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Castle. Clerk read.

Mayor Closser informed that it's time to renew the housing revolving loan agreement.

Councilwoman Russell explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This program allows for families in lower income neighborhoods to make home improvements. Businesses meeting certain criteria may also qualify for CDBG funding.

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

Motion by Russell to adopt, second by Castle. Roll to adopt: Hatt, no; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 107-16 A RESOLUTION CREATING THE CITY PROPERTIES COMMITTEE Sponsored by: Rex Castle Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

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

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

Mayor Closser informed that they have begun the bidding process for the water treatment plant. There were a lot of companies represented at the pre-bid meeting. Bids will be opened February 18 at 3:00 p.m. He expects at least six to eight bids.

President Hitt read over the Mayor's proposed list of members for the city properties committee: Richard Minner, Rex Castle, Jason Schwaderer, Chuck Duvall, and Bill Long.

All council members were in favor of the appointees by responding "aye".

ROUND TABLE

Councilman Hatt wished Auditor Szabo a happy birthday

He thanked everyone for the quick, efficient meeting.

Councilman Castle thanked all for coming in this evening.

He reminded of every one of the finance committee meeting on February 10th. Expenditure information is needed from department heads for the meeting.

Councilwoman Russell thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Minner thanked Mayor Closser for moving forward with the property committee

Councilwoman Long thanked everyone for coming in.

Councilman Peters thanked everyone for coming in. He said he is excited about the new property committee. He reminded everyone of the public service next Thursday, February 11, 6:00 pm.

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in.

ADJOURN: Motion by Hatt to adjourn.