

March 2, 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 CALL:** Trint Hatt, present; Rex Castle, present; Brenda Castle, present; Dick Minner, present; Lora Long, present; Josh Peters, present; Megan Douglas, absent.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Ordinance No. 112-17 is scheduled a public hearing March 16. Ordinance No. 116-17 is scheduled for a public hearing April 6.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS:** Mr. Doug Pyles, 323 Bishop Drive, London, addressed council. He reminded council that the people of London elected them to represent the best interest of the residents! He shared that he received a printout from the city auditor's office for the BPU's 2016 income and expenses. The printout reflects a \$110,000 carry profit, yet the BPU claims a \$200,000 loss. He asked where council was getting there information from.

The proposal is only raising money and has nothing to do with workers compensation claims. He suggested getting rid of bags, go with carts, and have one driver on a truck.

He also suggested seeking bids from outside providers as maybe the city can't afford their own service. He shared that West Jefferson's service picks up everything so residents don't have to try to make it to the dump on a Saturday.

He asked that council prove the loss claimed by the BPU.

President Hitt thanked Mr. Pyles for coming in and bringing this information to council's attention.

He said that there is a surplus and that the encumbrances of \$43,000 are set aside to pay bills.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Castle attended the city properties meeting. They reviewed current agenda items.

The remodeling bid for primary building should be coming soon.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m., in council chambers.

The next finance committee meeting is Monday, March 13, 6:00 p.m., in council chambers.

Councilwoman Russell attended the tax incentive review council meeting.

President Hitt congratulated the police department on a perfect LEAD auditor.

Councilman Peters reported that the next public service meeting is Thursday, March 9, 6:00 p.m.

The next public safety meeting is Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Safety Service Director Joe Mosier reported that the next planning commission meeting may be moved to Wednesday. Everyone will be notified later of the date.

Auditor Szabo reported that his office is going through the state auditor process.

Mr. Stan Kavy, BPU, apologized for having to cancel their last meeting. He gave a report on the water plant and tower progress.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:** Mayor Pat Closser gave this administrative report at this time. (attached)

**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 106-17 SPONSORED BY: LORA LONG AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES..... Motion by Long to place on third reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.  
**LEFT ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING.**

ORDINANCE 110-17 Sponsored by: Lora Long AN ORDINANCE FOR STRENGTHS ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS Motion by Russell to place on third reading, second by Long. Clerk read.

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

ORDINANCE 112-17 Sponsored By: Planning Commission AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP Motion by Long to place on third reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. A public hearing is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**LEFT ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING.**

ORDINANCE 116-17 Sponsored by: Megan Douglas AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1060, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LONDON (attachment) Motion by Peters to place on second reading, second by Long. Clerk read. A public hearing is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Castle requested that Mr. Leavitt be asked to redo his worksheet to incorporate the new prices.

Mr. Kavy said he'd ask him.

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

RESOLUTION 117-17 Sponsored by: Rex Castle STRONGLY OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET, WHICH PROPOSES CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF NET PROFIT TAX RETURNS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WHICH WILL CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF OHIO MUNICIPALITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Motion by Long to place on second reading, second by Minner. Clerk read.

Mayor Closser commented that this is the first "domino" to take over our collection of taxes. It asked that council please pass so he can send this along with his letter. "A lot of people are upset and should be! The Ohio Municipal League may get involved and fight it."

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

Motion to suspend failed.  
**LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 118-17 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (attachment) Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. Councilwoman Russell explained that this is the yearly review and recommendation of the tax incentive review council.

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

RESOLUTION 119-17 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read

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

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

**ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 120-17 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. Mr. Mosier reminded that the city has their own equipment now. He asked that council suspend this so they proceed in purchasing the spray.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 121-17 Sponsored by: Trint Hatt A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OHIOCHECKBOOK.COM Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Minner. Clerk read. Councilman Hatt explained that the state auditor started this over a year ago and it's been very successful. The website is very simple and user friendly. This keeps cities transparent with their budgets. West Jefferson and Plain City are two of 280 cities that are currently on this website.

State auditor representatives will be at the March 13 finance committee meeting to explain the website.

Councilman Castle added that the city exports the information. It's just another checklist and will be very beneficial to the city.

Auditor Szabo said that this was discussed early last year. "I will give my thoughts on it at the finance committee meeting."

**ROUND TABLE:** Councilman Peters thanked Mr. Pyles for coming this evening and sharing his concerns. He hoped that he'll be back for the public hearing.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He reminded Mr. Kavy about getting the report from Mr. Leavitt.

Mr. Kavy responded that he will have the worksheet emailed to Mr. Castle to edit. Mr. Leavitt returns from vacation March 14.

**ADJOURN:** Councilwoman Long motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Hitt, Council President