

March 3, 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 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 previous meeting were approved as received.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Gary Long, CH2MHill, addressed council. He gave an update on the east water treatment satellite plant. He passed out a copy of the bids. Building Crafts was awarded the job.

He also went over the preparation for the loan and indicated that the loan should be around 1.95% and could be as low as 1.45%. The deadline is March 31.

He hoped the project will start early summer and will take about 1 1/2 years to complete. If all goes well, the plant should be online late 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Hatt announced that the next public safety meeting is Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Castle attended the city project committee meeting yesterday. The committee is in its "infancy" stage collecting data and accessing building. Another meeting has not been scheduled yet.

The finance committee will meet Wednesday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Minner and Councilwoman Long attended community center meeting.

Councilman Peters announced that the next public service meeting is March 10, 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Douglas attended and reported on the BPU meeting.

President Hitt reiterated the committee meetings: finance-March 9; public safety meeting-March 8; and public service-March 10.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor Closser announced that he appointed Safety Service Director Joe Mosier to the Ohio Public Works Commission. He also appointed him as the flood plain administrator so they can get moving forward on Jacqueline Drive. Once the flood plain survey is completed, residents will be happy to be able to drop flood insurance and the houses will be easier to sell.

Mayor Closser shared that Mr. Mosier hired Tammy Braskett as the recreation director.

He gave an update on the condemned East High Street building. After the final utilities inspection is complete, they will be able to tear the building down.

Administration is looking into expanding the IP internet service and updating the website.

They are also meeting with the Madison County Parks and Trails group to discuss the sale of the old tile mill to the county.

Administration has contact the courts to see about utilizing community service workers to help out around the city.

Mayor Closser read a letter from Amy Marsh, assistant tax director. She shared that they've had 60 residents have filled out the exception form so far and their comments have been positive. She thanked council for passing the legislation.

Mayor Closser shared that a wide load truck ripped up a portion of the old railroad track on South Main Street. He is hoping that Norfolk will be making repairs soon.

Stan Kavy, member of the board of public utilities asked council to consider accepting the water treatment plant contract bid at their next meeting. The legislation will need to be suspended and voted on to meet the March 31st deadline.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 108-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT (attachment)
Sponsored by: Trint Hatt. Motion by Hatt to place on second reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

Councilman Hatt Trent shared that Elite FTS.com Inc. tax incentive request is being wholeheartedly supported.

Mayor Closser shared that he spoke with Law Director Siddiqi about moving forward on this. There has not been any "push back" on this request and there have only been positive comments on social media. There's no reason to have it go three readings.

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

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

ADOPTED.

PROCLAMATION LONDON CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES MADISON HEALTH FOR ITS DONATION TO THE MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISTRICT. Sponsored by: Lora Long. Motion by Russell to place on second reading, second by Castle. Clerk read. President Hitt suggested leaving on second reading for more public exposure of their generous donation.

LEFT ON 2ND READING.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 113-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Sponsored by Rex Castle Motion by Castle to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

President Hitt explained that the auditor had not received the invoice dated May 15, 2016. The company is being gracious by not charging interest, but would like to be paid.

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

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

ROUND TABLE

Councilman Castle reminded that the next finance meeting is March 9, 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in this evening. She also thanked administration for working on the website.

ADJOURN: Motion by Russell to adjourn.