

**March 17, 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, absent; Lora Long, present; Josh Peters, present; Megan Douglas, present.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Hitt asked council members to consider using some of their funds to purchase new flags. Many of the downtown flags are very worn. Council has \$1300 in their budget. Administration is looking into flag prices. Council approved purchasing new eight new flags.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Hatt had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Castle reported that the finance committee met March 9 and discussed capital expenditures.

The next finance committee meeting is April 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwomen Russell attended the public service meeting.

Councilwoman Long attended the public safety meeting.

Councilman Peters reported on public service meeting and gave an update of recreation department activities.

The next public service meeting is April 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Douglas attended the historic review committee meeting, public safety and board of zoning appeals.

President Hitt listed the committee meeting dates: public safety-April 12, 7:00 p.m.; finance-April 18, 6:00 p.m.; public service-April 14, 7:00 p.m. and city properties-March 30, 7:00 p.m.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:** Mayor Pat Closser updated council members and those present on what administration has been working on and accomplishments. (Update attached.)

Mayor Closser reminded everyone that London Ohio Government Services and London Parks and Recreation are on Facebook. He can also be followed on Facebook and Twitter.

Councilman Hatt inquired asked if the county has been hoarding the \$600,000 received from the OPWC. (See attached report)

Mayor Closser said he can provide a print out of who receives the money in the county.

Councilman Peters noted that the flag at the pool needs to be replaced too.

Councilman Castle asked about the donation dumpsters. Stuff is piled higher than the bin on West High Street.

Mayor Closser shared that they had spoken to the West High Street Family Dollar. They don't want the donation bin their either.

Councilman Castle asked what could be done since current legislation doesn't seem to be sufficient to act upon.

Mayor Closser said he'll call the law director to see what else can be done.

Auditor Szabo asked that his office be "kept in the loop" with the water tower project. They have not received recent documents.

Police Chief Nichols reported that the department will be advertising a police officer position in the local papers soon.

Mr. Stan Kavy, board of public utilities, responded to Auditor Szabo's comment about no recent water plant documentation. He said he would double check with Mr. Young, but didn't think that the department had received any bills yet.

Mr. Kavy asked that council please suspend rules for resolution 114-16 so the BPU can enter into a contract for the construction of the satellite water treatment plant.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

PROCLAMATION LONDON CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES MADISON HEALTH FOR ITS DONATION TO THE MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISTRICT. Sponsored by: Lora Long Motion by Peters to place on third reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

Motion by Castle to adopt, second by Russell.

Roll to adopt: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes.

**ADOPTED.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 114-16 Sponsored by Megan Douglas A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT Motion by Double to place on first reading, second by Castle. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Long shared that at the council training session she attended, it was recommended that legislation always go three readings. She realized the importance of the loan agreement, but pointed out that legislation needs to get to council sooner. "We need to start working together a little more."

Mr. Kavy responded that this is the first council meeting since the bid. He explained that the BPU is "under the gun" by the government to get the loan application in. He apologized for the urgency.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 115-16 Sponsored by Richard Minner A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING Motion by Douglas to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

Councilman Peters and Mayor Closser shared that this is the old tile mill property. The county would like to purchase from the city and give part of it to the parks and trails. The property was donated to the city and we can't use it. The sale price is 75% of the appraised valued.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 116-16 Sponsored by Trint Hatt AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LONDON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 Motion by Trint to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

Councilman Hatt explained that these capital improvement expenditures have been recommended by the finance committee.

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

RESOLUTION 117-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained funds from the police department's capital budget will purchase the MARCS equipment. Then, the grant will reimburse the department.

Chief Nichols explained that it is very time sensitive as the paper work is due March 25<sup>th</sup>. They had just received word March 2 that they were awarded the grant. They will get a 45% discount if they can get everything in on time. He explained the process of pricing.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

**ROUND TABLE :**

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Peters thanked everyone for coming in and asked that prayers be sent for Councilman Minner.

Councilwoman Long thanked the Madison Health district for its donation of equipment to the county emergency medical district.

Councilwoman Russel thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He thanked administration for keeping trying to keep on top of the donation bins as they are very unsightly.

Councilman Hatt thanked those coming to finance committee meeting. He asked that everyone please look over the budget for the next meeting.

President Hitt thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Hatt to adjourn.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Hitt, President