

April 7, 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. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS:

Consultant Whitacre Wright addressed council. He explained that Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) funds are available to repair and rehab homes of homeowners with qualifying incomes. The city has previously partnered with the county who has agreed to be the administrator of the grant.

Mr. Wright went over a handout that he passed out to council members. He highly encouraged those eligible to apply for this grant. HUD has requested that all the grant monies be spent. Mr. Mosier has applications.

Connie Newsome, 512 North Main Street, London, addressed council. She asked that a dip in the road in front of her house be repaired. The dip was created when a water line was put in for the Blue Bird facility over two years ago.

She also shared that water lies constantly in a field across the road creating a mosquito haven.

The Blue Bird facility has a no smoking policy so the employees drive across the to the bowling alley parking lot and throw cigarette butts on their property.

Mayor Closser said he would look into all the issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilpersons Hatt, Russell, and Long had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Castle attended the city property committee meeting on March 30. He reported that the committee has met with Mr. Hill. They have been discussing occupancy issues and the overview of the proposed city building.

They feel it's the city's best interest to hire an engineering firm who can determine what needs to be done to facility to get all city departments under one roof.

Councilman Peters reminded that the next public service meeting is April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Douglas attended the Board of Public meetings. She reported that Waste Management doesn't want to pick up trash by strip mall. City council members are invited to attend a tour of the waste water plant on April 21 at 5:00 p.m.

President Hitt listed committee meetings: finance-April 18, 6:00 p.m.; public safety-April 12, 7:00 p.m.; public service-April 15, 6:00 p.m.; city properties committee, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Pat Closser gave an administrative report. (See attached) Of special note, a civil service test will be given May 13, 4:00 p.m. for a police officer entry-level position. Information will be posted on the city website and social media.

Police Chief Nicol reiterated that the posting for the police officer exam and position description will be detailed on Facebook.

Mr. Bill Long reported that new medic vehicle has been received.

Recreation director Tammy Brasket is on her fifth day of the job!

OLD BUSINESS:

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

President Closser explained that this is the 50 acres known as the old tile mill next to the trail. Administration has been in contact with the county. He doesn't know if they plan to move forward with the purchase at this time. He suggested it going three readings, and then pass it. That way, legislation will be already in place once they make a decision and can move forward on this.

LEFT ON 2ND 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 Castle to place on second reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

Councilman Hatt reminded that these are capital budget expenditures recommended by the finance committee.

He explained that after a lot of feedback on the establishment of a North Park, it has been decided to remove \$5,000 from the recreation department until details can be worked out with the homeowner's association.

Councilman Hatt motioned to amend to remove \$5,000 from the recreation department line item, second by Russell. Roll to amend: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes.

Councilman Hatt further explained that it is important to consider passage of the legislation this evening as the street department needs to take advantage of contracting with the street repair company in town now.

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

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

ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 118-16 Sponsored by Trint Hatt A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF LONDON, MADISON COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT Motion by Castle to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read. Councilman Hatt explained that is for micro surface sealing. There is no money involved; only approval is needed.

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

Councilman Hatt noted that the attachment says it's for Resolution 118-16, but it is actually for 120-16. It will need to be amended.

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

ADOPTED.

ORDINANCE 119-16 Sponsored by Trint Hatt AN ORDINANCE VACATING A STREET Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Hatt noted that the home/property owners agreed on the vacation of the alley and are petitioning for its closure.

A public hearing will be held May 19.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

RESOLUTION 120-16 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Motion by Peters to amend the attachment label 118-16 to 120-16, second by Hatt. Roll to amend: Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

RESOLUTION 121-16 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR HAULING OVERWEIGHT AND OVERSIZE LOADS ON ROADS WITHIN THE CITY OF LONDON Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Peters explained that this gives the county engineers permission to issue permits for hauling overweight and oversize loads on roads within the city.

Mayor Eades added that the engineers currently handle it for everyone in the county but London. This will streamline permits for haulers.

Councilman Hatt asked if this relinquishes the city's ability to say yes or no.

Safety Service Director Joe Mosier responded that the city can take issue permits back over.

LEFT ON 1ST READING

RESOLUTION 122-16 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Douglas to place on first reading, second by Peters.

Councilwoman Russell explained that the properties committee has been doing a good job, but it's come to the point where qualified engineers are necessary. She asked that council move on this because the committee is currently at a standstill. She would really like to see all city offices consolidated into one building.

Councilman Hatt shared his concerns that he doesn't oppose going down there, but didn't want to spend \$30,000 and then do nothing. It is the tax payers' money and needs to be spent appropriately.

Councilwoman Russell said that it is a positive move getting all the city offices centrally located. It will save money being able to share job duties. She felt that the building is the best investment the city has made in a long time.

Councilman Peters asked if a survey wasn't already done.

Mayor Closser replied that an ADA survey was conducted. A phase I or II study has never been done on the building. There are original blueprints from the building that should help the architect. He didn't think it would cost the entire \$30,000.

Mr. Jason Schwaderer, previous council member and chairman of the property committee, agreed with Mrs. Russell that the committee is at a standpoint. He shared that once the Request for Proposal (RFP) goes out, the architect firm he works for, will likely bid.

Councilman Minner reminded that the committee meets every two weeks and anyone is welcome to attend.

Councilman Castle agreed that council needs to move on this. City offices need to be modern and centralized instead of in broken down buildings.

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

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 123-16 Sponsored by Rex Castle A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES Motion by Douglas to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Castle explained that this is legislation to put the city's 2.1 mil property tax levy renewal on the November ballot. This will keep the "rollback" in place. If the voters do not pass it, the state's 12.5% "rollback" contribution will no longer apply.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ROUND TABLE:

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

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He reminded everyone of upcoming committee meetings.

Councilman Hatt reminded everyone of the public service meeting Thursday, April 14 at 7:00.

President Hitt commented that the recent Wizard vs. London game was well attended. There was a lot of participation from council and administration. She thanked the organizers for event. It was great for the community.

ADJOURN: Motion by Castle to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Hitt, Council President