

April 21, 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 CALLED ROLL:** 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:** Mr. Darryl Brown and son Nick, addressed council. Mr. Brown noted that April is autism awareness month. He explained that he had met with safety service committee to discuss first responder training for special needs autistic persons. There are many different types of autism and this training will teach them how to deal with various circumstances. Both employee departments agreed to attend the training.

Nick Brown, a senior of London high school, read a statement to council members and audience. He enjoys baseball, volley ball, track and golf with the special Olympic teams. He invited everyone to attend the Madison County Tiger Special Olympic vs London fire and police departments in a volleyball game next Thursday, April 28.

He thanked council members for helping to make everyone aware of autism with the city resolution. More aware of autism makes life better for everyone.

Mayor Pat Closser will be officiating the game.

Mayor Closser presented a proclamation to Mr. Brown and family.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Councilman Hatt reported on the public safety meeting. He appreciated the opportunity for the police and fire departments to attend a special training for first responders.

The next public safety meeting is May 10, 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Castle attended the April 13 city properties meeting. The thanked council for their support to move forward with the RFP (request for proposal) for the old primary building. RFP's will be available at the next city property's meeting for review.

Next city property's meeting is April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Castle explained that the next step will be to submit legislation to contract with the architect company chosen

He asked that council consider suspending rules on Resolution No. 126-16 so roof repairs can be made to the former primary school building. It needs to be taken care of before there is more damage.

Councilman Hatt felt it would be beneficial for the city to consider having an "open checkbook" for the public's review. The state treasurer currently has a website. Participating cities can be viewed.

Councilwoman Russell asked council consider suspending rules for Resolution No. 127-16 so the picnic tables can purchased. The funds are coming from the parks and playground fund. The parks are in need of new tables.

The next finance committee meeting is scheduled for May 16, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Minner attended city properties committee meeting.

Councilwoman Long attended safety service and finance committee meetings.

Councilman Peters reported on the public service committee meeting.

He also reported on the recreation committee meeting. Youth volley ball and adult softball sign up underway. The recreation department received a \$30,000 State of Ohio grant for the pool.

The next public service meeting is Thursday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Douglass attended the public service meeting and toured the waste water treatment plan.

The next board of public utilities meeting is Thursday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.

#### **CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

Mayor Pat Closser thanked Mr. & Mrs. Brown and sons for coming in this evening. They are true leaders of the community. He thanked them for reaching out to administration and first responders.

Mayor Closser gave administrative report. (see attached.)

Councilman Castle asked about the water line repair on Stump Lane. Repairs made last year are starting to erode.

Mayor Closser said a list of repairs around the city is being made so the work can be scheduled together.

He is hoping that the city will be awarded a grant to install sidewalks and road repair to Park Avenue.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mayor Closser suggested council pass this. Once this legislation is passed, the city will be in a position to act right away once the county makes a final decision on the purchase of the old mill property.

Councilman Minner said he would still like to see the property sold if the county decides not to purchase it.

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

ORDINANCE 119-16 Sponsored by Trint Hatt AN ORDINANCE VACATING A STREET Motion by Castle to place on second reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read. A public hearing is scheduled for the May 19 city council meeting.

#### **LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 second reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. This gives Safety Service Director Mosier permission to participate in the ODOT cooperative purchasing program for equipment, materials and supplies.

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

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

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 Megan to place on second reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. **LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING.**

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 Peters to place on second reading, second by Castle. Clerk read. Councilman Castle reminded everyone of the importance of passing the levy so the city does not lose the "roll back". **LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 124-16 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM Motion by Castle to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read. Councilman Peters shared that this is time sensitive as Safety Service Director Mosier need to contact ODOT tomorrow to participate in the program. No competitive bidding is required.

Motion by Peter's to suspend rules, second by Minner. Roll to suspend: Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, no; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes.

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

RESOLUTION 125-16 Sponsored by: Trint Hatt A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH Motion by Peters to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Councilman Hatt noted that administration did a nice proclamation and he felt it was important for city council do this resolution. He read the last paragraph. He also wished the Tiger good luck and to be the London City team next Thursday!

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

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

RESOLUTION 126-16 Sponsored by: Dick Minner A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Douglas to place on first reading, second by Peters.. Clerk read. Council Minner said that the roof needs fixed as soon as possible on the community center.

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

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

RESOLUTION 127-16 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS (attachment) Motion by Castle to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Councilwoman Castle explained that this is for new picnic tables at Cowling and Bicentennial parks. The tables are \$500.00 compared to the original cost of \$1,000.

Mayor Closser added that there will be eight picnic tables at Cowling Park and two at the Bicentennial Park. He thanked Bob Richardson for making contact with this company. The tables were almost half the price originally quoted from another company.

He asked that council to suspend the rules so the table can be purchased and placed in the parks for Memorial Day.

Motion by Peters to suspend rules, second by Castle. Roll to suspend: Long, no; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes.

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

RESOLUTION 128-16 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Peters to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Mayor Closser explained that this has been an issue for some time. Bill Long was able to locate where the pipe was collapsed and broken. It is the city's responsibility to repair it.

Mr. Long added that Taco Bell has already spent a lot of money trying to repair it and confirmed that it is the city's problem.

Motion by Castle to suspend rule, 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.**

#### **ROUND TABLE :**

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in this evening. She is also looking forward to the volley ball game next Thursday! She thanked the city's first responders for agreeing to participate in the training for special needs individuals.

Councilwoman Long thanked the Brown family for coming in this evening and hoped to watch the game next Thursday.

Councilman Minner thanked council and administration for working as a team moving forward on getting things done in the city.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

He reminded everyone of the upcoming property's committee meeting on April 27 and the finance committee meeting on May 16.

Councilman Hatt thanked the Brown's for coming in this evening and commended Nick Brown on his speech.

He reminded everyone of the May 10 public safety meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Castle to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters, second by Hatt. Roll call: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes.

**REGULAR MEETING:** Motion by Castle to reconvene their regular meeting, second by Hatt. Roll call: Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes.

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

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Hitt, President