

June 15, 2017

President Joe Russell called the regular meeting of the London City Council to order. He 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: President Russell read communication from Mayor Closser announcing that Zahid Siddiqi, has been appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals as of June 1st. Mr. Siddiqi replaced Mr. Russell. Council members were in favor of the appointment by responding "aye"

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCE 135-17 Motion by Councilman Hatt to adjourn to public hearing, second by Councilman Castle. Roll: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes Hatt, yes.

There was no discussion.

Motion by Hatt to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting, second by Castle. Roll: Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes Hatt, yes; Castle, yes.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Castle attended the finance committee meeting. The auditor is requesting funds to hire a part-time employee as a Debbie Long will be retiring in September.

The street department is buying a new mower.

Also discussed at the meeting was ways to save money by retrofitting street lights with LED lights. First Energy is offering incentives to make the switch.

The next finance committee meeting is Monday, July 10th.

Mayor Closser added that finance committee meetings will be held the first Monday after city council meetings.

Councilwomen Russell and Long also attended the finance committee meeting.

Councilman Peters attended the public service meeting. The street department has been busy mowing, duro-patching, weed spraying, and working on road repairs.

The recreation department had the pool ready to open Memorial Day weekend.

The next meeting is July 13th.

The next public safety meeting is June 20th.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Closser gave his administrative update.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 135-17 SPONSORED BY: TRINT HATT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1244 OF THE ZONING CODE Motion by Castle to place on fourth reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

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

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 139-17 SPONSORED BY: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW FOR INTEGRATED PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEMS. Motion by Russell to place on second reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained this is for new computer software for the police department.

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

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

ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 140-17 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$112,000 EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION BONDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Castle to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Councilman Castle explained that this is for the skid steer and front end loader for the street department.

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

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

ADOPTED.

ORDINANCE 141-17 Sponsored by: Planning Commission AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (attachment 1) (attachment 2) Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. A public hearing is scheduled for July 20th.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ORDINANCE 142-17 Sponsored by: Planning Commission AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (attachment 1) (attachment 2) Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. A public hearing is scheduled for July 20th.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

RESOLUTION 143-17 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Councilman Castle explained that this is necessary to mow unkempt properties. Mr. Castle felt it is necessary to shorten up the length of time before the city can move in and mow these properties before they look like "forests". Quite a few are bank owned or landlords don't live around London.

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

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 144-17 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Councilman Castle explained that the auditor would like to hire a part-time employee to be trained by a tenured employee retiring in September.

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

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

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 145-17 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION RESTRICTING THE WEIGHT LIMIT ON THE PARK AVENUE BRIDGE (attachment) Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

Councilman Peters explained that ODOT approached the city about placing a weight limit sign, allowing the city to enforce it.

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

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

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 146-17 Sponsored by: Trint Hatt A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

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

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

ADOPTED.

ROUND TABLE:

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Castle thanked the street department's mowing crew! They did a "top notch" job mowing the areas around the swimming pool for the swim meeting.

The meet was very well attended.

The next finance committee meeting is July 10th.

The next safety committee meeting is June 20th.

ADJOURN: Motion by Hatt to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Joe Russell, Council President