

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 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:

Motion by Castle to adjourn to public hearing for Ordinance No. 141-17, second by Peters. Roll: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes.

This is for the rezoning of land for the hospital's use. There was no discussion.

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

Motion by Castle to adjourn to public hearing for Ordinance No. 142-17, second by Russell. Roll: Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes.

This is for the rezoning of land for the hospital's use. There was no discussion.

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

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Mr. Mike (Chris) Cox, 227 Stewart Avenue, London, addressed council. He informed that he has started up a new cab business in town, Crazy Cab. He officially started July 10. He is looking to get his name out there.

Mayor Closser wished him good luck as there is definitely a need for this type of service in town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Council Castle attended the June 10th finance committee meeting. They meet with representatives to replace the auditor's financial software. The auditor reported that they are waiting back to hear from the state on the historical revitalization fund.

The finance committee meetings are always scheduled for the first Monday after the first council meeting of the month. The next council meeting is August 7, 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.

Councilman Castle also attended city properties meeting. Bids were reviewed for the old primary building. All bids came in higher than council approved funds for. There are items on the lists that can be whittled down decreasing the costs.

The committee also discussed the old state garage. The OEPA needs to conduct soil samplings to make sure the area is not contaminated.

The plans are to have street and fire departments share the garage.

The next city properties meeting is August 23, 7:00 p.m. in council chambers.

Councilwoman Long attended the finance, properties, and public services meetings.

Councilman Peters attended the public services meeting. He reported that new playground equipment and grills are being installed at Cowling Park.

The pool will be closed August 16 for the season. Life guards go back to college. The pool actually loses money only being open on the weekends.

The next public service meeting is August 10th.

Councilwoman Douglas attended the Board of Public Utilities meeting.

The next public safety meeting is August 15th.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Pat Closser gave is administrative updated at this time. He announced that Bill Long will be retiring from the city at the end of this month.

President Russell thanked Mr. Long for his service with the city and congratulated him on his retirement.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 141-17 Sponsored by: Planning Commission AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (attachment 1) (attachment 2) Motion by Castle to place on 3rd reading, second by Minner. Clerk read.

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

ADOPTED.

ORDINANCE 142-17 Sponsored by: Planning Commission AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (attachment 1) (attachment 2) Motion by Long to place on third reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

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

ADOPTED.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 147-17 ODOT RESURFACING PROJECT Motion by Russell to place on second reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Councilman Peters explained that this for the resurfacing project on Rt. 38 and 42 through London. The city's cost is \$113,720.

Councilman Castle asked if there is going to be any change in traffic patterns.

Safety Service Director Mosier replied that only stripping would be different.

Mayor Closser added that they had discussed in committees having something like West Jefferson. It would be too dangerous for London to do this as our side streets and our main intersection are much busier.

LEFT ON 2ND READING

ORDINANCE 148-17 Sponsored by: Joe Russell AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 874 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Motion by Hatt to place on second reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Mayor Closser explained that additional wording allows the city to decline them employment, depending on their background check.

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

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

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 149-17 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Motion by Hatt to place on second reading, second by Peters. Clerk read.

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

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

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 150-17 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT. Motion by Hatt to place on second reading, second by Minner. Clerk read.

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

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

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 151-17 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Russell to place on second reading, second b Douglas. Clerk read.

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

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

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 152-17 Sponsored by: Trint Hatt A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Russell to place on second reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

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

ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 153-17 Sponsored by: Joe Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Russell to place on second reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

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

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

ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 154-17 Sponsored by: Trint Hatt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 434 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read. This amendment will change the city's ordinance to "mirror" the state's legislation increasing the penalty to 10 years from six.

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

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

ADOPTED

ROUND TABLE:

Councilman Hatt reminded that the next safety committee meeting is August 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in.

He also thanked the BPU for taking the burden off citizens due to all the rain. It's been very devastating for many have to pitch ruin items. It has been very helpful not charging for additional bags.

He recommended residents to purchase diverter valve in their sewer lines.

He also wondered if it would be beneficial to clean streams again as it's been about 10 years.

The next finance committee meeting is August 8 and the next city properties meeting is August 23.

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in and gave her condolences to the Carol Daniels family. She was a wonderful woman and an outstanding community leader.

Late arrival, Charles Reece, 237 Jacqueline Drive, addressed council with an audience concern. He reported that numerous cars were lost on Jacqueline Drive with the current rains. They were given no warning that the storm was coming, yet the police and fire departments were on the street.

President Russel thanked him for coming in and that the flooding issues have been discussed.

ADJOURN: Motion by President Russell to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Joe Russell, Council President