

August 4, 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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Megan Douglas attended the Board of Public Utilities meeting.

Councilwoman Brenda Russell attended the city properties meeting.

Councilman Rex Castle attended the city properties meeting. The committee is looking into more repairs that may need to be made in the old primary building.

He shared that the next city properties meeting is August 17 at 7:00 p.m. and the next finance meeting is August 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hatt informed that the next public safety meeting is August 9 at 7:00 p.m.

President Hitt announced that the next public service meeting is August 11 at 6:00 p.m.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:** Safety Service Director Joe Mosier reported that the fire truck, the department is looking into buying, is still available for viewing. He said it is a very impressive piece of equipment. It would be a good investment for the city in protecting properties.

He reminded everyone of the Jazz and Rib festival this weekend and that the Mayor will be at the dunk tank.

Mr. Mosier shared that he and Mayor Closser have been meeting with other mayors around the county and the Commissioners. They have been working cooperatively on putting together grant requests that will best suit the entire county and utilize the entire amounts. He will be delivering the grant applications tomorrow.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE 134-16 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,550,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATING AND IMPROVING AN EXISTING FACILITY FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, INCLUDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME; AND ACQUIRING LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THERETO; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS Sponsored by: Rex Castle. Motion by Hatt to place on third reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. Councilman Castle reminded that this is to request bonds to fund work needed at the old primary building. The properties committee is still working on this determining what else needs to be done in the building before this can be finalized. He asked that it be left on it's third reading.

**LEFT ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING.**

RESOLUTION NO. 140-16 A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LONDON'S CAPITAL NEEDS Sponsored by: Rex Castle. Motion by Russel to place on second reading, second by Castle. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that this is moving money into the fire department's capital fund to allow them to purchase a new fire truck. Bids will be opened August 12.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 141-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION ASSESSING THE COSTS OF THE REMOVAL OF HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that this is to cover the costs of mowing properties around town that are not being taken care of. The city will re-coop the costs through accessing the property owners' taxes.

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

RESOLUTION 142-16 Sponsored by Rex Castle A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that there was a breakdown in communication. This company had not been informed that another company was chosen and had started work for the city. He saw no reason to delay their pay.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 143-16 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION INCREASING AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Castle to place on first reading, second by Peters. Clerk read. Councilman Peters explained that this \$3,000 needs to be transferred to pay for the mowing of unkempt lawns.

Councilman Castle suggested that at budget time, more money be added to this account instead of having to transfer in the middle of the year. Historically, money has to be transferred.

He reminded that administration was going to follow up with the exact amount needed.

Safety Service Director Mosier noted that it has the emergency clause so they can get started right away, instead of waiting 30 days to enact.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 144-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LONDON'S CAPITAL NEEDS (attachment) Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Castle. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that the street department discovered more work is necessary on the East High Street storm, sewer line than anticipated. He shared that Nate Ernst, department head, hopes that it will cost less.

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

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

**ROUND TABLE:**

Councilman Castle commented that along with yards needing mowed, there are quite a few disable vehicles around town. There's one in his neighborhood located in a cul-de-sac, making it difficult to maneuver around it.

He asked that Mayor Closser give the Police Chief a little "push" to get these cars off the streets.

Councilwoman Russell thanked everyone for coming in this evening. She also wanted to assure residents administration is working on removing disposable bins in front of the Family Dollar store. Removing them ended up being a lot more complicated than anticipated. Everyone is aware that they are quite the "eye sore" and are working on removing them. She just wanted everyone to know that the city has not "dropped the ball" on this.

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming this evening.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Douglas to adjourn the meeting.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Hitt, Council President