

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: Henry Comer, present; Rex Castle, absent; Brenda Russell, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, present; Josh Peters, present; Anthony Smith, present.

Police Chief Nicol addressed council. He explained that they do not normally swear new hires in front of council, but he appreciated the cooperation city council and the civil service commission gave the department. They are now able to send people to the academy and hire them without certification.

Mayor Pat Closser swore in Thomas Wilson, II "Reggie" and Venance Emler as new London Police Officers.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Smith attended the public safety committee meeting. He reported for police and fire departments. Chief Eades has gone over plans for urgent care. The department participate in the "Madison County night out". They will be flushing out hydrants.

Police Chief Nicol had discussed the two candidates, sworn in this evening, at the meeting.

Mr. Smith reported that planning and zoning permits are up. Maronda Homes is planning future development. Day Village is looking to put in apartments over by Keny Boulevard.

Councilman Peters attended the public service meeting. He reported that the street department is leasing the old ODOT building, free of cost, until the state figures out everything and gets deed to us.

The department has been cleaning streets and helped with the Rib & Jazz festival.

The pool closes Tuesday.

The dog park and the horse show pits are almost completed.

They are trying to wrap up softball season. Youth volleyball registration is underway. Repairs are being made in the community center before volleyball starts.

The next meeting is September 13, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hitt attended the safety committee meeting. He also attended the Madison County Night Out at Cowling Park. There were about 300 people on hand. A great demonstration was given with the department's K-9 patrol Ygor attacking the Mayor in the padded suit.

The state auditor approved a line item budget the police department trust fund. There is one more position open in the department to go through CSC testing.

The next public safety committee meeting is September 11.

Mr. Hitt reported that they discussed new budgets coming up and how to review and negotiate them. The auditor went over reports and sanitation type issues were discussed.

Councilman Hays attended finance committee meeting. A Rumpke representative presented a lot of information to help the city make good decisions.

Councilwoman Russell attended public service and finance committee meetings.

Councilman Comer attended the public service and finance committee meetings.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Closser gave his administrative report at this time. (attached)

He congratulated Reggie Wilson and Venessa Emler on their appointments.

Mayor Closser encouraged council members to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for "Access Cowling/Noah's playground on Friday, August 24, 12:30 at Cowling Park.

He shared that today is his 10-year wedding anniversary to Missy and publicly thanked her for being his rock all these years.

Joe Mosier, safety service director, announced the following meeting times: property – August 22, 7:00; finance – September 10, 6:00; public safety – tentatively 9/11; and public service 9/13, 6:00 p.m.

Lora Long, city auditor, invited everyone to the finance meeting. Brian Carter, from Fifth 3rd Bank, will present to discuss possible investments.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 159-18 Sponsored by: Josh Peters AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO ODOT RESURFACING PORTIONS OF RT. 42 Motion by Comer to place on first reading, second by Smith. Clerk read.

Councilman Peters explained that ODOT needs to start to bid process to resurface portions of Rt. 42.

Motion by Peters to suspend the rules, second by Comer. Roll to suspend: Russell, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Peters, yes; Smith, yes; Comer, yes. **SUSPENDED**

Motion by Hays to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll: Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Peters, yes; Smith, yes; Comer, yes; Russell, yes. **ADOPTED**

ORDINANCE 160-18 Sponsored by: Andrew Hitt AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1244 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Motion by Hitt to place on first reading, second by Hays. Clerk read.

Councilman Hitt explained that this is a time frame change for public hearing notices, by the Board of Zoning Appeals, because the Messenger only comes out once a week.

Motion by Hitt to suspend second by Hays. Roll to suspend: Hitt, yes; Peters, yes; Smith, yes; Comer, yes; Russell, yes; Hays, yes. **SUSPENDED**

Motion by Russell to adopt, second by Hitt. Roll to adopt: Peters, yes; Smith, yes; Comer, yes; Russell, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes. **ADOPTED.**

ROUND TABLE

Councilman Comer thanked everyone for coming in this morning. He congratulated Chief Nicols for his two new officers.

Councilman Hays thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He congratulated the two new officers.

He congratulated Mayor Closser on his 10-year wedding anniversary.

Councilman Hitt congratulated the new police officers and Mayor Closser.

Councilman Smith congratulated the Police Chief with his new hires and Mayor Closser.

He shared that great process is being made during committee meetings.

President Russell gave a “shout out” to the officer who stopped by at 4:00 a.m. to let him know he left his vehicle’s lights on. “It was above and beyond!”

He congratulated Chief Nicole with his new hires.

ADJOURN: Mrs. Russell motioned for adjournment.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Joseph Russell, Council President