

President Jennifer Hitt called the regular meeting to order. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

**PRESIDENT 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:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Hatt announced that the date change for the public safety committee is Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Castle attended the city properties committee meeting.

The next finance committee meeting is October 24, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Peters announced that the next public service meeting is October 13, 6:00 p.m.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

Mayor Pat Closser addressed council with the administrative update. He gave his condolences to Shirley Litchfield and family.

Councilwoman Lora Long asked if the Republican Party will be given an opportunity to choose a candidate for the treasurer position.

Mayor Closser said that they would. Mr. Schwaderer's appointment was an interim emergency appointment. The timing of his appointment didn't fit into the Republican Party's meeting dates. They will be advertising for and picking a candidate for the position.

Councilman Minner asked if Mr. Schwaderer is interested in the position.

Mayor Closser replied that he is and would be a great person for the job. He also thanked Auditor Szabo for giving Mr. Schwaderer a "crash" course and getting his signature on the bank card so business could continue as usual.

Mayor Closser asked for a voice vote for his board appointments: Jason Schwaderer, treasurer effective 10/5/16 ; Joseph Russell, board of zoning appeals, effective 10/5/16 and ending 12/31/17 (replace Steve Douglas) ; Robert Zabloudil , board of zoning appeals, effective 10/15/16 ending 12/31/2020 (replacing Jason Schwaderer).

Council members were in favor of appointments by responding "aye".

Safety Service Director Joe Mosier gave shared that some of the CDBG grant money received by the recreation department will be used to purchase new spring loaded playground equipment for Merrimac Park.

Stored, new playground equipment, never used, has been inventoried. For the most part, it's all there, just needs cleaned up.

The company installing the spring loaded equipment has been asked to help with all the ground cover. Hopefully, playground equipment will be installed by the end of the year.

Capital improvement money will be used for improvements to the shelter house.

Mr. Mosier gave an update on the "Access Cowling Park" project. Phase one should be completed by the October 15<sup>th</sup> fund raiser. He encouraged everyone to attend. Any questions about the event can be directed to chairs Amy Reece and Trint Hatt.

The swimming pool has been drained; improvements made, and will be read to fill come spring.

He also shared that the Taco Bell project is done! He thanked everyone involved with the repair work. They all worked very hard to overcome numerous obstacles.

#### **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

#### **TABLED**

Safety Service Director Mosier shared that he and Law Director Ziddiqi will be revising a more current bid package provided by county engineer, Brian Dhume. He hopes to have the bid package ready by the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE 149-16 Sponsored by: Josh Peters PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION (bridge inspection) (attachment) Motion by Castle to place on second reading, second by Russell. President Hitt read. Councilman Peters explained that this is a free service offered by ODOT to inspect our bridges.

#### **LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

RESOLUTION 150-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Long to place on second reading, second by Douglas. Councilman Castle explained that this is necessary to pay for legal services during contract negotiations.

Auditor Szabo indicated that he would appreciate it if this were passed this evening.

Motion by Castle to suspend rules, second by Hatt. Roll to suspend: 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.**

PROCLAMATION LONDON CITY COUNCIL IS PROUD TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER 22, 2016, AS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IN THE CITY OF LONDON. Motion by Peters to place on second reading, second by Douglas. President Hitt read.

Mayor Closser shared that a representative will hopefully be at the next meeting to discuss opportunities to help with.

#### **LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

RESOLUTION 153-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX LEVY Motion by Douglas to place on second reading, second by Peters. Councilman Castle explained that this resolution shows council's support for the levy. The district is a very important part of the city.

#### **LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE NO. 154-16 CONSENT TO LEGISLATION FOR MICROSURFACING Motion by Peters to place on first reading, second by Long. President Hitt read. Councilman Peters explain that this is for micro surfacing from Rt. 29 to Rt. 42, Clark County line. It's just in the planning stages to start next spring. It is a \$2.1 million project. The city's portion will be \$113-\$130,000.

Councilman Hatt asked why the city has to pay if it's the state's project.

Safety Service Director Mosier stated the city has to pay a portion.

Mr. Hatt asked if this was part of the traffic light study last year and if the city has to decide on a lane change.

Mr. Mosier replied that there is a final meeting in November to decide these things.

**LEFT ON 1ST READING.**

RESOLUTION 155-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. President Hitt read. Councilman Castle shared that Auditor Szabo brought this forward at the last finance committee meeting. The general fund is somewhat inflated with a \$100,000 carry over from last year, revenues are up, and expenses are down. It makes good financial sense to pay down some debts.

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

RESOLUTION 156-16 Sponsored by: Lora Long A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ALLEN-CHAMPAIGN-HARDIN-MADISON-SHELBY-UNION JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Councilwoman Long explained that this is just renewing the current plan.

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

ORDINANCE 157-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR PLANTING, MAINTAINING, TRIMMING, AND REMOVING SHADE TREES IN AND ALONG THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF LONDON, ESTIMATING THE COST THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Hatt.

Councilman Castle explained that this is a levy renewal.

Mayor Closser added that John Stahl, tree commission committee, asked that this go three readings.

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

**ROUND TABLE:** Councilwoman Douglas shared her condolences for Shirley Litchfield and family with the passing of her father.

She also thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Minner asked what the status is of renovating the old school.

Mayor Closser explained that the bid packet is being looked at and should be ready by the next meeting. He also shared that the academy received its accreditation and they will be meeting with them tomorrow.

Mr. Minner also asked about the bin on East High Street. He wondered if it wasn't the rental agency unloading old furniture.

Mayor Closser said they have placed no dumping signs and are installing cameras. There are a few more steps to finalize.

Mr. Minner asked what cameras are going to accomplish and how will they interpret "dumping"?

Mayor Closser said that he personally felt anything outside the box is dumping.

Councilman Minner replied that is how the company feels too. He opinioned that other than "normal" people are dumping items.

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He shared that residents in his ward thank him for complaining about the unsightly bins. He said that he has spoken with Law Director Siddiqi about revising ordinance 163-15 which basically bans the bins. He is suggesting that it be revised from ban to regulate, giving the city the power of how many bins and where they can be placed.

Mr. Castle reminded everyone of the October 24<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hatt gave his condolences Shirley Litchfield's family.

He reminded everyone about the Cowling Park challenge and to come on out! Call him or Amy Reece with questions.

President Hitt anticipated there will be a motion to adjourn to executive session. She stated that there will be no further business after the executive session and council will adjourn immediately afterward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Councilman Hatt to adjourn to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official. He invited the safety service director into the meeting. Motion second by Minner.

Roll to adjourn executive session: Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes.

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

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Peters to adjourn.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Hitt, President