

October 19, 2017

President Pro Tem Brenda Russell called the regular meeting to order. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

MAYOR CLOSSER CALLED ROLL: Trint Hatt, absent; Rex Castle, absent; 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: Greg Ellars, 98 Shady Avenue, London, addressed council. He has had problems since 1985 with his backyard flooding. The problem started when the church behind him put in a parking lot. All the runoff drains directly into his backyard and floods. It stinks and is a haven for mosquitos.

Council had recommended filling in his backyard with dirt. If he did it, it would just create flooding in his neighbors' yards.

He was told the only way to force the church to put in a drain is to sue them. He doesn't want to sue a church.

He has been told that he cannot change the flow of water, yet the church diverted water directly into his yard.

The church had offered to put in a drain if the city would dig to the ditch, allowing them to tie in. Previous administration said no.

Mayor Closser said he'll ask Bill Long, street superintendent to assess the situation. As the problem is on private property, the city cannot take action, but offered to be a mediator between the church and Mr. Ellars.

He asked Mr. Ellars to contact the church, then call him to set up a meeting to hopefully work as a team and rectify the situation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Russell attended the finance committee meeting. Councilman Castle will give a report at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Douglas attended the public service meeting.

Councilman Peters reported on the public service meeting. The recreation department is having fall basketball sign ups.

The street department has completed cleaning catch basins. They have been mowing, painting curbs, and have started street sweeping. The East High Street project is completed.

The next public safety meeting is November 9, 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Closser informed that the BPU is having a special meeting next Monday, 6:30 p.m. Council members are welcome to attend.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Closser gave his administrative report, (attached).

Bill Long, street superintendent, reported that the skid street arrived last Friday. They are half-way done with the Graham Avenue project.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 166-17 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION. Motion by Peters to place on first reading, second Douglas. Mayor read.

Joe Mosier, safety service director, explained that this legislation is a necessary part of the filing process and needs to be submitted by October 27th.

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RESOLUTION 167-17 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS Motion by Peters to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Mayor read.

Councilwoman Russell explained that these funds were never used for a part-time employee. The recreation director would like to move this \$14,000 to her program and supplies line item for winter programs.

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Mr. Mosier stated that a special meeting needs to be called for Monday, October 23 in order to pass Resolution No. 166-17.

ROUND TABLE: Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in.

ADJOURN: Russell motion to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Brenda Russell, President Pro Tem