

**November 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the London City Council was called to order by President Hitt. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silent reflection.

**CLERK CALLED 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:** President Hitt announced that many council members had indicated that they would be unavailable for the December 15 council meeting. The meeting will be moved to Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None. There will be three public hearings on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS:** Mr. Doug Pyles, 323 Bishop Drive, London, addressed city council. He stated that there are over 300 homes in his neighborhood, representing 10% of London. The majority of them are senior citizens, 75 years of age and older. They are concerned about the trash plan.

He couldn't see an 85 year old rolling one of the new trash containers down their driveway or room in their garage for these "caskets". The majority of the residents, in his area, put out one red London bag. It would take them two months to fill one of these bigger trash containers. "It's just not equitable!"

He asked why the \$400,000 loss over the past six years wasn't brought to light when water rates went up or the new tower had to be built. Rates were raised due to miscalculations of new construction coming into London that just didn't happen.

A grant was given for a lift "arm" on the truck. The arms are picking up trash.

He pointed out that the city pays to have recyclables removed, with no revenue for us.

A lot of people don't have \$150. "It's going to be \$100/month the way it's going!"

Mr. Pyles said there has been a lack of "transparency" on the part of the BPU. He opinioned Mayor Closser needs to appoint people who are responsible and quit hiding stuff!

Mr. Pyles also pointed out that the EMS put a replacement levy on the ballot, instead of a renewal. Residents will lose the 12.5% rollback on property taxes.

Councilman Hatt stated that he was not in favor of the levy replacement and was aware of the loss of the 12.5% roll back on property taxes.

President Hitt shared that these are concerns that council also has. Other options are being evaluated for trash pick up. There is a public hearing December 1<sup>st</sup>. She encouraged residents to stop in and share their concerns.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Councilman Peters reminded everyone of the November 10 public service meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmen Minner and Castle and council women Russell and Long attended the finance committee meeting.

Councilman Castle reported on recent finance committee meeting. Committee members did discuss the Board of Public Utilities' proposed sanitation rate changes.

The city budget ordinance will be given a first reading this evening.

Mr. Castle shared that he attended the BPU meeting where they discussed the same concerns brought up this evening regarding the rates increases.

The next finance committee meeting is November 11.

Councilman Hatt attended the finance committee and BPU meetings.

Committee meeting dates are: finance – November 21; public safety- November 14; public service- November 10. The city properties meeting date will be announced later.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:** Mayor Closser addressed council members and those in attendance, giving his administrative update.

He also encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

The November 10 planning commission meeting has been cancelled as there is no business to discuss. The next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Herb Eades shared that the BPU is holding a special meeting November 10, 6:00 p.m. It is the same time as public service meeting.

Councilwoman Russell noted that city council sub-committee meetings are posted on the website. She asked that they please look at that before scheduling a meeting.

Mr. Kavy said they will see what they can do. They may need to re-publish their meeting.

Mr. Kavy responded to Mr. Pyles comments. He pointed out that the “arms” on the trucks are not meant for picking up trash bags, but trash cans. The city does not make money off recycling. Recycling was put in 10 years ago to help save the cost of a bag.

Mr. Kavy explained that the water plan expansion was mandated. No commercial plants in the area were willing to expand until there was more water capacity.

#### **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  
**LEFT TABLED.**

ORDINANCE NO. 154-16 CONSENT TO LEGISLATION FOR MICROSURFACING Motion by Hatt to place on third reading, second by Long. Clerk read. There is a planning meeting scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. London’s share of the project is approximately \$113  
**LEFT ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING.**

RESOLUTION 155-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Russell to place on third reading, second by Douglass. Clerk read. Councilman Castle reminded that there had been earlier discussion to take money from the general funds and pay off loans early. After going through the budget, it was decided that it would be best to keep the money in the general fund. Motion by Castle to adopt, second by Peters. Roll to adopt: Castle, no; Russell, no; Minner, no; Long; no; Peters, no; Douglas, no; Hatt, no.  
**DEFEATED.**

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 Castle to place on third reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Motion by Peters to adopt, second by Minner. Roll to adopt: Russell, yes; Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes.  
**ADOPTED.**

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 Russell to place on third reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that this is for county assessment the tree levy. The county auditor still needs to provide the millage figure. **LEFT ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING.**

ORDINANCE 159-16 Sponsored by: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1060, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LONDON (attachment) Motion by Long to place on second reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Councilman Hatt noted that various proposals have been given the BPU. Those concerned need to attend the next BPU meetrig.

Mr. Kavy explained proposals are brought up to council and views are heard. Suggestions will be brought up at the next BPU meeting and there is a public hearing December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

ORDINANCE 161-16 AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY Sponsored by: Lora Long (attachment) Motion by Douglas, second by Russell. Clerk read . A public hearing is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

ORDINANCE 162-16 AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY Sponsored by: Brenda Russell (attachment) Motion by Russell, second by Douglas. Clerk read . A public hearing is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 163-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that an engineering firm did not finish the work for the Keny Boulevard project. Another firm was hired to complete the work. Auditor Szabo asked that this be passed this evening.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 164-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that this was discussed during the budgeting process. According to the Affordable Care Act, insurance can be offered to an employee who works at least 30 hours per week.

Law Director Zahid recommended passing this. It's different than the auditor and law director positions having insurance.

Mr. Castle opinioned that that the city should offer insurance, making it a more viable position.

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

RESOLUTION 165-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

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

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

**ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 166-16 Sponsored by: Trint Hatt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BPU TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LONDON FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN . Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Mr. Dan Leavitt, waste water plant superintendent, explained that this is just for the planning portion of the loan. The deadline for application is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

ORDINANCE 167-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1060.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES. Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Council Castle explained that this will be council's attempt to regulate the bins. The number of bins in the city will be limited, where they can be placed, and registered. It has been an exceptionally "trashy" year with people dumping their "undesirable" items.

He suggested that bin owners be invited to a council meeting. He shared that Amy, of Family Dollar, indicated that the bins were placed without their permission. Mr. Coughlin is asking that the one in front of his business be removed.

Councilman Peters asked about the recyclable bins for cardboard.

Mr. Castle replied this ordinance is just for the donation bins.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 168-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF LONDON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017. Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Russell. Clerk read.

Councilman Castle shared that the finance committee is working with department heads to get as close to a "neutral" budget as possible. Right now, expenses are \$46,000 over last year's. We are at a \$325,000 plus deficient budget.

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

**ROUND TABLE:** Councilwoman Douglas wished Mrs. Russell a "happy birthday"! She thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

Councilman Peters reminded everyone to get out and vote!

Councilman Castle thanked everyone for coming in this evening and reminded everyone to vote.

He commented that the BPU has a lot to consider with the proposed trash plan. It could cost hardships for many.

Mr. Castle also hoped council can get the legislation passed to start regulating donation bins.

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

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Hitt, President