

President Pro Tem Rex Castle 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, present; Brenda Russell, present; Rich Hays, present; Andrew Hitt, present; Josh Peters, present; Anthony Smith, present.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by Russell, second by Comer. Roll to adjourn to public hearing: Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Peters, yes; Smith, yes; Comer, yes.

President Castle asked that everyone keep their comments limited to five minutes.

Jacob Gibson, 1088 Wesley Drive, London, addressed council. He is an EMT, police officer, paramedic, and a concerned London citizen. He explained how the things have changed and improved so much through the years.

He passionately recommended that the city fire department and the EMD remain separate. Both are very skilled and trained in what they do.

Margaret Cooper, 175 New Hampshire Avenue, was adamantly against the city seceding from the district. She stated that she is for Madison County squad only!

Ted Cooper, 174 Washington Avenue, addressed the Mayor. "If it ain't broke, leave it alone! Please leave it alone!"

Shirley Litchfield, 204 East First Street, addressed council. She expressed her desire for the fire department and the EMD to be left as is. They are both highly skilled in their line of expertise. The departments currently work great together. Leave as is.

Doug Pyles, 323 Bishop Drive, addressed council. He reminded that he gave a thorough report at the last meeting. He was disappointed that neither one of the newspapers even spoke from the resident's side issue of the issue. "It is the responsibility of the newspapers to present to readers what the input is from people like me!" If it goes through only, he will only save \$2.18/ month. He is more than willing to pay that to make sure that experienced personnel, with adequate equipment, arrive at his house. "I don't want a fire truck showing up to assist my wife having a heart attack."

He asked Councilman Hays what the opinion has been of the people in his ward.

Mr. Hays replied, "Probably 50/50."

Mr. Pyles suggested that council have an audience raise of hands who is in favor. He pointed to the employees whose jobs would be affected by council's decision. "It's your conscience you'll have to deal with."

Carla Blazier, 205 South Union Street, said she started working for district the very first day it started. She compared each department's equipment. She didn't involve any of the firemen with questions as they are her friends and didn't want to bother them as opposition. (presentation attached)

She asked about the equipment they would need to start up and if they would be hiring medics. She explained the EMD's department staff, their training, equipment, and vehicles.

Mrs. Blazier understood that ultimately, it would be up to the people, but questions she gave council need to be answered for the public.

She is concerned that the department will have the latest and greatest equipment.

She's had nurses asking if the fire department will assist if there are two cardiac arrests at the same time.

She asked where the money would come from. Where will trucks be put as the building is full? Are they going to be soft or hard billing for their services? How many staff hiring?

She went over a list questions.

Becky Arnott, 8775 Glenview Dr, Plain City is the fiscal clerk for the EMS, addressed council. (Comments attached).

Eric Burgess, 10 Court Street, Delaware, Ohio, Assistant Chief of Operations for Delaware County emergency medical service and regional representative of the Ohio EMS Chief's association, addressed council. He explained that they are in a unique situation as they have a county-wide EMS system and a fire department EMS. Running both is very expensive.

Right after 911, the department got all the money they wanted. They built a brand new building. In 2008, the money went away. When the recession hit, they could not afford to sustain their departments.

Delaware County is the fastest growing county in the state with over 200,000 residents. They operate on a .1/2 cent sales tax and not have to implement property taxes.

The township EMS is on the ballot. There is some double taxation.

Their fire chief has control over run cards. EMS has no control based on the law.

Govern Kasich wants to combine to bring resources together. There's an opportunity here for the EMS district and fire department to save money by combining training and purchasing equipment and supplies need. The departments can operate separately and save money.

Mr. Burgess offered his assistance since they have had similar issues since 1972.

Councilman Hays asked about the run card.

Mr. Burgess said it's a term used when calling 911. The run card tells the dispatcher what units to send to your house based on type of run. Their fire chief has control of run cards.

Councilman Smith shared that our local EMC chief is the one who establishes the run cards in our county.

Chief Olwin explained that the law says the fire chief is in charge of all life savings emergencies. The attorney general's opinion is that it is not the "spirit of the law". The "spirit of the law" says he is in charge of fire emergencies. If he was in of all, he would be in charge of the police chief also.

Councilman Hitt asked the reasoning behind the law.

Mr. Burgess said it was passed a long time ago and has never been addressed.

Trish Hall, 231 E. Sandusky St. Mechanicsburg addressed council. She is a lieutenant on unit two, employed by MCEMD since 2002. She also has a firefighter card. She compared current staffing for both departments. (see attached) "We are health care professionals!"

Tom Lawrence, 323 Miurwood, worked as an EMS for 27 years, but had to leave early due to his health. He explained his health situation. He is on the heart transplant list. He wanted these (EMD) taking care of him. He requires an L-Bat, a device that goes into his heart, to keep him from dying. If someone was not aware of his situation and tried CPR, the device would break loose and he would die. He was also concerned that he would be transported to his Columbus hospital that is familiar with his condition.

The fire department has a very good group of employees. The fire department has their place, and EMS have their place.

"I could be one of your family members going through this. Please think hard that your family could be in this predicament."

Matt Furbee, 7930 Armstrong Road, is a Union township trustee and vice president of the EMD board.

He explained that only proposal before them is short-sighted. About 38 1/2% of the ley revenue comes from the city of London, while 2/3 of the runs are in London. London benefits from the service by providing a little over 1/3 of the tax dollars while receiving 2/3 of the runs.

He said that if the city is truly interested in saving money, the best chance is to work together.

Their surplus is not over taxing, it may be over-saving.

Entire situation could have been avoided if there was better communication.

He said what happened with Sommerford EMD being dispatched without the fire department will be resolved at the next board meeting.

"The board has not had a secret meeting. How run cards are set has never been discussed. The board responded to the Mayor's request, written without a quorum and read during public. We would be happy to discuss run cards. If want change, happened within."

Chief Robert Olwin, passed out information. (attached)

Chief Vincent Gildone, 1480 S Brouduy, Geneva, Ohio representative, EMS chiefs. Chief Olwin is a part of their organization. The organization will stand behind him regardless of the outcome. He didn't understand how the city thought they are going to save any money. The fire department's pensions are 10% higher than the EMS gets. That 10% for six employees over a 10 year period without a raise or over-time equates to \$1 million. That's money taken away from health care.

We have to have a "nest egg". We cannot overspend. We do not have a general fund. There cannot be a lack of service. The Chief Association is going to spend time with the ambulance board to offer guidelines. Departments that have had to go out on their own have to bill three times more and are struggling to make budget.

"When making the decision on a path to take, you need to have eyes open and understand the ramifications."

Carol Anderson, 227 W Main, Mechanicsburg. Gave the history of the EMS. (Attached) In conclusion, there have been rumors that are blatantly false. Go directly to the chiefs and ask what the truth is.

Jim Sabin, 2050 Old Columbus. He signed on 37 years ago signed with the sheriff's department. Public safety and service is first and foremost. Everyone working cooperatively. He noted that we are very fortunate to have in place two entities that work well together.

He felt that there are many questions that need to be answered, so council can make a good, educated decision.

After reviewing the fire department budget, he did have concerns with three additional people. The budget he reviewed only had one year. He asked if there is a 5, 10, 12 year projection on the budget. He asked if all the upfront costs have been considered. Annual increases? He asked if there was going to be a distraction in services provide. If there is a fire and they are below staffing, where are the rest coming from? Will you rely on mutual aid? He hoped that all checks and balances are there.

He noted that for every crash, fire responds. As well as residential and business fires, the squad responds. Are you going to have ample staff to maintain and better services you currently are receiving?

Are there underling issues that have not been brought to this room tonight? If there are have, has every avenue been explored to correct? Everything been done?

He supports change whole-heartily if it is for the better. He hasn't been provided enough information to decide if this is for the better. The action you take here tonight, even though it's up to the voters, but as elected officials, they look at you for advice. Your decision will be well beyond the city limits. You will have an impact of the vast majority of central Madison County and beyond in mutual aid situations. I do have concerns.

If all answers have been provided in meetings and you've reviewed and agree, I just ask that you have that information at hand before you make your decision.

John Westendorf, 430 Hapweed Drive, Franken, Ohio. He shared that in 2012 voters decided to have fire based, EMS service. It was the best decision for them. Five years in and their citizens are very happy. Either way can work. It comes down to leadership and elected officials and if residents are happy with services met. They dropped their time response when they combined. It lowered their scores too.

They have an ambulance district left. They still work together and rely on each other. They very rarely have on mutual aid. They don't bill each other.

He recommended that the city continue this process. "I think you're going about it correctly. Open communication; focus on the service you are going to provide."

Steve Saltsman, 165 North Main, stated that he was here to support the Mayor's proposal. As a concerned tax payer, he is tired of paying taxes and is interested in cutting them. He explained that this has been considered in the past, but is very difficult. Here is an opportunity to cut taxes and provide better service.

Regardless what happens, ongoing issues need to be addressed. These people have to work together.

John Casey, 5156 Baker Ridger Drive, Columbus, Ohio, addressed council. He is an emergency medicine specialist and EMS director for the London Fire Department. Prior to that, he was a fire fighter/medic. He is charged by law to put patient first. He said that the fire department staff has been working on their medical provision care. They lack transportation and ongoing experience.

There are absolutely operational issues between the departments. There are issues that need addressed that do border on patient care. Issues that have now fallen to council.

Both departments have phenomenal people. There are paths and opportunities here to go either way. Continue as is, modified direction, path down the middle, or switch to the fire department.

He offered his expertise to objectively step back and assist.

Phillip Hileman, 200 Toland Avenue, addressed council. He wanted everyone to understand how long and hard it was to create the medical care that we have every day, north and south of the tracks. They are great personnel with equipment and vehicles you need when you have an emergency. Don't set aside what has taken years to create. "I believe if you do that, your intent may be good and honest but will take much longer to create what you already have today!"

Jim Boyd, 197 E. First Street, said that he was pleased to hear that this is being brought to you as a tax payer, we he felt taxes are a necessary evil. He shared that he was a member of council for 10 years. This is not a new proposal. It has been on the table for quite some time. Tonight is an explanation as to why this was not addressed prior to this administration. There are lots of emotions, jobs, and various care. Administration didn't want to fight this storm because of the turf war.

Proposed savings area a very viable option. They maintain profits! I can see why they are against any changes. Make sure a plan is in place. "What does WJ know that we don't"? They are not a member of the district, with no problems.

"As a consumer, look for best value. As tax payer, I have no choice. The real choice you have, should you decide what is good for the tax payer and let them decide what is best for them."

Robert Turvy, 65 US Rt. 40, addressed council. He is a Deercreek township trustee. This situation will impact the future. I believe that we have a great working relationship between all departments and would like to see that continue.

Councilman Hitt asked if this will affect services to townships.

Sheriff Sabin said revenues and current staff will be reduced. Run revenue will be reduced and they will have to figure out how to cut back in services provided. Every resident of London travels through those townships or has family members that live in them. It is going to affect everybody.

The London fire department would still relay on Madison County for mutual. When there are two or three simultaneous runs, fire or crash, everyone works together.

Councilman Hitt asked if it would free up more time to provide services to townships as London currently has 60% of the runs.

Chief Olwin said it wouldn't change anything as they already provide the services. We haven't called in mutual aid for over two years. We handle all runs. We had five runs the other night we took care of at the same time.

Chief Olwin addressed a run in question. "They were dispatched on a 7 month old baby with a cardiac arrest. Five people working on one 7 month old baby is plenty. I cancelled the utility truck. Fireman Chad Lawhun, said he was at Walmart. 13 seconds later, not 5 minutes like its being said around town, I advised Chad to arrive to scene. They arrived after us. I have the run report."

“Another run in question was a call that came in around 2:00 a.m. to the fire station. The caller said they were outside of our station. We couldn’t find anyone. The caller called back and said he was outside the firehouse on their emergency phone. We didn’t take the time to call the fire department to let them know they had someone outside of their building, we responded. I’m not a bright man, but if I had a phone outside my station that rang to the dispatcher, I would have some kind of alarm on the inside alerting me that someone is outside of my station. That’s a dispatched issue. Not an issue on our part.”

There is another call on Center Street that supposedly took 12 minutes. It was a 6 minute respond time.

“If there are any concerns, my door is always open. Mr. Smith stopped in and talked. If you hear a story, get both sides of it.”

Councilman Smith asked why not notify the fire department dispatcher if that is an issue of a run card, and why would the dispatcher not know the location.

Chief Olwin responded that the call came in as an illness. The caller said he was outside our building originally.

Councilman Hays asked point blank, “How come you two can’t get along? I have heard so much crap you can’t get along. We are trying to do the right thing. You are two grown men. Sit down and settle it.”

Chief Olwin responded, “You can ask any chief in this county that I work well with them. First out of his mouth when we met was “Oh, you came to take my job. First one with fire background. It’s been nothing but sticks and stones at every scene.”

Councilman Hays stated that we are all here to help the citizens of London. “We are not here to win a contest. You are in spots were you are entrusted to take care of the citizens and outline areas.”

“We just keep hearing that you two can’t get a along and you won’t talk. Regardless what we do up here, you need to iron it out. Sometime something bad is going to happen and you are going to have to work together.”

Fire Chief Eades said that apparently was offended by my comment. “If he wants my job, he can have it. I was joking.”

We joked around, maybe inappropriately on our first meeting. It’s been a thorn in my side, it keeps coming back that I’m a bad person. Fact is every year, I report and put figures together. Maybe my sense of humor is mistaken. I try to be professional and transparent so you can see what I am trying to get accomplished.

In 2015, we talked in length about both parties doing a shared service agreement. We talked about run cards. We asked questions what are considered major medical on their side. Our opinion is different from theirs on an emergency run. But they told us, this is what we are going to do, we are going to direct you.

“It wasn’t so much that there was a person outside the building but the call said 103 East High Street. Why not that didn’t get picked up, I have no clue.”

There are a lot of good people on both sides. Not a contest between him and me. No room for egos or turf wars. If you are close to anything and you are not dispatched, but close.... respond to it.

When we are sitting, right there and there is a delay in respond, we have the personnel, and we have the equipment, we are not being utilized. We have never had a complaint about our services. I don’t know why we are not being used I addressed only one issue Chief Olwin brought to his attention. He said that one of my people did not respect him the want they felt should.

Lt. Trish Hall said that we do utilize you.

Chief Eades replied that we not saying that you never do it, by rarely.

Lt. Hall said that she utilizes unit 2, we get along and, never, as the Mayor said, have we cancelled the Jaws of Life. That never happens.

Councilwoman Russell asked about policy. Is Somerford dispatched before the fire department is? She was referring to the issue on East Center Street.

Lt. Hall explained that the call in question came in during the council meeting two weeks ago. A call came through on a run, the first medic responded. A second text came through and the other truck was sitting here. Two squad members left the meeting.

Russell asked if they had to wait for a truck to be freed up.

Chief Olwin responded "no". The run came in 218, start London fire, because truck was coming from Somerford.

Lt. Hall added that for some reason, the dispatch didn't come through here.

Councilwoman Russell asked Mr. Furbee, "Did you not tell me that was the policy? Somerford is dispatched first?"

Mr. Furbee responded "I told you I assumed it was, since Sommerford was dispatched. If that is the policy, I believe that is the wrong policy. London fire should be called on any. I will work to change that. That was what I was talking about. We haven't had open communication between the entities. We requested meeting with administration. We asked about this proposal to secede and we were told "no". They literally laughed and said they were gathering figures and it was not going to happen." Two weeks administration didn't respond, and then this comes to council.

Councilman Henry observed that the issue is we have two excellent departments. The EMS is accredited, they receive awards, huge force, provide service excellent to London and surrounding townships.

The fire department is great; hear nothing but good things about them. I have traveled with them. They do what it takes to get it done.

The biggest issue I see is that two people have an issue with each other and we are hearing this from citizens and doctors. There is just a lack of communication. If people would have just communicated, we would not be in this situation right now. Take some of those egos out and talk. Let some of those things that happened back in 1972 go. It is a new time, our city is growing. I don't know why we can't have an excellent EMS and fire department. Have them work together whether it's jointly or not.

This affects not only the city but the entire county as well. It has gotten to this point maybe just because two groups don't get along.

This legislation was presented to us without all the information. It was just thrown in our laps. I'm not saying I'm not supportive yet, I just haven't gotten the information. We didn't get the information we asked for, all of a sudden, it comes to council, and "hey, this is what we are going to do." Still needed information we requested. Might be a good idea, but let's look at it. Instead, we got a "hurry we need to get this done to meet a deadline." We are dealing with life and death situations. Dealing with people having heart attacks, strokes, and kids that cannot breath. That is not something that we need to have pushed through. These are things we can't have brought to us and want to push it through to get it on the ballot. What if it's your child? What do you want do?

Maybe we need a mediator. Lowering tax dollars may not be the best option.

Councilman Hitt felt there should be an attempt at negotiations prior to seceding.

Mr. Furbee said the only negotiations they got was a letter from the Mayor for a reduction in taxes.

Mr. Hitt thought Chief Eades mentioned run cards.

Mr. Furbee said he would be more than happy to discuss the run cards. I am speaking for myself, but I would be more than willing to discuss these things. Bring in both chiefs, Mayor, safety service director, we are open for discussion. We have not approached in that manner. We didn't know this was coming. When met with Mayor, he said it was not happening.

Mayor replied, "You asked if we were bringing legislation and I was we were on a fact finding mission."

Mr. Furbee responded, "Two weeks later, we were given three demands. As a board we can't legally do the first one, the second one we can't morally do and third one was letting the fire chief make the decision for EMS runs. We have no power over the fire chief as a board.

Mayor Closser said the one thing I asked for was for the city of London's taxes to be lower and you said you can't lower just the city of London. I am asking for the city of London only. I am not a commissioner or a trustee. I am the mayor of London.

And you even said that, if I'd known we weren't going to build a new station, I wouldn't have been behind the levy.

Mr. Furbee said, "That is correct."

President Pro Tem Castle pointed out that we've all been here a long time. Lots of information was received. I will let everyone know...it's not about dollars; you can't put a price on human life. But I have to look out for citizens I represent and I feel they are not being looked after in a responsible fashion due to the run cards being changed on certain protocol.

Carla Blazier asked why they don't have a council representative on their board anymore. "We're not important enough anymore?"

Mayor Closser explained that they can't have a council member on their board. Bill Beathard was the president of council. Everyone just said that Bill Long was doing such a good job, you made him president.

Carla responded, but he's not a city council representative. "He doesn't make policy. Is he talking to you guys?"

Councilwoman Russell said, "I don't think we can sit your board and come up here with the decisions we have to make."

She stated that you are important to us. "Terminology being used just builds bad blood, it offends people."

Bill Long stated, "I represent this committee. I talked about the tax levy, the 12% roll back and the difference between a replacement and renewal levy."

Ms. Arnott agreed that it was discussed.

Mr. Long said, "If you lost the state's 12%, you would have to put a replace on. Don't say the City of London did not discuss this beforehand."

Councilman Smith pointed out that we have a 14% voting right. "We can't make him do anything or negotiate. We can't make him do anything. Everyone knows this has been a large issue. Why is it you haven't made more of an effort to get along? I've seen emails sent to you. We have no control, we can't do anything. The city has no say."

Chief Olwin felt that one of the problems with the city is that they are treated as a "red-headed step child". "Administration acknowledges the fire and police, but never us. We are a part of the community. You had a meeting with the Cobra club and we weren't invited to that meeting."

Mayor Closser responded that he asked the Cobras who they wanted him to invite and he did.

Councilman Smith asked Chief Olwin if he has ever attended a safety servicer meeting.

Chief Olwin responded that he had not because he has never felt a part of this safety network of the city. "We have never been invited."

Mr. John Casey said that he didn't envy council's position. It has been eluded to a central operation issue that directly affects your citizens. There was an email sent from Olwins to Eades. It said that Olwin had met with Matt McCann and asked that fire response be removed from certain calls: allergy reactions, cardiac arrests, difficult breathing, stab wounds, gun wounds, suicide attempts, suicides. I assure you as an emergency physician always first response. Dial 911 is based on card system. I have requested numerous times that the run card be looked at. If an ambulance is going by on scene, cancel the fire department. Your citizens are being put at risk due to policy. The purpose of your agency is first response. Maintain good relations. Encourage the fire chief to do what he can legally do on the cards. It doesn't matter who transports from the scene. If you want the fire department to, they can step up and do it.

Steve Scaggs pointed out that the city has a great service. Leader should exercise everything without taking jobs. We need leaders. I hope we have some!

Motion by Hays to return to the regular meeting, second by Hitt. Roll: Russell, yes; Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Peter, yes; Smith, yes; Comer, yes; Castle, yes.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Comer reported that he attended the public service meeting.

Councilwoman Russell attended the finance committee meeting.

Councilman Hays reported on the June 12 public safety committee meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.

President Pro Tem Castle reported on the personnel/finance committee meeting. The next meeting is Monday, July 9, 6:00 p.m. The next city property meeting is Wednesday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Hitt attended the finance and safety committee meetings.

Councilman Peters reported on the public service meeting. The next public service meeting is July 12.

Councilman Smith attended the public safety meeting. He shared that the “grilled” Chief Eades as it was a public meeting.

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

Trish Hall asked how many staff vehicles would they starting day one and what would it cost to start it up.

Mayor Closser responded that they would have three fully staff vehicles, but didn't have the figures in front of him. He invited her to stop by his office.

She commented that she wanted it out in the public, and not in chambers.

He did say in the projected expenses, taking into account personnel, pensions, and operations, would be \$2.4 million. Revenues would come from three sources – existing income tax, a 2-mill emergency services levy. Total projected revenues would be \$2.5 million, leaving approximately a \$100,000 carryover.

The city would hire at least three additional full-time employees and up to six, along with increasing its part-time roster.

“And for those who say our current employees are not as skilled in EMS as other departments, I would say that we only hire the best and the brightest and I would be willing to put our paramedics' skills up against anyone.”

**COMMUNICATOINS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

AMENDED RESOLUTION 135-18 Sponsored by: Russell, Hays, Hitt, Russell, Castle A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES Motion by Hayes to place on third reading, second by Russell. Clerk read. President Pro Tem Castle explained that the Law Director had met with the Auditor and it was decided that changes were necessary due to legal verbiage.

Motion by Castle to amend the resolution for the amended 135-18, second by Hays. Roll to amend: Hays, yes; Hitt, yes; Peters, yes; Smith, yes; Comer, yes; Castle, yes; Russell, yes.

Castle commented that a lot of information was brought forth this evening. He questioned if this could wait one more meeting for a vote. Administration would like for it to be voted on it this evening, but it's up to council members.

Councilman Comer preferred that it be left for another reading, as even more information was received tonight that we should have gotten months ago.

Councilman Smith asked that if the succession passes, what assets will city acquire assets from the EMD. He heard we would get up to 40%

Chief Olwin replied that it's open for interpretation. The ORC says that if you succeed from the county district, the county auditor will do an assessment of all assets. The auditor will decide what percentage you would get.

Chief Eades said it is based on the tax duplicate.

Chief Olwin said in some cases, you get a percentage, if there are seven entities, you get 1/7, some say the city has nothing infested and the money goes back as a tax credit too. The city could not get anything. These scenarios have been fought in court. You could get a million dollars, you could get \$50.00.

Castle commented that it sounds like we need more interpretation on that.

Safety Service Director Joe Mosier said it's from the Ohio Revised Code.

Councilman Hitt reminded that this has to be to the Board of Elections 90 day before it's on the November ballot.

That date is August 8, by 4:00 p.m.

Chief Olwin questioned the proposed operating budget noting there is nothing budgeted to equip the medic trucks. He shared that life packs alone cost \$20,000 apiece. That's \$80,000 for four units.

Fire Chief Eades responded that's a capital improvement and he would have to come back and request that approval. He would ask that that amount be brought out of collections and place in the fund.

Councilman Peters asked Chief Eades what he thought it would cost to start it up.

Chief Eades said they have looked into buying new, used, and remounted and demo versions. They will probably go with type one or type three medic trucks, equipped anywhere from \$250,000 to \$280,000.

**LEFT ON 3RD**

RESOLUTION 136-18 Sponsored by: Russell, Hays, Hitt, Russell, Castle A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NON-COLLECTION OF THE 3 MILL LEVY FOR THE MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISTRICT Comer, Hays. Clerk read.

**LEFT ON 3R READNG.**

ORDINANCE 137-18 Sponsored by: Rex Castle AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY (public hearing 7/19) Hitt, Russell. Clerk read. Castle explained that the alley is not being used. There is a public hearing on July 19. **LEFT ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING.**

ORDINANCE 144-18 Sponsored by: Rich Hays AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ADOPTING THE CITY OF LONDON POLICY AND PERSONNEL MANUAL Motion by Comer to place on second reading, second by Hays. Clerk read.

Councilman Hays said that President Russell was to divvy up the document. Mayor Closser did. Hays section needed minor changes.

Mr. Comer said the "receiving mental health care" was taken completely out of the section he read. He wasn't sure if that's a good idea or not.

Safety Service Director Mosier responded that it's already in another section in the manual.

Council members Russel, Peters, and Smith did not read their sections yet.

Councilman Hitt read pages 44-65 and saw no problems.

Mr. Mosier expressed his desire to have this passed this evening as administration wants to make it official July 1<sup>st</sup>. "It's a "living" document can be changed."

President Pro-Temp Castle asked about approving it without it having been read completely.

Mr. Mosier said this document helps with the BWC. He and the law director read it through twice, met with department supervisors and the city's HR firm, Clemmons and Nelson. "It should be pretty close to perfect."

Motion by Hitt to suspend, second by Hays. Roll to Peters, yes; Smith, abstain; Comer, no; Castle, yes; Russell, yes; Hitt, yes. **LEFT ON 2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 145-18 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Russell, second by Hays Clerk read. Peters explained that this is to mow lawns of properties that have been neglected. Property owners have five days to comply, if they don't, the city mows their property and assesses their taxes. The contractor is Downing.

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

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

RESOLUTION 146-18 Sponsored by: Josh Peters A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Hays. Clerk read. Peters explained that this money that was not spent and the funds just need to be transferred.

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

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

RESOLUTION 147-18 Sponsored by: Brenda Russell A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Hays. Clerk read.

Councilwoman Russell explained that employees are moving from the street to parks and recreation, so the funding needs to be transferred. They are just part-time, seasonal for the department.

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

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

**ROUND TABLE:**

Councilman Peters thanked everyone for coming in this evening. There was a lot of information presented this evening.

Council members thanked everyone for coming in this evening.

**ADJOURN:** Russell motioned for adjournment at 9:48 p.m.

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Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

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Rex Castle, President Pro Tem