

March 01, 2018

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, present; Brenda Russell, present; Rich Hays, present; Josh Peters, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received. All were in favor by responding "aye".

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Russell shared that the capital dollars the city is seeking from the state, Senator Bob Hackett was able to get two companion bills. One is in the House and one in the Senate for \$200,000 through ODNR. It is better to go through an agency for a community project. He thanked Amy Rees and those who worked so hard on this. He is very optimistic that the city will receive the grant.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Mr. Greg Ellars, 98 Shady Avenue, addressed city council with the ongoing flooding problem in his backyard. Water came within two inches of his neighbor's house behind him. The mosquitoes are so bad you cannot go out in the summer time. Another neighbor has considered calling "Six on your side" to help with the situation.

Mr. Ellars shared that the mayor had indicated that if it were the city's problem, they would help. However, they cannot do it for their area and not help the rest of the city. Mr. Ellars felt that it is part of the city's problem due to paving the streets differently. The water now flows towards his area, and in addition, with the church parking lot water running over his property, it causes a continuous problem. He said that comments have been made saying we are not the "better" end of town. Issues are not taken care of as quickly.

President Russell assured him that administration is working on flooding problems.

Councilman Castle noted that there is only one drain in that area. Pavement may not be sloped towards the drain.

Mr. Mosier said they would look at the Shady Avenue area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Comer announced that the public safety meeting is March 13.

Councilman Castle attended the city property's meeting last night where they discussed old business on the agenda. There have been no updates on the ODOT property on East High Street.

There has been no progress made with the Brightway facility. Therefore, the city is filing paperwork to acquire the property back.

The 20 South Walnut Street property continues to be renovated.

The next city properties meeting is March 28, 7:00. The next finance is March 5, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Hays informed that the next public service meeting is March 8, 6:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS: Mayor Closser was unable to attend, but provided copies of his report to council members.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 108-18 Sponsored by: Henry Comer A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH'S (MCPH) HOUSING AND NUISANCE CODE (attachment)

Motion by Russell to place on first reading, second by Hays. Clerk read. Councilman Comer explained that this aligns the city's legislation with the Madison County Health's hygiene, sanitation, and maintenance of dwellings guidelines. The wording will be exactly the same as the county's.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ROUND TABLE: Councilmen Castle and Comer thanked the Press for coming in this evening.

Safety Service Director Mosier announced that the republican committee will be selecting new council members for wards I and III. They will be in place by the next meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Councilwoman Russell to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Joe Russell, President