

President Pat Closser 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:** Rodney Lauer, present; Trint Hatt, present; Rex Castle, present; Dick Minner, present; Steve Scaggs, present; Roger Morris, present; Jason Schwaderer, 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 Lauer reported on the March 14 public service meeting. (Minutes attached.) The next meeting is Monday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Lauer also attended the finance and personnel meeting on March 17. The next meeting is April 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Castle attended the finance committee meeting.

Councilman Minner attended the same meetings.

Councilman Scaggs reported on the fire department’s portion of the March 10 public safety meeting.

Councilman Morris attended the public services and finance committee meetings.

Councilman Schwaderer attended the public services, public safety, and finance committee meetings. He added that Paul Oswalt was hired as the zoning enforcement officer.

The next public safety meeting is Monday, April 14.

President Closser stated that the next community center meeting is Thursday, March 27, 6:00 p.m.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:** Mayor Eades asked council to consider becoming members of MORPCE again. He handed out brochures explaining the benefits of being members of MORPCE.

Mayor Eades also passed out information regarding HB5. The bill is currently in the senate. He encouraged council members to talk with local representatives. He noted the seven items listed on the handout that municipalities oppose.

Safety Service Director Hume responded to Auditor Hensel’s budget comments at the last meeting regarding needing a sustainable budget, setting aside a portion for capital improvement projects.

Mr. Hume shared that our assets are our people. There was a huge deficient spending in 2008. The city spent \$600,000 more than income projected. In 2009, the city corrected it. All money set aside went into operations from capital improvements. It was a wise decision. Some people say the city “stole” from the capital fund. The city preserved our people, our assets.

He pointed out that in 1978 the street department had 13 full time employees. The department now has only four employees plus one superintendent. The department is doing as much maintenance with a lot less people. This is attributed to the efficiency of good employees, our “assets”.

He stated that we need to decide how much money we want to carry over. Carry over is not a savings account or "rainy day" fund. Council needs to decide on the carry over and set it.

The city is not poor. The city is close to spending its operating budget; close to what was brought in. The city is not a profit organization, we need to spend money.

2008 spending caught up with us. Money needed to be moved to save our people, our assets

Council had a valid experiment by placing a 15% cut across the board. Some departments have budgets of \$1.8 million vs others with \$160,000 budgets, a dramatic difference.

We did find out that a part time recreation director will not work and that the pool is a very valuable asset to the city. If we have to cut recreation, we still can operate the pool as a separate entity.

He strongly recommended setting up carry over; then releasing the rest of the funds.

He shared that in the beginning of the budget process, administration gave their proposed budget. "All I can tell is, you just threw it in a basket. You appropriated more than we asked for."

Recreation director Ben McCoy reported on the recreation department. Youth volley started Saturday and there are two adult club volley ball tournaments scheduled.

Auditor Hensel said that she and administration don't differ all that much. "I asked you to think about the future. Determine carry over, set capital, general, BPU and the fire department. You need to know your reserves. The biggest issue is you need a sustainable budget."

She asked that council not add personnel; if they are not going to have the revenue. There is an increase in health insurance and workers compensation every year. She stated that council needs to plan for next year. She noted that she grafted one time, recurring expenses, indicating a deficient.

Council needs to decide on top priority. She said that pink slips are not the way to go. "I would like to encourage conversation. Where is money coming from? We don't have the money in the city to "have it all". If don't have money today, what are you going cut tomorrow? Administration and I agree on more than 50%!"

Auditor Hensel explained that the county discovered that the city inadvertently received \$59,350.39 in revenue that does not belong to the city. This money has to be given back to the county. A probate attorney made a mistake listing London as the recipient from an estate fund.

Councilman Lauer thanked Ben McCoy for sharing his department's revenue makers during the finance committee meeting and the nice job he did.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilman Castle motioned for executive session to discuss employee contracts. He invited Brian Butcher, union employee contracts attorney, Mr. Hume, Mayor Eades, and Auditor Hensel. Councilman Lauer seconded the motion. Roll call to adjourn to executive session: Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes.

**REGULAR MEETING:** Motion by Castle to reconvene to the regular meeting, second by Scaggs. Roll to reconvene: Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE 114-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP Sponsored by: Roger Morris. Motion by Scaggs to place on third reading, second by Morris. Clerk read. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 3.

**LEFT ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING.**

ORDINANCE 115-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 880.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES Sponsored by: Trint Hatt. Motion by Scaggs to place on third reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read. Councilman Hatt shared that this was discussed at the finance committee and they decided to table it and discuss it further. Motion by Schwaderer to table, second by Scaggs. Roll to table: Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes.

**TABLED**

RESOLUTION 116-14 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER RECEIVED FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY Sponsored by Rex Castle. Motion by Lauer to place on third reading, second by Scaggs. Clerk read. Council members had new information provided by the Law Director.

President Closser explained that the city received a grant when it purchased the Armory. The grant was good as long as the Armory was used for community youth programming. Administration understood that the grant could be transferred and not have to be paid back. That is not the case.

Administration had looked into transferring the grant to the community center, but it is not a historical building, which is part of the stipulation. If the Armory is sold, the \$17,000 balance of the grant will have to be paid back.

He said that council needs to discuss possible other options to take or just "lick our wounds" and pay it back.

He apologized for this, saying that the city did not think that the grant would have to be paid back.

He recommended leaving this on a third reading, until a decision is made. He suggested getting with Mr. Kell to see what direction can be taken.

Councilman Scaggs said it's very difficult to make a decision until a final figure is determined.

Councilman Minner commented that this is ridiculous. He read that it is \$17,000 that has to be repaid. He said that options need to be discussed and the Armory needs to be sold.

Councilmen Castle and Schwaderer also agreed that the options need to be discussed and a decision made.

Mr. Castle commented that there are other options than just the three listed.

Councilman Schwaderer would like to discuss the options as he didn't think that anyone wants to have to pay back the grant.

Councilman Minner asked if bids need to be requested again. The first bids never got to \$50,000. He wondered if we'd really gain anything going out for bids again.

President Closser stated that the current bids are very fair and it is not the plan to put it back out to bid. The city was under the assumption that the grant would not have to be paid back. We have to look at other options so we don't possibly have to pay this back. He recommended leaving on third reading and discussing this in executive session at the end of this meeting.

Mr. Henry Comer stated that he and his wife are very interested in purchasing the Armory. He said, "Food for thought". Keeping the building heated may cost \$10,000. Look at the cost to run it. See if they might give you some type of time frame to pay it back. If you do sell the building, would they allow you to pay it back in increments? The city may be able to recoup some costs because you won't have to pay for utilities. Depending on the time frame on the sale of the building, it may cost less to pay back the grant, instead of continuing heating the building."

President Closser noted that that is a fair point regarding the utilities. He again apologized, as a business owner, trying to do something like this, feeling like its being strung out. He assured Mr. Comer that it was not intentional.

He said that it may be a possibility to call an emergency meeting and knock just this legislation out.

Mayor Eades asked that at decision be made to stop the cash flow going out.

Councilman Schwaderer asked what it costs in utilities.

Mr. Hume said is cost approximately \$8,000 in utilities to run.

Auditor Hensel said she would run figures.

Mr. Castle noted that the letter from OFCC said the city will be responsible for the repayment of the grant with a 10 day notice. No negotiating, it will be due in 10 days.

Mr. Scaggs agreed that it needs to be left on third reading until questions are answered.

### **LEFT ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING.**

RESOLUTION 117-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Sponsored by Rex Castle Motion by Scaggs to place on second reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read. Councilmen Castle and Lauer shared that Mr. Kavy explained the issue creating this warrant for payment. Warranty work was being done on a vehicle. The department head asked for a quote to repair another piece of equipment, had to step out for other business, but gave approval to have it done. He just didn't get the purchase order in time.

Mr. Lauer felt that enough explanation had been given to pay this.

Motion by Lauer to suspend rules, second by Minner. Roll to suspend rules: Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes.

Motion by Lauer to adopt, second by Minner: Roll to adopt: Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes.

### **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 118-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR'S WARRANT FOR PAYMENT Sponsored by Rex Castle. Motion by Scaggs to place on second reading, second by Minner. Clerk read. Councilman Castle shared that Mr. Kavy explained that situation, instead of the department heads.

Mr. Lauer said that street department head Nathan Ernst had repair work done on the signal and paid. Another invoice arrived six months later for other related repair work done for the water department. There was a disconnect between the water and street department heads regarding the filing of paperwork.

Councilman Scaggs said that the department head should have come in and explained it. He asked that it be made clear that they have to come in and explain these warrant for payments.

Mr. Lauer said that Mr. Kavy will be making at this a point at the next BPU meeting.

Mr. Morris said the contractor should have to pay for this. It was the contractor who moved the water line and goofed up work. You would think their insurance would pay it, but it didn't happen that way.

Motion by Lauer to suspend rules, second by Scaggs. Roll to suspend: Schwaderer; yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes.

Motion by Lauer to adopt Resolution No. 118-14, second by Morris. Roll to adopt: Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes.

**ADOPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION No. 122-14 PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES Motion by Schwaderer to place on first reading, second by Minner. Clerk read.

Safety Service Director Hume shared that this had come via email last Friday. He spoke with Law Director Siddiqi about drafting this. It is a new program being offered through ODOT that could potentially save the city \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year. ODOT will inspect bridges at no cost.

He noted that the law director sent out attachments to council members. It is an excellent opportunity to save money. He hoped that council will be favorable with this program.

Mr. Castle asked about the 100% that the city would be responsible if it's "outside" the work, as indicated in exhibit A.

Mr. Hume explained that ODOT sets up a work order to be an all encompassing inspect. It is a standard work order set up by ODOT for all bridge inspections. "I believe there is not a whole lot outside of the work order."

Mr. Hume further added that it is typical, standard language and that there is always the "if" clause.

Councilman Schwaderer asked why the state of Ohio is offering to pay for the bridge inspection service for the city.

Mr. Hume explained the state wants uniformity with bridge inspections. It's been a hot topic with the failure of bridges and they want to know how bridges are inspected.

Mr. Schwaderer asked if Law Director Siddiqi read this thoroughly, understands it, and advises us to proceed as a city.

Mr. Hume said he could not speak on behalf of Mr. Siddiqi.

President Closser noted that this needs a sponsor and recommended leaving it on first reading. He asked council members to read it thoroughly.

Lauer motioned to sponsor it himself, second by Schwaderer. Roll for Councilman Lauer to be the sponsor: Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes.

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

Councilman Lauer asked if this would affect the city proceeding with the Park Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Hume said it would not as it is already on the list.

Councilman Morris asked about the status of the Toland Bridge project.

Mr. Hume said it would not affect it, but it will probably not be done this year.

RESOLUTION 123-14 A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATION Sponsored by Rodney Lauer. Motion by Hatt to place on first reading, second by Castle. Clerk read. Councilman Lauer reminded that both capital discussions brought up at the finance meeting. Lauer Noted that this is time sensitive and motioned to suspend rules. Mr. Morris seconded the suspension. Roll to suspend: Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes.

Recreation Director McCoy said that as the repayment to auditor as surfaced, he asked that the Merrimac Park portion be tabled for now. He said this is time sensitive, but looking at the priority list, his department can wait.

Safety Service Director asked about adding the \$59,350.39 repayment to the Madison County Auditor.

Mr. Lauer said that there is no time frame on that particular item and he would rather do it separately.

He asked if any capital funds are currently appropriated.

Auditor Hensel the only thing appropriated so far is equipment for the police department.

Auditor Hensel said the \$59,350.39 does need to be paid ASAP, and gave fund 242.79059003 for the resolution.

Motion by Castle to amend to remove the \$8,500 and to add in the amount \$59,350.30 and suspend Resolution No. 123-14, second by Scaggs. Roll to suspend rules as suspended: Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, no; Hatt, yes.

Motion by Scaggs to adopt, second by Minner. Roll to adopt: Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 124-14 A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Sponsored by Rex Castle . Motion by Scaggs to place on first reading, second by Morris. Clerk read. Councilman Castle explained that this is for the skate park grant. This is money that wasn't encumbered last year and needs to be re-appropriated for this year.

Motion by Scaggs to suspend rules, second by Minner. Roll to suspend: Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes.

President Closser said that has to be done by June 30.

Motion by Castle to adopt, second by Morris. Roll to adopt: Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes. **ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 125-14 A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATION Sponsored by Rodney Lauer. Motion by Scaggs to place on first reading, second by Hatt. Clerk read.

Councilman Lauer reminded that this was discussed at finance committee. Ben provided great information on both items. He wasn't sure how critical it is to pass this, but there is the pool manager position that needs addressed.

Mr. Hume said they have enough money for now to start with and that they are okay.

President Closser commented that he wished the pool manager had been addressed before this.

Councilman Scaggs said that you are looking at roughly \$35,000 between money spent to money brought in. \$9,000 was brought in from basketball. He pointed out that an \$8,000 request is coming up for pool. The recreation department budget was \$165,000 at beginning of year, but it's pushing toward \$200,000. He asked, "Are we going to be able to sustain that? Or is it just one year and then turn around and take it away?"

Mr. Lauer reminded that he was not a part of the 2014 budget process. But, from the explanation he received, it was not efficiently funded, based on direction given to the recreation department on what to deliver. He felt that this corrects that takes care of it.

Councilman Scaggs stated that Mr. McCoy is doing an excellent job. But, it comes down to "where is the money coming from? "We got to watch this."

Mr. Lauer said the \$26,000 is needed to fund the rest of the year. He asked, "Do you want to start cutting now and curtailing programs this year or correct the budget?"

Mr. Scaggs was concerned that the department is down to \$26,000 from the \$165,000 and its only March.

Mr. Lauer said he is concerned and that's why based on the information, he sponsored this legislation.

Auditor Hensel explained that this is just for the operating side only and money can't move between operating and personnel. She will send out a summary on the line items.

Mr. Scaggs warned that they need to be careful what they spend the rest of year and that was the major point trying he was trying to get across.

President Closser reminded this was all discussed at the finance committee meeting. Council is looking at doing a split into the capital fund. He felt that the city needs to go back to how it used to do it. A portion needs to be put into general and capital.

If the recreation department is raised to \$200,000 this year, Mr. McCoy will be looking at the \$200,000 for next year, based on his running programs at a high level.

He pointed out that if the split is larger into capital, then we will need to look at how to generate money.

Councilman Lauer said that revenue information provided by Mr. McCoy for the past three years needs to consider.

Recreation Director Ben McCoy shared that the department's budget in 2012 was \$160,000. In 2013 it was \$171,000. Revenue generated in 2012 was \$52,000. Revenue generated in 2013 was \$127,000. Take out the \$30,000 donation for the pool, the department still had \$97,000. He said that he is asking for a 20% increase in the budget. He pointed out the 100% increase in revenue in the past two years. He said that council is asking where money is coming from. He stated, "We are producing it in-house."

President Closser said that it all goes into the general. There are a lot of different departments and they can't generate their own funds.

Mr. Hume and Mr. McCoy both shared that the members of the LCO and chamber took a survey asking what are the deterrents to the city. Overwhelmingly 75% said drug abuse problem and not have things to do are the two top deterrents to the city.

Mr. McCoy said the recreation department can meet the wants and needs of the community by providing them facilities and resources to keep them here in the city.

Mr. Scaggs agreed, but was concerned that with increases already in March, cuts might happen by the end of the year.

Mr. Hume added that as we increase the budget, we are taking care of more things, more people, and we are providing services that a government is set out to do.

President Closser commented that if we could do that for the police department and have a multitude of officers, that would help with the drug problem too.

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

RESOLUTION 126-14 A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS Sponsored by Rex Castle. Motion by Scaggs to place on first reading, second by Lauer. Clerk read.

This is for a grant from the State of Ohio for handicapped accessibility project that has to be done by the end of June. These funds need to be re-appropriated.

Motion by Hatt to suspend rules, second by Morris. Roll to suspend: Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes.

Motion by Hatt to adopt, second by Castle. Roll to adopt: Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, yes.

**ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 127-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS TO CONDUCT A HB 420 ANALYSIS OF ENERGY CONSUMPTIONS Sponsored by Rex Castle. Motion by Scaggs to place on first reading, second by Lauer. Clerk read. Councilman Castle reminded that this legislation is a result of the presentation given by Mr. VanHoose of Honeywell at the last council meeting.

Mr. Hume reminded that there is no cost for request of qualifications, just time on his part to prepare the paperwork. The auditor's office will get involved to provide historical spending. There will be no money involved until the proposal comes back. It is time critical to pass considering other things going on in the city.

Motion by Castle to suspend rules, second by Scaggs. Roll to suspend the rules: Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, no.

Motion by Castle to adopt, second by Schwaderer. Roll to adopt: Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes; Lauer, no; Hatt, yes.

**ADOPTED.**

ORDINANCE 128-14 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF POOL MANAGER Sponsored by Rodney Lauer. Motion by Morris to place on first reading, second by Schwaderer. Clerk read. Mr. Lauer said the hire date to start is April 15. The employment will be from April 15 through September 15. The position was defined position by Civil Service Board. This ordinance sets the salary.

Councilman Closser noted that council members received the letter from Greg Eades of the Civil Service committee regarding this.

Motion by Lauer to suspend requirements of the three readings.

Councilman Scaggs said he had questions.

Lauer said, "You can always ask questions."

Morris seconded the motion to suspend: Roll to suspend: Minner, no; Scaggs, no; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, no; Lauer, yes; Hatt, no; Castle, yes.

Motion to suspend failed.

Mr. Scaggs asked if there a manager last year.

Safety Service Director Hume replied there was no manager, that many people did different tasks.

Mr. Scaggs asked, "So, it ran last year without a manager?"

Mr. Hume said yes, but that it was very difficult. There was a part-time recreation director, part-time helpers, and himself.



President Closser wished council would have let some of these questions be asked. He thought it was turned down only because these questions weren't answered.

Mr. Hume said you can ask all these questions, and then have another person make a motion to suspend rules.

Mr. Scaggs thought there was a pool manager last year and wondered what the salary was compared to this year.

Mr. Hume thought this was brought up at the finance committee. He believed the recreation assistants were paid \$9-\$9.50 per hour. The person who will be in charge is going to work 20 hours in April, 40 hours in May, then operating the pool at five, 10 hour days every week it is open. Divide all the time by the pay and it's about the same amount an assistant makes. The greatest value will be having one person in charge of running the operation of the pool.

Mr. McCoy had a report at the finance committee. The pool is open for more than just general swim. There are many extras such swim team; day care; swim lessons; and pool parties subsidizing the cost of the pool. As more of these types of activities are offered, the pool will run more efficiently, with less money needed to subsidize the pool. If it's a good summer there are lots of extras in there.

President Closser read "Robert's Rules". Legislation can only be considered once during a meeting if it was suspended, but can be reintroduced in a subsequent meeting even in same day.

Mr. McCoy said he was asked to prepare his department to succeed. The pool is an important entity to the city. The pool made more money by June 30 last year than it did the entire year of 2012.

He explained that he oversees the entire department. He needs someone to oversee the daily operations of the pool as he has a lot of other things going on. He stated that he does not stop working at 40 hours. His department is trying to meet the desire of the citizens and to produce revenue. "I feel this position is needed!"

Mr. Scaggs pointed out that he is doubling her salary and that others may be highly upset about that.

Linda Granger shared that she is the one who helped at the pool last year and hopes to be the manager this year. She helped raise the \$36,000. She stepped right into helping with labor at the pool with cleaning, painting, and pulling in resources for the pool. She donated 687 hours of unpaid time.

She was instrumental in starting the summer lunch program, the library corner, and many things the pool never did before.

She shared that Facebook comments have been very favorable about how clean the pool was and well ran.

She procured \$17,000 worth of equipment for the pool on her own time and money. She worked at getting the pool ADA compliant and was able to secure a \$5,000 lift chair for \$600.

Linda said, "You can hire a teenage and you will get what you had in the past with the pool. It will go back how it was. There has been nothing but positive comments from the community."

Mr. Scaggs said, "Thank you!"

Mr. Lauer asked if the dates will need to be changed as they run from April 15 through September 15. "This needed to be expedited."

Mr. Hume said they could have put out an advertisement and taken some applications. He stated that he has an extremely viable candidate that he would like to hire. He said they miss ability to advertise for pool manager. "I thought I made this clear months ago."

Mr. Schwaderer said it came down to the last minute because they had to wait on the job description from the civil service commission.

Mr. Minner wanted clarification on the salary increase.

Mr. McCoy said he is requesting \$4500. The salaried position is being set this year. It is not an increase.

Mr. Lauer said if council members have any questions, ask Ben. He gave a very detailed report at the finance committee meeting.

Mr. Scaggs stated that what Linda said was more than he'd ever see on a piece of paper.

Linda added that it took over 1,000 hours to get the pool up and running. There was technically not a manager. She took the position out of pride and was basically paid an hourly assistant rate. The manager position will encompass what she did last year. The pool needs continuity and supervision. "You cannot have teenagers running the pool."

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

#### **ROUND TABLE:**

Councilman Lauer said he looks forward to working with the budget. All departments need to be looked at making sure they have sustainable budgets and good capital plans. "We are the stewards of the community and we need to earn their trust."

Mr. Hatt said he will "piggy back" off what Mr. Lauer said. The budget needs to be prioritized, deciding what we want to spend money on.

He also thanked Linda for her work at the pool.

Mr. Castle thanked everyone for coming out. He plans to make a more asserted effort, diving into the city's finances, and to try and regulate things more appropriately.

Mr. Scaggs said that you have to ask questions when you get an increase request. He said he was glad he asked the question, as he enjoyed the answer!

Mr. Morris said that the more successful the recreation department is, the more costly it is. He pointed out that if you are up 15 teams from six, you have more expenses by just leaving the lights on later. The bigger the program gets, the more it costs. It is what the people want. It is successful!

Mr. Schwaderer thanked Linda. He said in regards to what Mr. Castle said, he is also going to get with the Auditor and dig into the budget. He said that all he hears about is how poor London is and he needs to see it for himself.

He appreciated the information provided by Mr. McCoy. The recreation department is doing well. He said he had a problem with putting money in Merrimac Park when the police department is not fully funded.

"I need to get more informed with the budget. I will do that to make better decisions for the city."

President Closser thanked everyone for coming out. He said to ask questions, get informed. "We need to prioritize the city. Everyone is important, but we need to find direction and go from there. Thanks for asking questions and getting informed."

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Councilman Castle to adjourn to executive session to consider the sale of the real property commonly known as the Armory, as premature disclosure of information will give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a party with personal, private interests that are adverse to the general public interest. He invited Safety Director Hume and Mayor Motion was second by Councilman Hatt.

**REGULAR MEETING:** Councilman Hatt motioned to reconvene the regular meeting, second by Lauer. Roll to reconvene meeting: Lauer, yes; Hatt, yes; Castle, yes; Minner, yes; Scaggs, yes; Morris, yes; Schwaderer, yes.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Scaggs to adjourn the meeting.