

June 2, 2016

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

ROLL CALL: Trint Hatt, absent; Rex Castle, present; Brenda Russell, absent; Dick Minner, present, Lora Long, present; Josh Peters, Megan Douglas, present.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved as received.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

AUDIENCE CONCERNS: Andra Troyer addressed council. She informed them that she was running for County Commissioner. She shared what numerous boards and committees she has served on. She expressed her love for Madison County. She plans to offer a new perspective and would like to see villages working closer together on county issues. She will continue to work with the drug issue and work towards a collaborative effort within the county. She would also like Madison County to be fiscally responsible with an open checkbook.

Doug Pyles, 323 Bishop Drive, addressed council. He enthusiastically supported Resolution 132-16. He shared that council made good choices in hiring the architect, who is very qualified and provided completed drawings. The HVAC representative gave many options. The general contract details were every good.

Citizens and city employees will be very proud of the building. He felt the money figures presented, with the scope of work involved, are very reasonable. All city offices will be located location making it much nice for residents conducting city business. He asked that council seriously consider this legislation so the city can march on!

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Castle attended the city properties meeting. He agreed with Mr. Pyles. The architect brought in good plans and the general contractors have good reputations. The next city properties' meeting is June 15.

Councilman Minner attended the city properties meeting. He commented, "The race is on to find money!"

Councilwoman Long attend the city properties meeting and commented that it is a lot to think about and a lot of money.

Councilwoman Douglas attended the BPU meeting.

President Hitt recapped the next committee meetings: public service – June 9; public safety- June 14; city properties – June 15; and finance – June 20.

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

Safety Service Director Doug Mosier thanked all the departments in assisting with the getting the pool opened in time. Bill Long will be finishing up some plumbing.

As Mayor Closser had mentioned, picnic tables at the park have been bolted down due to vandalism. If residents see vandalism occurring, please call and report it to the police department. "The park belongs to the residents of London!"

Auditor Nick Szabo shared that it's audit time. He thanked his staff in preparing all the documents for the audit. They've worked very hard.

Mr. Stan Kavy noted that Mayor Closser pretty much covered the water tower updates. He shared that water levels had dropped between 24-29 feet in the current tower. He noted that it is not critical, but it slows filling the pool and fire hydrant flushing.

He announced that due to vacations, the board of public utilities' meeting times has been changed. The board will meet June 20, 6:30 and Wednesday, July 20. There will be a special meeting to discuss contracts for trash removal on June 6. The contract is coming up and the board needs to get bids.

Mayor Closser said that recent meeting notices he sent do not reflect these changes. He suggested that council members make the change on their personal schedules.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 129-16 Sponsored by: Megan Douglas AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 101-16 FOR STRENGTHS ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS Motion by Castle to place on third reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read. Councilwoman Douglas explained that this only changes the strength within the department giving them flexibility. It does not add new employees.

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

ADOPTED.

ORDINANCE 130-16 Sponsored by: Dick Minner AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER Motion by Long to place on second reading, second by Douglas. Clerk read.

Motion by Castle to amend to add "not to exceed \$1.5 million", second by Long. Roll to amend: Minner, yes; Long, yes; Peters, yes; Douglas, yes; Castle, yes.

Councilman Castle commented that this will be a facility that citizens and employees will be proud of. "It is a wish and a desire, but we do need to make sure we can afford this. We can pull back where we can't afford."

Councilman Minner Dick agreed that it is a large figure, but we can drop back on it.

LEFT ON 2ND READING.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 132-16 Sponsored by: Rex Castle A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES Motion by Long to place on first reading, second by Castle. Clerk read. Councilman Castle it is the intent of the committee to see what the city can get out of the current buildings. The city will not need two buildings.

LEFT ON 1ST READING.

ROUND TABLE:

Councilwoman Douglas thanked everyone for coming in.

Councilman Peters thanked everyone for coming in this evening. He also commented on the Mayor's "big splash" at the pool!

Councilman Minner said he'd like to see the rest of council get more involved with the city properties committee.

Councilman Castle commented it is an exciting time to be on council, moving forward with a new city building. "It is nerve racking and a lot of money!"

He reminded that the next city properties' meeting is June 15 at 7:00 p.m. and the finance committee meeting is June 20 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Councilman Minner motioned to adjourn.

Arlene Duffey, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Hitt, Council President