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# 20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

December 21, 2023 at 6:30pm

#### Minutes

### Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tem Peters at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a moment of Silent Reflection.

#### **Roll Call**

Present - Councilman Robinson, Councilman Peters, Councilman Hitt, Councilman Stahl, Councilman Eades, Councilman Hays

Absent - President Comer

<u>Minutes</u> – November 17, 2023 and December 7, 2023 minutes, approved by unanimous voice vote

Public Hearing - none

<u>Communications/Announcements</u> – Mayor Closser presented appointees for expiring position on 12/31/2023. Approved by unanimous voice vote

#### **Audience Concerns**

Tommy Boyd, 48 N. Union St

- Clarified his information for the CDBG grant and highlighted some of the information.
- Would like to be considered for one of the two seats on the Mid-Ohio board.

### **Committee Reports**

Personnel & Finance Committee -

 Councilman Eades – attended the Personnel & Finance Committee. Most of the items will be coming in New Business. Overall, our revenues exceeded our expenses.

Public Service Committee -

Public Safety Committee -

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- Councilman Hays Attended Public Safety meeting on 12/12. Several pieces of legislation coming up in New Business.
- Councilman Hitt Attended Public Safety meeting. Read Police Department report (see attached notes to Public Safety Committee minutes).
- Councilman Stahl Attended Public Safety meeting. Legislation coming later. Read Fire Department report (see attached notes to Public Safety Committee minutes).

## **City Official Reports**

Mayor - Pat Closser - Merry Christmas

Safety Service Director - Nothing to report

Auditor - not in attendance

#### **Old Business**

#### 3rd Reading

**RESOLUTION 225-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters -** A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Operating Water - \$250,000.00

Councilman Eades – Requests that 225-23 and 226-23 to be tabled until 228-23 has been approved.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 226-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters -** A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. Operating Sewer - \$250,000.00

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 228-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters -** An ORDINANCE authorizing the approval and execution of the transfer agreement between the City of London and the Mid-Ohio water and sewer district.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Peters,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 against by roll call vote

**ORDINANCE 230-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters -** An ORDINANCE amending ORDINANCE 203-22 to reflect a range of salaries of department heads and non-union personnel.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Haysl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**ORDINANCE 238-23 - Sponsored by Henry Comer –** An ORDINANCE amending official zoning map. 216 E. First St., London, OH from M1 to R3.

Public Hearing scheduled for 1/18/24

**ORDINANCE 239-23 - Sponsored by TBD -** An ORDINANCE amending section 1228 of the Codified ORDINANCES. Storm sewers. **REMOVE - PASSED LAST MEETING** 

Motion to amend agenda by Councilman Hays, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

#### **New Business**

**RESOLUTION 240-23 - Sponsored by John Stahl -** A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into contract. The Street Department needs to build a new salt barn.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays,  $2^{nd}$  Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 241-23 - Sponsored by John Stahl -** A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The Street Department needs to build a new salt barn.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays,  $2^{nd}$  Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 242-23 - Sponsored by John Stahl -** A RESOLUTION increasing appropriations. The City needs to contract for Engineering services for the third ward storm water sewer project.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 243-23 - Sponsored by Greg Eades -** A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into contract for engineering services. The city is in need of engineering services for the third ward storm water sewer project.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Eades, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

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Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Eades,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 244-23 - Sponsored by John Stahl -** A RESOLUTION authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into contract the third ward storm water sewer project. The storm water sewer in the third ward needs updated.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 245-23 - Sponsored by Josh Peters -** A RESOLUTION authorizing the advertisement for bids for personal property no longer needed for city purposes. The City owns the personal property a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Hays. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 246-23 - Sponsored by Andrew Hitt -** A RESOLUTION authorizing the mayor to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Development for Ohio water and wastewater infrastructure grant program funding for the East side trunk sewer project and to execute an agreement with the Ohio Department of Development if funding is approved.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 247-23 - Sponsored by John Stahl -** A RESOLUTION authorizing the BPU to enter into a contract to purchase a lime slaker pursuant to Ohio revised code § 735.051.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hays,  $2^{nd}$  Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION by Councilman Stahl,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**ORDINANCE 248-23 - Sponsored by Andrew Hitt** - An ORDINANCE amending the policy and procedure manual. Due to the passage of Issue 2 the Policy and Procedure manual needs updated.

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Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Hitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Stahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Robinson. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

**ORDINANCE 249-23 - Sponsored by Rich Hayes -** An ORDINANCE amending section 1228 of the Codified Ordinances.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule by Councilman Robinson,  $2^{nd}$  Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE by Councilman Robinson,  $2^{nd}$  by Councilman Stahl. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 against by roll call vote

#### **Round Table**

Councilman Peters — Thank Mid-Ohio and Steve for all the work they put into this project. Thank Bryan for his time on city council and with him good luck on new endeavors. I look forward to 2024 as Council President and working with council members and city administration. I plan to swear in new members at the first meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Stahl — Thank Mid-Ohio and all the work Steve and everyone did on this project. We've planted many seeds this year, and will see things popping up all over the city in the coming year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Hitt — Thank Bryan for his time on council. I know Henry isn't here, but I'd like to thank him for his time served. We've has some difficult topics come forward and I think he handled those well. Looking forward to Josh as the new president. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Hays — Thankful for sitting here tonight. Thank Bryan and Henry. You guys have been great and I hate to see you go. Want to thank Steve and Mid-Ohio. Do us a good job, that's all I ask. Thank all city employees, good bunch of people. Wan to thank our police officers, firemen, and EMS. I don't know what we'd do without them. Wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Eades — Mid-Ohio, I'm not disappointed that you'll be taking over. I only wanted to look at all options. I think you'll do a great job and I look forward to all that you'll do for us. Thank city employees. Thank Henry and Bryan for your service. Thank all council members. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and please be safe.

Councilman Robinson – Thank Mid-Ohio. Thank everybody for helping during my time on council. I appreciate everybody and I look forward to the new council taking over. I hope they keep everything rolling and keep London moving forward. Thank you.

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Adjournment  Motion to adjourn at 7:18pm  Attestation: Minutes approved, filed in London website for public review.  Kris Miller, Council Clerk  Date	Auditor's Office, and posted on City of  Josh Peters, Council President Pro Tem  Date