

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY,
HELD

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of London, Kentucky, was held on November 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in London, Kentucky. Mayor Troy Rudder presided and the following duly qualified and acting members of the City Council were present:

Councilperson Steve Berry
Councilperson Daniel Carmack
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman
Councilperson Danny Phelps
Councilperson Judson Weaver

City Attorney Larry Bryson was present.

Absent from the meeting was Councilperson Noah White

Prayer by Councilperson Daniel Carmack

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rudder

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2019

A motion was made by Councilperson Steve Berry and seconded by Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2019.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING AND ZONING REGARDING GAMBREL
PROPERTY

The Council was presented with a letter from Bruce Yandell, Chairman of the London Planning and Zoning Commission, which denied the zone change request made by Thomas G. Gambrel. Attorney Larry G. Bryson explained to the Council a public hearing was held regarding the request from Mr. Gambrel and that the Planning and Zoning Commission made the recommendation to the Council that the zoning request was denied. Also attached to the letter were the minutes of the Board of September 19, 2019. On the same day as the hearing Mr. Gambrel's attorney, Keith Brown, requested that Mr. Gambrel withdraw the request for the zone change. The Board was advised that they should go forward or allow the request to be withdrawn. It was within the Board's discretion because the public notices had been sent to the adjoining property owners and anyone effected and there was proper notice as is required by the Ordinance and Kentucky Law to give notice of the public hearing. All of that was in compliance. The Planning and Zoning Commission was advised to allow the hearing. Mr. Gambrel knew of the zoning of the property at the time he purchased the property and there were some serious concerns, as stated in the minutes, regarding the several safety issues as well as parking. There were several members of the St. Williams Catholic Church who were present for the hearing and expressed their opinions and views of the zoning. A request

for zone change is rarely denied because most of the time people know how the property is zoned when they purchase the property. The Planning and Zoning Commission, and I thought it proper to notify you of the action because you are required if there is a zone change request to take action regarding this. One way to approach this is to accept the recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Commission. The other is to deny that recommendation, and I think you could send it back to the Commission to go through the process again.

A motion was made by Councilperson Judson Weaver and seconded by Councilperson Danny Phelps to uphold the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation because rezoning the property is not in compliance with the 2017 Comprehensive Plan.

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes
 Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
 Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
 Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
 Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

MIKE SAVAGE – NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

Mike Savage, Director and General Manager of radio station WEKU was present to discuss a proposed donation. The station needs to replace a twenty-year-old radio tower for approximately \$40,000, in which the radio station has approximately \$26,000 currently. WEKU is asking local city governments within their broadcast range for donations.

After discussions, it was agreed by the Council Members that this issue be reviewed for donation possibilities.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-09

An Ordinance Prohibiting the Selling or Vending of Goods from Booths Within the City Limits of London, Kentucky during the day of the World Chicken Festival Except as Authorized by the World Chicken Festival was read for the second time by Attorney Larry G. Bryson.

A motion was made by Councilperson Danny Phelps and seconded by Councilperson Daniel Carmack to approve the second reading of said Ordinance and to publish the same.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes
 Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
 Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
 Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
 Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

BACKPACK PROGRAM OF LAUREL COUNTY

A Proclamation was read by Attorney Larry G. Bryson proclaiming November as Backpack Program of Laurel County month. Backpack program volunteers meet every two weeks to pack lunches for children in need, so they have something to eat over the weekend.

RESOLUTION – CHANGE OF NAME OF LONDON-LAUREL COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NO. 2

Paula Thompson of the London-Laurel County Industrial Development Authority No. 2 was present to request a Resolution for the name change to that of London-Laurel County Economic Development Authority. Mrs. Thompson informed the Council Members that it was earing the 50th anniversary of the Industrial Authority. Mrs. Thompson explained that it was time to broaden the scope of the Authority and expand their focus to be a resource for commercial and retail.

A motion was made by Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman and seconded by Councilperson Danny Phelps to approve the Resolution and authorize Mayor Rudder to sign the same.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

Attorney Larry G. Bryson explained to the Council Members that the District Courts will not hear violations of City Ordinances. They allow Cities for have their own hearing process. A proposed Ordinance No. 2019-10 was provided to the Council Members for their review and feedback. Attorney Bryson stated, “We want it to be sufficient to get peoples’ attention but not over burdensome.” Mayor Rudder stated, “It is time for us to take a stand ourselves.”

Ordinance No. 2019-10 “An Ordinance of the City of London Establishing a Code Enforcement Board” was read for the first time by Attorney Larry G. Bryson.

A motion was made by Councilperson Judson Weaver and seconded by Councilperson Danny Phelps to approve the first reading of said Ordinance.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Land Acquisition

A motion was made by Councilperson Steve Berry and seconded by Councilperson Judson Weaver to go into Executive Session.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

A motion was made by Councilperson Steve Berry and seconded by Councilperson Judson Weaver to return from Executive Session.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

ADJOURN

There being no action taken from the Executive Session and no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Carmack and seconded by Councilperson Judson Weaver to adjourn the meeting.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

Mayor Rudder declared the meeting adjourned.


CAROLYN ADAMS
City Clerk


TROY RUDDER, MAYOR