

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

APRIL 5, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of London, Kentucky, was held on April 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the London Community Center, London, KY. Mayor Troy Rudder presided, and the following duly qualified and acting members of the City Council were present:

Councilperson Kip Jervis
Councilperson Daniel Carmack
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman
Councilperson Judson Weaver
Councilperson Kelly Greene

Councilperson Danny Phelps was absent

Attorney Larry G. Bryson was present

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rudder

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021

A motion was made by Councilperson Judson Weaver and seconded by Councilperson Daniel Carmack to approve the Minutes as presented.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

FRANK ROBINETTE – CUMBERLAND RIVER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Peer Support Specialist Frank Robinette was present and spoke with the Council regarding Cumberland River Behavioral Health's new Quick Response Team program which is still being developed. This program is designed to help with drug problems. The program does not turn anyone away from treatment. The Quick Response Team allows first responders to contact them if they encounter a citizen who could benefit from treatment. Mayor Rudder and the Council stated that they are in support of this program.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-19 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ETHICS FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY"

Ordinance No. 2021-02 "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2012-09 Entitled "An Ordinance Relating to the Establishment of Ethics for City Officials and Employees in the City of London, Kentucky" was read for the second time by Attorney Larry G. Bryson. Mayor Rudder asked if anyone had any further comments or questions regarding this. There were no further comments or question from the Council Members.

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

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 “AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF FOUNTAINE LANE TO FOUNTAINE DRIVE”

Ordinance No. 2021-03 “An Ordinance Changing the Name of Fountaine Lane to Fountaine Drive” was read for the first time by Attorney Larry G. Bryson. Steve Edge explained that the property owners requested this change. Mayor Rudder asked if anyone had any further comments or questions regarding this. There were no further comments or question from the Council Members.

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

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF LONDON FIRE CHIEF”

Ordinance No. 2021-04 “An Ordinance Establishing the Position of London Fire Chief” was read for the first time by Attorney Larry G. Bryson. Chief Carl Hacker explained that this Ordinance removes the Firemen’s Club from making recommendations to the Mayor regarding the Chief’s position. Chief Hacker explained that this makes the Fire Chief directly accountable to the Mayor now. Mayor Rudder asked if anyone had any further comments or questions regarding this. There were no further comments or question from the Council Members.

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

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

APPROVE HILL STREET LOT PLAN

Tourism Director Chris Robinson was present and discussed the plans for the Hill Street Lot with the Council. The proposed plan would provide an area for food truck set ups, RV hook-ups, and would also provide more downtown parking. London Utility Commission Superintendent Steve Baker is working on the design specifications for this project.

A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Carmack and seconded by Councilperson Kelly Greene to approve the site layout plan for the Hill Street lot.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes

Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

7TH STREET DISCUSSION

Mayor Rudder discussed 7th Street with the Council. Currently 7th Street is a one-way street. Due to growing businesses downtown, the Council discussed changing the direction of the one-way street due to safety concerns. This street will also be repaved. Steve Edge discussed the need for a sidewalk from Hill Street to Main Street. The Council and Edge also discussed restriping the parking spaces on Main Street. The Mayor and Council also discussed adding a stop sign at Amanda Drive to make it a 4-way stop. The City will look at this and give notice to the property owners before adding a stop sign.

APPROVE SURPLUS SALE AND ADVERTISE FOR BID

Tourism Director Chris Robinson discussed surplus property from Tourism which includes fencing, a tractor, 21 sets of small bleachers, and fencing around the ball fields at the Fairgrounds. Attorney Bryson explained the process of surplus property, including the bidding process and advertisement requirements. The bleachers are no longer insurable and do not meet OSHA standards.

Rick Cochrane told the Council that the fencing around the ball fields at the Fairgrounds is insured for over \$100,000.00. The Council and Chris Robinson discussed the condition of the fencing. Robinson explained that the fence is in good condition in some places and bad condition in others. Councilperson Kip Jervis inquired about softball leagues at the Fairgrounds if the fencing is removed. Councilperson Jervis stated that church softball leagues were not allowed to play at the Fairgrounds last year. Robinson explained that the league must submit a Certificate of Insurance and be a standing organization to participate. Councilperson Daniel Carmack stated that First Baptist Church offered their softball field to the church league softball teams, but they did not play there.

Robinson explained that Tourism is still working on plans for the use of the Fairgrounds and that there will be a Fairgrounds Committee for this. Councilperson Jervis stated that he would like to be on the Fairgrounds Committee.

Councilperson Judson Weaver discussed the value of the fencing around the softball fields and stated he would like to table it and go ahead with the surplus process for the tractor, bleachers, and construction fencing. Mayor Rudder stated that the City has had success with online sales of surplus property. These items will be put online also.

A motion was made by Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman and seconded by Councilperson Judson Weaver to declare the listed items as surplus property and authorize the sale of same.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

DISCUSS ORDINANCE NO. 799 “AN ORDINANCE LICENSING TRADES, OCCUPATIONS, PROFESSIONS, AND OTHER THINGS HEREINAFTER MENTIONED”

Mayor Rudder discussed our current Ordinance for Business License and questions/issues recently presented. The Council discussed how to efficiently track new businesses and current businesses to ensure they have a current Business License. Steve Edge discussed the program he uses for tracking businesses with his customers.

Mayor Rudder discussed our rates being lower than surrounding cities and appointed a Committee to review and make suggested revisions to the current Ordinance. Kelly Greene (Chairman), Kip Jervis, Danny Phelps, and Shelly Wyatt were appointed to the Committee.

DISCUSS BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

The Mayor and Council discussed the budget for 2021-2022. The Council will have a Special Called Meeting on April 13, 2021, which will be a working session to review and prepare the budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LITIGATION

City of Corbin vs. City of London (Annexation)
EEOC Claim (Jeff Baker)
Filing lawsuits for delinquent Restaurant Tax
Krystal's Bankruptcy

A motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Carmack and seconded by Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman to go into Executive Session.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

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

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

A motion was made by Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman and seconded by Councilperson Judson Weaver to authorize Attorney Larry Bryson to begin collection efforts of delinquent Restaurant Taxes.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

A motion was made by Councilperson Judson Weaver and seconded by Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman to adjourn the meeting.

Then upon said motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kip Jervis, yes
Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

Mayor Rudder declared the meeting adjourned.


MARCIA J. BERRY, CITY CLERK


TROY RUDDER, MAYOR