

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY,
 HELD
 SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of London, Kentucky, was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., for the reason that Monday, September 3, 2018 was a Holiday, 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 Kelly Greene
 Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman
 Councilperson Danny Phelps
 Councilperson Noah White
 Councilperson Judson Weaver

City Attorney Larry Bryson was present.

Absent from the meeting was Councilperson Steve Berry.

Prayer by Bro. Greg Deaton of New Salem Baptist Church

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Troy Rudder.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilperson Kelly Greene and seconded by Councilperson Noah White to approve the Minutes of August 6, 2018 and to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes
 Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
 Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
 Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
 Councilperson Noah White, yes

POLICE CHIEF – DEREK HOUSE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mayor Troy Rudder and London Police Chief Derek House presented awards to officers for their acts of service on July 19th, 2018. On July 19th Officers of the London Police Department were notified of two bank robberies that occurred within moments of each other. The armed perpetrator entered the two banking institutions with a loaded handgun and cumulatively took over \$32,264, then fled. Officers of the London Police Department acted quickly to set up a perimeter in the area and responded to assist the victims. "Within minutes of the second robbery, thanks to the assistance of many civilians giving officers information, and great communication from our London-Laurel Co. 911 Dispatchers, Ofc. Elbert Riley located the suspect's vehicle traveling on a roadway and was able to give officers the direction of travel," said Chief Derek House of the London Police Department.

Sgt. Mike Holliday located the vehicle parked in a church parking lot and became involved in a foot pursuit with the armed suspect. After a short chase, Sgt. Holliday was able to bring the suspect into custody and was assisted at the scene by other officers. The suspect was subsequently charged with the two bank robberies, and the money from the two banks was recovered. A short time later, it was determined that the suspect was also involved in two armed carjackings.

"The actions of all the officers without a doubt took a violent armed criminal off the street that day," House said, adding, "The actions of all of these officers that day are examples of the highest standards we set for law enforcement officers, and reflect excellence not only upon themselves but the London Police Department and the City of London."

Sgt. Mike Holliday and Ofc. Elbert Riley received the Meritorious Service Award for their exemplary professional service and outstanding performance.

Capt. Darrel Kilburn, Lt. Doug Thomas, Sgt. Randy Medlock, Sgt. Travis Dotson, Det. Jessie Williams, Det. Daniel Robinson, Ofc. Travis Couch, Ofc. Ashley Wampler, and Ofc. Cody Faulconer were awarded the Professional Esteem Award in recognition of their exemplary performance of duties.

JOHN PARMAN – 611 SUBLIMITY SCHOOL ROAD PROPERTY

John Parman was present to request that the property located on Sublimity School Road be cleaned up. Mr. Parman presented pictures of the property but stated that as of the time of the meeting, most everything in the pictures had been addressed. Mr. Parman did commend Code Enforcement Officer, Doug Gilbert and Safety Director, Rick Cochram for a job well done.

BONNIE BROWN – MILL STREET PROPERTY

Johnny Brown and his wife, Bonnie Brown owners of property on Mill Street were present to discuss the building adjacent to their property, located on Main Street. Mr. Brown stated that they own two buildings on Mill Street and the property that is located behind their buildings is falling down. Mrs. Brown stated that she was afraid somebody was going to get hurt, plus there are bats all around.

A motion was made by Councilperson Noah White and seconded by Councilperson Judson Weaver to authorize Doug Gilbert to contract with someone and be reimbursed for the expenses to secure that property because it imposes a safety risk.

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Noah White, yes

BUILDING INSPECTOR DOUG GILBERT – VACANT PROPERTY – CHRISTOPHER T. STAVELY

1. Christopher T. Stavely/Bruce Lominac

The property is located at 104 Falls Street, London, KY. Property owner, Bruce Lominac was present to address the issue. Mr. Lominac stated, “All I am asking for is to help me to keep out hoodlums. I asked Derek to patrol the area because I have put a lot of money into this property. I put over \$4,000 of glass in that building last year alone. I stayed up watching all night for three nights in a row, and not once did police circle around that building. I’m not asking you one thing except protect my property. I have been paying taxes in this City for four decades and the job ain’t getting done. I have told you that I have an issue with vandalism.” Councilperson Judson Weaver stated “Your property looks abandoned.” Chief House stated, “I have walked around the property myself. There is not a high crime area of activity on that street. It is a residential area.”

Councilperson Kelly Greene stated, “That is ridiculous to think our Police Department could do that and this has been going on, well, I am 56 years old and that building has looked bad since I was little. It is an eye sore which attracts people and you are asking for more trouble. I suggest that we move forward with this.”

In keeping with Ordinance No. 2008-05, the Property Review Commission certified to the London City Council that the property is blighted or deteriorated and procedures set forth in London City Ordinance No. 2008-05 have been followed in order to make the determination.

Council made findings in keeping with Section V Eminent Domain Proceedings of Ordinance 2008-05 which states:

- a. That the property has deteriorated to such an extent as to constitute a serious and growing menace to the public health; safety, and welfare;
- b. That such property is likely to continue to deteriorate unless corrected;
- c. That the continued deterioration of such property may contribute to the blighting or deterioration of the area immediately surrounding the property; and
- d. That the owner of such property has failed to correct the deterioration of the property.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Judson Weaver and seconded by Councilperson Kelly Greene to authorize Attorney Larry G. Bryson to begin civil proceedings. Further, the file presented by the Building Inspector, Doug Gilbert, is incorporated herein by reference.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03 DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

An Ordinance No. 2018-03 entitled “Development Ordinance for the City of London, Kentucky” was read for the second time by Attorney Larry G. Bryson.

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

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Noah White, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

BIDS FOR FORK LIFT, WHEEL LOADER AND METERING BIN

Steve Edge, Public Works Director, presented bids for the following items:

1. Fork Lift with Rotator
Bid from The Bailey Company \$ 38,855.18
2. .85 Wheel Loader
Bid from Bobcat Enterprises, Inc. \$ 64,875.00
Bid from Franklin Equipment \$ 35,500.00
3. MB-30 Metering Bin
Bid from BHS \$187,616.00

A motion was made by Councilperson Noah White and seconded by Councilperson Judson Weaver to approve the lowest and best bid for the above described property. The above described equipment was purchased with a recycling grant.

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
Councilperson Noah White, yes

LEASE AGREEMENT – TOURISM COMMISSION

Attorney Larry G. Bryson presented to the Council a Lease Agreement between the City of London and the London Tourism and Convention Commission for the “Town Center Property”. Attorney Bryson explained that this Lease is in keeping with all of the other Lease Agreements that the City has done with the Tourism Commission.

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

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes
Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes

Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
 Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
 Councilperson Noah White, yes

RESOLUTION – LEVI JACKSON WILDERNESS ROAD PARK

Mayor Rudder presented a Resolution whereby the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of London agreed to a transfer of property known as the “Levi Jackson Wilderness Road Park” for both of their mutual benefits. The City of London will continue to operate the Levi Jackson Wilderness Road Park for public outdoor recreation.

Councilperson Kelly Greene stated, “My concern is I would like for the public to be involved in this. I know that it has lost money the last few years, so figuring out the plan and how many years that it is going to take to start making money. It seems they are giving us a losing business. I would like to have a plan in motion and maybe involve the public before we get this deed and everything is finalized. We are taking tax dollars (tourism dollars) and we are putting it in something that is losing to start with”.

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

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes
 Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
 Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
 Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
 Councilperson Noah White, yes

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Kelly Greene and seconded by Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman to adjourn the meeting.

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes
 Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes
 Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes
 Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes
 Councilperson Noah White, yes

Mayor Rudder declared the meeting adjourned.


 CAROLYN ADAMS
 City Clerk


 TROY RUDDER, MAYOR