MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY

HELD

AUGUST 5, 2019

 A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of London, Kentucky, was held on August 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers 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 Bobby Joe Parman

Councilperson Daniel Carmack

Councilperson Danny Phelps

Councilperson Noah White

Councilperson Judson Weaver

City Attorney Larry Bryson was present.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rudder.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilperson Steve Berry and seconded by Councilperson Danny Phelps to approve the Minutes of July 1, 2019, and to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Then upon this Motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes

Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes

Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes

Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes

Councilperson Noah White, yes

Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RECONNECT FEES, AND ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES

Steve Baker presented proposal from the London Utility Commission to raise the water rates and explained the rates if the proposal was accepted by the Council. He explained that the rates recommended by the London Utility Commission to the City Council would not place an undue burden on low income customers and because of the declining rate for many of the highest business consumers such as Flav-O-Rich the water rates should continue to attract businesses to

London. A comparison of water rates was presented by Superintendent Baker of surrounding water utilities, London’s rate, even after the adjustment, would continue to provide a lower water rate to all customers living in the City limits. Out of City users continue to pay a higher water rate thereby making it attractive to nonresidents to desire annexation.

The Ordinance Establishing Reconnect Fees and Establishing Water and Sewer Rates had been prepared by City Attorney Larry Bryson; the Ordinance as recommended by the London Utility Commission and Superintendent Baker had its first reading.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Judson Weaver and seconded by Councilperson Noah White.

Then upon this Motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes

Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes

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Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes

Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes

Councilperson Noah White, yes

Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

FIRE TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT

Chief Hacker discussed with the City Council that the City was in serious need of a new fire truck. Ordinarily, a completely new truck would take 13-14 months to build. However, America’s Bravest Equipment Co. has a demo truck that can be available for use to the City of London within approximately two months. The truck was available for the Council and press to view. The truck would be with a two-year warranty and is replacing the 1996 truck; the new truck would be the ‘first out” truck. Steve Berry reminded the Council that this truck had been budgeted for in the present City budget and made a motion to accept the bid made by America’s Bravest Equipment Co. and to authorize the Mayor to sign any documents relating to the purchase of the truck.

A Motion by Councilperson Steve Berry and seconded by Councilperson Danny Phelps.

Then upon this Motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes

Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes

Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes

Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes

Councilperson Noah White, yes

Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

A proposal was also made for turn out gear that is designed to provide greater safety to firefighters and reduce the risk of cancer because of heat exhaustion. Other equipment discussed in the purchase were for air packs for the firefighters. After some discussion, Steve Berry made a motion to accept the bid for the equipment and to authorize the Mayor to sign any documents for the same.

A Motion by Councilperson Steve Berry and seconded by Councilperson Judson Weaver.

Then upon this Motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes

Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes

Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes

Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes

Councilperson Noah White, yes

Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

MAGEE PROPERTY

Mayor Rudder and City Attorney Larry Bryson explained that the 55.95 acres had been purchased from Matt Magee pursuant to discussions with the City Council and Tourism. Steve Berry who is also a member of London Tourism stated that there was a need for the construction of storage buildings on the property and that the Tourism Commission would be addressing that issue at its next meeting. Councilmen Berry indicated the substantial need by Tourism for this property and that it had much potential for development in the future.

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LEVI JACKSON STATE PARK PROPERTY

Mayor Rudder reported to the Council that the transfer of the Levi Jackson State Park Property to the City of London was to occur within the next short while. With a probable transition date of September 3, 2019. Mayor Rudder will be discussing this with representatives of the Department of Parks regarding a transition team so that staff from the State and staff from the City would be working together during the transition.

Unfair Housing Ordinance

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 673, “An Ordinance of The City of London Relating to Unfair Housing Practices, Financial Practices and Blockbusting” was read for the first time by Attorney Larry G. Bryson.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Danny Phelps and seconded by Councilperson Daniel Carmack to accept the first reading of said Ordinance.

Then upon this Motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes

Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes

Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes

Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes

Councilperson Noah White, yes

Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Councilperson Steve Berry and seconded by Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman to adjourn the meeting.

Then upon this motion came the following vote:

Councilperson Steve Berry, yes

Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman, yes

Councilperson Daniel Carmack, yes

Councilperson Danny Phelps, yes

Councilperson Noah White, yes

Councilperson Judson Weaver, yes

Mayor Rudder declared the meeting adjourned.

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 TROY RUDDER, MAYOR

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CAROLYN ADAMS

CITY CLERK