

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY
HELD
APRIL 13, 2021

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of London, Kentucky, was held on April 13, 2021 at Noon at the London Community Center. 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 Danny Phelps
Councilperson Kelly Greene

Councilperson Judson Weaver was absent

Attorney Larry G. Bryson was absent

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rudder

The purpose of the special meeting was:

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Discuss Budget for 2021-2022

2. ADJOURN

DISCUSS BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

The Council discussed the budget for the upcoming year. Department heads from each department were present.

City employees did not receive a raise during the last year due to COVID. The Council and Mayor asked Sherry Jones (Accounts Payable) about a 4% raise for City employees and how it would affect the current budget amounts. Jones explained that the budgeted figures will not be significantly affected.

The Council discussed the projected income for the upcoming year and if it would meet the budget needs and the amounts that are budgeted. Jones discussed income from the Business License, Occupational Tax, and COVID funds with the Council. There was not a significant drop in the Occupational Tax.

Councilperson Daniel Carmack asked about the budgeted amount for health insurance for the Council Members, specifically the amounts for a family plan versus an individual plan. The Council discussed the current cost of health insurance. The Council also discussed the Mayor's salary amount.

Jones explained that the budget amounts for the AR Dyché Cemetery are a reimbursement on expenses incurred throughout the year.

Building Inspector Doug Gilbert was present and discussed the increase in his budget amount is due to hiring another employee. Gilbert explained his request for purchasing a new computer for his truck allows him to work on-site during inspections.

The Rescue Squad is in need of a new truck and will get the estimates to Jones for the budget.

Street and Sanitation

Steve Edge was present and discussed the Street Department's budget items, revenue, and needs for the upcoming year.

Councilperson Bobby Joe Parman asked about income produced from recycling. Edge explained that recycling is market driven, therefore the income produced varies. Edge stated that recycling is a service that is provided to citizens for their tax dollars and should be viewed as same rather than as an income service.

The Council discussed raising the budgeted figure for sidewalks. Edge explained that his Department works on more sidewalk projects than the budget shows. Edge stated that some sidewalk projects are included as part of larger projects.

The City does not currently have a Street Sweeper. Edge is getting a quote for purchasing or leasing a Street Sweeper.

Councilperson Daniel Carmack asked about funds for blacktop. Jones explained that funds for blacktop are not included in the budget figures because the blacktop funds come from MAPS money. The MAP funds are based on the gasoline tax.

Edge is getting a quote for repairing the rock wall on Long Street.

Edge discussed his equipment needs with the Council, which includes a Street Sweeper, backhoe, and 4 salt trucks.

Councilperson Carmack discussed the line item for Professional Fees and Attorney Fees and the increase for Attorney Fees. Jones explained that the audit report and other professional services fall under Professional Fees. Jones also explained that the current annexation, several new projects, and other lawsuits are the reason for the increase in Attorney Fees. The cost of annexation is not otherwise included in the budget figures.

The Council discussed budget amounts for the Animal Shelter and Little League. Councilperson Kip Jervis inquired about amounts for Little League. Jones explained that falls under the Tourism budget.

Police Department

Police Chief Darrel Kilburn discussed the Police Department's budget items and needs for the upcoming year.

The Council discussed leasing cruisers versus purchasing them. The Council discussed the cost and maintenance of same. Chief Kilburn explained that the current life of a cruiser is approximately three years.

Chief Kilburn discussed the police forfeiture funds which purchase a couple of police vehicles per year.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Carl Hacker was present and discussed the Fire Department's budget items and needs for the upcoming year.

Chief Hacker discussed purchasing new equipment and upgrading current equipment, including new air packs and turn-out gear. The 1996 Engine Tanker needs to be replaced.

Chief Hacker stated that the Fire Department needs to purchase a brush truck since the City acquired Levi Jackson Wilderness Road Park.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Daniel Carmack and seconded by Councilperson Kip Jervis 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 Danny Phelps, yes
Councilperson Kelly Greene, yes

Mayor Rudder declared the meeting adjourned.


TROY RUDDER, MAYOR


MARCY J. BERRY, CITY CLERK