

## COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

A regular and open meeting of the City of New London Common Council was convened on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called. Presiding: Mayor Mark Herter.

Members Present: Robert Besaw, John Faucher, Michael Barrington, Steve Groat, Bernie Ritchie, Timothy Roberts, David Dorsey, BaLynda Croy, Dennis Herter and John Hass.

Officers Present: City Administrator Chad Hoerth, City Clerk Nicole Lemke, and City Attorney Keith Steckbauer.

The following all whom left at 7:36PM: Recreation Supervisor Morgan Gorges, Video Producer Josh Viste, Director of Public Works Robert Garske, Director of Parks & Recreation Ginger Arndt, Police Chief Schlueter, and Jason Bessette General Manager of New London Utilities.

VISITORS: None.

AGENDA: Barrington/ Besaw to approve the Agenda. *Carried 10-0*

MINUTES: Groat / Roberts to approve the 6/21/2022 Common Council Minutes as written. *Carried 10-0*

BILLS: Dorsey / Faucher to authorize the payment of invoices in the amount of \$786,134.69. *Carried 10-0*

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

### STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

#### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS –

1. Minutes of the 6/21/2022 (Special) and 7/5/ 2022 meetings were read by Barrington.

#### FINANCE & PERSONNEL -

1. Minutes of the 7/6/ 2022 meeting were read by Dorsey
2. Dorsey / D. Herter to approve annual License List. *Carried 10-0*. A complete listing of the individual licenses is printed at the end of these minutes.

#### PARKS & RECREATION –

1. Minutes of the 7/5/ 2022 meeting were read by Besaw

#### PLAN COMMISSION –

1. Minutes of the 6/23/2022 meeting were read by Besaw
2. Besaw / Dorsey to adopt ordinance annexing Building Supply Property *Carried 10-0*. Ordinance 1417 is published separately and printed in the ordinance book.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –

1. No June meeting
2. July WCEDC Report distributed

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. D. Herter / Roberts to approve Developer's Agreement with S.C. Swiderski for downtown development. *Carried 10-0*.

#### REPORTS & MINUTES DISTRIBUTED:

1. Library & Museum minutes–6/27/2022 (Special)
2. Police & Fire Commission – 6/20/2022
3. Utility 6/7/2022 & 6/21/2022

4. Building Inspector – June 2022 Report
5. Housing Authority – 5/31/2022 Minutes
6. Joint Review Board: ER TID 01 – 6/23/2022 Minutes

#### **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Mayor Herter announced his appointments to Economic Development Tourism Commission: Mike Hibbard, Jennifer Heideman, Kelly Rickert, April Kopitzke, and Jay Patel.
2. Mayor Herter announced his appointments to Library and Museum Board: Bill Flease & Tina Ruckdashel. D. Herter / Besaw to confirm appointments.  
*Carried 10-0.*

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS on recent events and announcements to the Public:**

**Attorney Steckbauer** offered his interpretation of Muni Code 1.05(10)(a). He stated in practice, City staff was allowing two chickens for household regardless of zoning. Steckbauer stated he felt this was an improper reading of the ordinance. Steckbauer's interpretation is that chickens are allowed in any *agricultural* district only. A discussion regarding chickens will take place in Planning Commission.

**City Administrator Chad Hoerth** stated he attended groundbreaking for an expansion at Titan Industries. Hoerth highlighted the Comp Plan survey to collect public information.

**General Manager of New London Utilities Jason Bessette** said Electric crews responded to a transformer pushed off the pad at Northpoint Drive. Crews found one of Pearl St. bridge lights broken off and in the river. He said a breaker operated at the North Well Mini Sub on 6/26/22. The operation was a 3,000-amp fault, and Kwik Trip North was impacted minimally. Bessette said water crews discovered a pumping increase on our system on 6/23/22. After investigating they discovered a large leak. Crews found the cause on Hwy S on 16" main. Utilities estimates 6,000,000 water lost due to the leak over 5 days. PFAS testing of the city wells complete except Well 2, and they are awaiting DNR results. Cory Woller began on July 18. Bessette recognized Josh Fassbender for 1 year of service.

**Police Chief Schlueter** invited residents to National Night Out on August 2 from 4:30-6:30pm.

**Director of Public Works Robert Garske** stated the 300 block of North Water was closed for a contractor repair on collapsed sanitary lateral for a business. He stated Avon, Lyons and Lima streets repair project moving along and curb and Gutter to start soon. Garske said on Thursday, July 21 they will be closing Spur Rd at Shawano St/Hwy 45 for culvert replacement. Will be closed 1 day.

**Director of Parks & Recreation Ginger Arndt** invited residents to National Night Out on August 2. **She said they will be** offering babysitting course in August and a trip to Timber Rattler stadium. Residents can call to register for either. Arndt stated the Aquatic Water Carnival will be held on 7/20 and there is a \$2 entry fee with concessions available. She said the Aquatic & Fitness Center is looking for a day shift life guard during school year during the hours of 5:30AM-1:30PM. Interested parties should call Jim Thorpe at the Aquatic & Fitness Center

At 7:36 p.m. Dorsey / Barrington to move to closed session per the following statutory exemptions: 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the

governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Ritchie / Besaw to return to open session. *Carried 10-0.* There was no action from closed session.

At 8:26 p.m. there being no other business Ritchie / Roberts moved to adjourn. *Carried 10-0.*

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Nicole Lemke, City Clerk  
July 19, 2022

**Bartender's License:**

ADAM SELK	NEW LONDON LANES/ HILBY'S RESTAURANT
SHERRY NELSON	WALMART
KAITLYN OWEN	CRUZ INN
NEIL ROMAN	RIVERSIDE MINI MART
SYDNEY LEE	C & R WATERFRONT
CAITLYN SIEVERT	C & R WATERFRONT
ELLIS WANGELIN	NO SPECIFIC LOCATION
ASHLEY FERG	WALMART
JENNIFER VAN ORDER	THE WATERS SUPPER CLUB
DANIELLE ZUEGE	NEW LONDON LANES/ HILBY'S RESTAURANT
ZAYLIE REIMER	NEW LONDON LANES/ HILBY'S RESTAURANT
HALEY PUHL	CRUZ INN

**Solicitor's License:**

Miriam Wagner of El Pescador