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## London City Council discusses Harless case



Mayor Weddle questions why council would not initially approve the housing authority appointments. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

Also approves housing board appointments after lengthy meeting



Newly appointed council member John Bruner attended his first council meeting Monday. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

coming tornado siren testing. The meeting marked the first regular session since former council member Anthony Ortega resigned, who was not seeking re-election, last Wednesday. Ortega cited his reason as moving outside city limits. Ortega's resignation led to the appointment of city council candidate John Bruner, who previously worked for the Cumberland Valley Area Development District and has served on its board, during a special-called meeting Friday. Council member Judd Weaver was absent from Monday's meeting. Following the call to order and approval of the agenda, Weddle reviewed departmental budgets and expenditures before discussion shifted to the Harless case. The mayor addressed a recent letter received in response to the city's open records request filed after a grand jury returned a "no true bill" declining

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## Former city clerk files lawsuit against London, Mayor, City Attorney

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LONDON — A former City of London employee has filed a civil lawsuit in Laurel Circuit Court alleging she was subjected to sexual harassment, retaliation and wrongful termination during her employment with city government. The complaint, filed last Friday, lists Marcy Berry as the plaintiff and names Randall Weddle, in his personal and official capacity as Mayor of London; Larry Bryson, in his personal and official capacity as City Attorney; and the City of London, Kentucky as defendants. According to the lawsuit, Berry began working for the City of London in December 2020 and was later appointed City Clerk, a non-elected position established under Ordinance 2021-13. The ordinance provides procedural protections, including written cause and due process, prior to removal. Berry alleges she was terminated from her position on March 9, 2023, without those protections.

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## London, Laurel officials speak out against bullying after NLHS incident

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LONDON — City and county officials joined community members Sunday evening to speak out against bullying, following the circulation of a social media video involving a North Laurel High School student with autism as the victim. The video, which began circulating over the weekend, prompted widespread reaction online and calls for accountability. In response, London Mayor Randall Weddle issued a public statement on Facebook condemning the incident. "Let me be clear: my office has zero tolerance for bullying of any kind. Being mean or resorting to violence is never the answer, especially toward someone who may not be able to defend themselves," stated Weddle. "London, we must do better. Ending bullying starts with us as adults. Our children are

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