



Tracie Byers with Isaiah 58:10 Ministries and Outreach approached council on Monday to inquire about more space for the warming shelter. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD



Justice for Doug Harless supporter William Eversole stood in the back of the fiscal court room during Tuesday's special-called meeting. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

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“The purpose of this moratorium and prohibition, as explained in the whereas clause in the Ordinance, are to permit the City to study the impacts of data centers, which have created resource constraints and other concerns in other Kentucky communities and throughout the country,” City Clerk Ashley Taylor read aloud from the ordinance.

The move comes as communities across Kentucky and beyond continue weighing the potential benefits and drawbacks of large-scale data center developments, with the pause allowing London time to research the facilities and their impact before making long-term decisions.

The council also unanimously approved the first reading of Ordinance 2026-17, which would authorize an easement for Kentucky Utilities Company on city-owned property at Levi Jackson Park and provide for the receipt and budgeting of the funds from that transaction. According to the ordinance, Kentucky Utilities requested

an easement involving approximately 15 acres of city property, including the Wilderness Road and fairground area, and agreed to pay the city \$14,500 per acre. The ordinance states that all money received from the transaction would be appropriated to the city's Capital Replacement and Reserve Fund.

Also during Monday's meeting, Tracie Byers, founder of Isaiah 58:10 Ministries and Outreach, addressed council during the public comment period to ask for help securing a larger space for the ministry's warming shelter.

“The current one is inadequate for our means, and I would like the city to consider helping us with a larger and more appropriate facility,” said Byers.

During discussion with council, Byers said the old jail could be a possible location for an expanded shelter. Council member Jim Baker said he had previously considered the possibility of petitioning to use part of the old jail, noting it already has sufficient space and a built-in kitchen. Byers was ultimately asked to present information

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Sale Contract” as a 2019 Lamborghini Urus.

The complaint alleges Weddle defaulted on payments for the vehicle and that the plaintiff declared the entire balance due. It further states in the court document that the amount sought is \$60,044.56, along with interest “at the judgement rate of interest pursuant to KRS 360.040 per annum thereafter until paid.”

The filing further alleges the vehicle is wrongfully detained by the defendant and asks the court to award immediate possession of

the vehicle to Lamborghini Financial Services. The plaintiff also requests court costs, attorney's fees and any additional legal or equitable relief to which it may be entitled, while asking the court to retain jurisdiction to determine any deficiency remaining after disposition of the vehicle.

“The purpose of this pleading is to collect a debt and any information gained will be used for that purpose,” the complaint states.

The Sentinel-Echo sought confirmation of the dismissal, but no documentation confirming the action was immediately available in court records as of press time.

to Council Attorney Christy Shannon so the matter could be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

Under old business, Public Works Director Phillip Rawlings updated council on the city's sidewalk projects on Carter and Long streets, as well as the Fall Street repavement project. Rawlings said the department plans to have the Long Street sidewalk completed before the World Chicken Festival. He added that the Carter Street sidewalk has largely been poured and finished, with only some touch-up work remaining.

Council also approved the second reading of Ordinance 2026-08, which amends Ordinance 2022-03 and the city's development ordinance relating to the treatment of qualified manufactured homes.

Then, during a special-called meeting held Tuesday morning, the council voted unanimously to override Weddle's vetoes of Ordinances 2026-11, 2026-12, 2026-13 and 2026-15.

Those measures included Ordinance 2026-11 amending the city's 2025-2026 budget, Ordinance 2026-12 establishing the city's 2026-2027 budget, Ordinance 2026-13 setting the city's pay and classification plan, and Ordinance 2026-15 amending the city's ethics ordinance.

In a written response later posted to social media, Weddle defended his vetoes and argued the council's actions amounted to “legislative overreach” into the authority of the mayor's office.

“Our municipality is not



London City Council convened for its regular meeting on Monday, with Mayor Randall Weddle and Councilmember Judd Weaver absent. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

constitutionally created. Rather, local government is created by statute and the powers granted to you, the legislature, and me as mayor, the executive branch, are specifically delineated,” Weddle wrote. “Each of the above referenced Ordinances are replete with blatant legislative overreach and violations of the separation of powers prescribed by statute, fail to honor your duties and fiscal obligations, and trample on the rights of our City employees and London's citizens.”

Weddle also argued that portions of the ordinances improperly inserted council into the administration of city government and budget operations. In his explanation for vetoing Ordinance 2026-11, Weddle wrote that one provi-

sion sought to “hold hostage the appropriations necessary for operation of city government” and said council was attempting to perform functions he argued belong exclusively to the mayor under state law.

Regarding Ordinance 2026-12, Weddle contended the city budget failed to account for anticipated FEMA reimbursements tied to tornado and flood-related expenditures.

“The approved budget fails to provide for sufficient revenue to operate city government,” Weddle wrote, adding that “nearly 1.9 million dollars of revenue from FEMA reimbursement anticipated to be received during the fiscal year has not been allocated.”

Weddle further objected to

provisions in the pay ordinance and ethics ordinance, arguing they infringed on the mayor's authority over personnel and administrative management, and in the case of the ethics ordinance, exceeded council's lawful role.

Despite those objections, all council members voted to override the vetoes on Tuesday.

At the close of Monday and Tuesday's meetings, council members John Bruner and Jim Baker asked about Weddle's absence. Acting City Attorney Eric Edwards said the mayor was unavailable that week for both meetings.

During previous special-called meetings in June, it was also stated at the time that Mayor Weddle was in training.

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