

COMMON COUNCIL

February 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

Mike Guffey	Present
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jerry Walden	Present
Aaron Dicken	Present
Mark Koger	Present
Lynn Perdue	Absent
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Vice President Hancock moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting.
Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions

ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Todd Jennings with Indiana Department of Transportation, awarded the City of New Castle Transit Department with the Rural Mobility Champion Award for their dedication to the Community during the COVID Epidemic. All Members of the Department were in attendance to accept their individual award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Inquired about getting signs added coming into the city. Corey Murphy said there are plans in the works to get way finding signage and that could possibly be added into the program.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Inquired about amending ordinance #3871. It will be added onto the agenda for the next meeting. Inquired about the art work with 666 said that people had been calling about their concerns. Councilman Dicken stated there would be a presentation on April 14th regarding the trip to meet Robert Indiana.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Thanked EMS for their care in his time of need when he had a heart attack. Councilman Walden stated without the trained men and women we have in our emergency services he would not be here today.
- Stated the landbank received their first check for a sale. Thanked Kendra Kennedy, Mayor York and Attorney Harvey for the role they play in the landbank.
- Wanted to thank Dennis Hamilton for all his work on getting the landbank started. He has resigned and will his position will need to be filled.
- Asked Council to take a look at the property at 19th and Woodward. It is zoned R1 which means no businesses.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Councilman Dicken and Councilman Guffey attended the Legislative Dinner this past week. They got to talk to our legislator and network with some new people about things going on in New Castle.

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Thanked everyone for their involvement in getting the landbank up and going. Everyone had done a great job.
- Thanked the street department for the great job they did in keeping the roads clean during the snow storm.

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- Absent

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Talked about the sidewalk repair and maintenance reimbursement offered by the city. It is currently 50% up to \$500.00. President Peckinpaugh would like everyone to think about making it 75% or \$1,000.00 and moving the amount earmarked from \$15,000.00 to \$50,000.00.
- President Peckinpaugh moved to appoint Mike Broyles to the Landbank. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Police Chief Schofield informed Council, they are about \$5,000.00 away from reaching their goal to purchase a 3rd K-9 for the dept.
- Assistant Chief Wardlow gave a presentation on body cams. It is the hope of the department to purchase 29 body cams in the amount of \$92,814 over a 5 year period. Discussion was had and Council had taken it under advisement.
- Mayor York informed Council that Cemetery Superintendent Denney was unlocking the gate to the Cemetery during the snow and fell and broke his arms. Mayor York asked that everyone please keep Dan in Prayer.
- Mayor York also thanked the Street Department for the good job they did keeping the streets of New Castle cleared during the snow storm.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Corey Murphy, EDC, gave an update on the Boars Head Expansion, The Airport and the Readi program.
- Louie Chapman asked Council to turn off the street lights in residential areas for April 1st on the new moon. Mr. Chapman also asked that if there was not could the Council come up with a lighting ordinance. Attorney Harvey will look into it.
- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden



 Presiding Officer of the Common Council

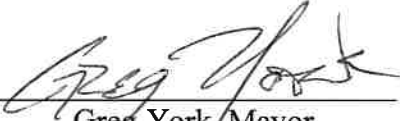
ATTEST:



 Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

February 7, 2022

Approved by me this 7th, Day of February 2022.



Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer