

COMMON COUNCIL

February 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York

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 approve the minutes from the former meeting.
Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 6-0
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| Mike Guffey | Jeff Hancock | Jerry Walden | Aaron Dicken | Mark Koger | Lynn Perdue | Rex Peckinpaugh |
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | | Yes |

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Second Reading and Public Hearing was held for Ordinance #3920. The public hearing opened at 6:55pm and closed at 7:42pm. Several concerned citizens came before the board to express concerns over leaving the IURC. Scott Hadler from Baker Tilly gave an overview of why majority of cities in Indiana have opted out of the IURC. Discussion followed.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Chief Clark of the New Castle EMS presented his employees with a life saving award. On the morning of January 26th New Castle EMS was dispatched with Middletown Fire and EMS to a motor vehicle accident. While on scene a Middletown Fireman alerted NCEMS of another fireman who had collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. CPR was started immediately and ALS care was provided within seconds. The effort and teamwork between these two departments showed that early CPR/Defibrillation and ALS care is the key to survival. Council members and the public gave a standing ovation and thanked the workers for their life saving efforts.

RESOLUTIONS:

- #02202024-1 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY’S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice-President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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

ORDINANCES:

- #3920 AN ORDINANCE REMOVING THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE WATER UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE APPROVAL OF RATES, CHARGES, AND EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 5-1.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

- #3921 AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES REGARDING THE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR THE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- #3922 MODIFYING THE PERMISSIBLE USE OF REVENUE ALLOCATED TO THE NON-REVERTING TRASH CONTAINER REPAIR AND REPALCEMENT FUND. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey:

- No Comments

Vice-President Hancock:

- Asked Building Inspector Melton for an update on the Church located at 1401 South 21st Street. He also asked for an update of property 1417 South 23rd Street and if it is on the demolition list. Kenny stated his office would look into both requests.

Councilman Walden:

- Thanked the New Castle School Corporation for the luncheon at Sunnyside School. They provided an update of the programs the school is offering to students to better prepare them for the future.

Councilman Dicken:

- No Comments

Councilman Koger:

- No Comments

Councilman Perdue:

- No Comments

President Peckinpaugh:

- Thanked the New Castle School Corporation for the luncheon and updates.


ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York stated that the Solar Eclipse is fast approaching on April 8th and festivities will begin that weekend before the event on Monday.
- Mayor York also presented the 2024 Interlocal 911 Agreement for approval. Councilman Walden moved to approve. Vice-President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- None


Meeting Adjourned President Peckinpaugh.



Presiding Officer of the Common Council

February 20, 2024


ATTEST:



Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **20th Day of February 2024.**

ATTEST:



Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer



Greg York, Mayor