

COMMON COUNCIL

April 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Rex Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.: VP Hancock made a motion with a second from Councilman Purdue. Councilman Walden abstained. Motion carries 6-0.

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

No Additions or change to agenda.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CITIZENS APPEARING

Forrest Plank- Mr. Plank gave a short presentation, with hard copies of information, on a possible DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area)

Val McNeelis- Asked for the Agenda to be a little more specific and for the Council to speak louder.

Patty Broyles- questions for EMS. Chief Brian Clark answered about balanced billing, contracts, county contributions, workforce, and Loit money.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Councilman Guffey:**

No comments

**Vice-President Hancock:**

- Comments on I ave/14th street, already being worked on.

**Councilman Walden:**

- Thanked the Mayor, Director Barker and city workers attending to flooding. Also gave

an update on Landbank with comments from Mike Broyles. MR. Walden asked council to be aware of trash fees, raising rates and expansion.

Councilman Dicken:

Asked about the semi parking and planning commission, which is meeting on 4/16.

Councilman Koger:

Comments on raising trash rates.

Councilman Perdue:

- No comments

President Peckinpaugh:

- Everett Cole had reached out about help with the Large flag at Your Park ( 3/38). Pres. Peckinpaugh made a motion to allocate \$10,500 from Riverboat to cover this expense. Councilman Walden seconds. **Motion carries 7-0.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- VACATING RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN CITY OF NEW CASTLE  
Public Hearing opened at 7:33 pm and closed at 7:34pm.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor York – updates on INDOT and Road 3 updates. Discussion follows.

**New Business**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**#04072025-1** AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ALLOCATED TO THE CITY’S RIVERBOAT FUND. Pres. Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve this with VP Hancock seconding. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
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**ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING**

**#3954** AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE. Pres. Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve this with VP Hancock seconding. **Motion carries 7-0.**

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

#3950- VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN CITY OF NEW CASTLE  
After the public hearing.

Pres. Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve this with VP Hancock seconding. **Motion carries 7-0.**

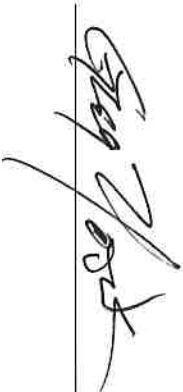
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#3952 AMENDING CHAPTER 53.29 OF THE CITY CODE

Pres. Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve this with VP Hancock seconding. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
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Meeting Adjourned by President Peckinpaugh

  
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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
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Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 7th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

  
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Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

  
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Greg York Mayor