

COMMON COUNCIL

March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Vice- President Hancock moved to approve the minutes from the former meeting.
Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 5-1, Councilman Perdue Abstained

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Mrs. Hiday of Henry County Solid Waste Management and Mrs. Bowman of the New Castle High School Environmental Science Class came before the board along with their students to request funding for the Cool Climate Festival in May, 2024. This Climate Action team is made up of students of this class. It was originally formed by Councilman Dicken and Krystal Stanich of the New Castle Henry County Library in 2019. These students work hard to help the community by planting trees and bringing awareness about climate change. Mrs. Hiday requested \$2,500 to help with putting on this event in May. Councilman Dicken moved to approve this request from the ARP funding. President Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

- #03042024-1 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO STATE OF INDIANA (INDOT). 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:

- #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

- President Peckinpaugh moved to suspend the rules to pass for third reading. 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

- President Peckinpaugh moved to approve Ordinance #3921 on third reading. 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 REPLACEMENT FUND. 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey:

- No Comments

Vice-President Hancock:

- Stated there is trash along the railroad on Indiana Ave and 16th Street. There are a lot of plastic containers that have blown alongside the tracks.

Councilman Walden:

- Followed up on the homeless meeting from that morning with the Health Department along with Mayor York and several council members. There is a serious homeless problem in New Castle and we need to work together to help alleviate it.

Councilman Dicken:

- Followed up on ARC, the contractor for Duke Energy doing work on Riley Road. Director Barker stated that they are working on transmission line replacement of 14,000 volts. They are working in the utility right of way. He also asked about the homeless living on the sidewalks along the Trustees Office. The Mayor stated the city is working with Attorney Harvey to see what can be done from the City's prospective. Councilman Dicken stated that a special committee needs to be formed to focus solely on the homeless issue at hand. The council has a special issues committee that this could be a part of.

Councilman Koger:

- No Comments

Councilman Perdue:

- No Comments

President Peckinpugh:

- Stated he attended the Park Board meeting previous to this meeting and Spring has sprung and the Park and Recreation Department along with the Park Board are doing great things to gear up for Spring and Summer season.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

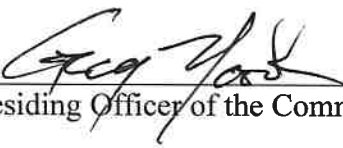
- Mayor York stated that the Solar Eclipse is just a month away, Monday, April 8th. We have a full slate of events that weekend leading up to the Eclipse.

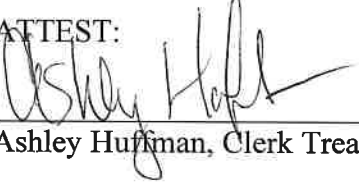
CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- None

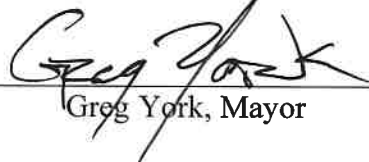
Meeting Adjourned Vice-President Hancock

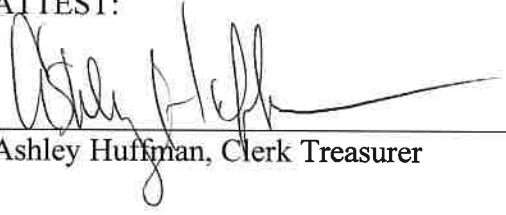
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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **4th Day of March 2024.**


Greg York, Mayor

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Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer