

COMMON COUNCIL

June 1st, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.: Councilman Koger made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Councilman Guffey. Councilman Dicken abstains.

Motion carries 4-0.

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

Change to agenda- None

ORDER OF BUSINESS:**PUBLIC COMMENTS/CITIZENS APPEARING**

Corey Murphy and Jason Semler (Baker Tilly) NORTHFIELD HOUSING TIF UPDATE. Mr. Semler provided an explanation on the housing unit behind the YMCA with an edit of the TIF district due to townhomes being introduced. An ordinance will be introduced next meeting.

Mary Nicholson Tait- Lightkeepers. 6/20 celebration on Juneteenth, 2pm to 9pm (Plaza). Also, on 6/19 a celebration. New program "Hangout Hub" Tuesdays at 2600 C Ave from 11am to 4pm.

Jeff Cross, Broad St Cruise In.- Seeking assistance for police officers for safety at the Cruise In's. Needing \$4000 to finish the year. Councilman Koger made a motion to provide this from Riverboat with a second President Peckinpaugh. Motion carries 6-0.

Kevin Kidwell- EK Ministries. Mr. Kidwell gave an update on the organization's programs throughout the city.

Nathan Randall- 1220 N Ave. Mr. Randall gave a presentation and expressed concerns over a per license.

Cayden Smekens- Mr. Smekens expressed concerns over the Pickball courts and uses. Discussion followed.

Tony Young- Firefighter, Union. Mr. Young made a request for the city to provide help for the Firefighters to receive cancer screenings. Amount needed is \$11,000 in August. Discussion followed and discussion will continue on the best way to pay for this.

Corey Clemons- update on the Golf Tournament this Saturday at Memorial park!

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

See above.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Can Pot Holes be addressed at the cemetery? Yes!

Vice-President Hancock: Absent

Councilman Walden: No comments

Councilman Dicken: Councilman Dicken had questions about finances and Riverboat, and would like the team and council to be thinking about the next 2-5 years. Mr. Dicken also acknowledged Copper Cook, Sarah Shore Bank, Payton Plank and the Class of 2026- great names representing New Castle!

Councilman Koger: Mr. Koger expressed combining Fire and EMS as a way to help with finances and SB1.

Councilman Perdue: No comments

President Peckinpugh: Memorial Parade was a success and New Castle is a great place to live.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Welcome to Matt Bray- new Cemetery Department Head

Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer- Finances are good- Riverboat is good with about \$35,000 left to allocate. Trainings are being attended to prepare for the future.

New Business

ORDINANCES:

None

Meeting adjourned by Mayor York.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



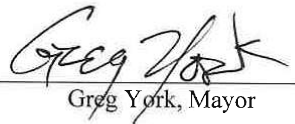
Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 1st **day of June, 2026.**

ATTEST:



Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer



Greg York, Mayor