

COMMON COUNCIL

August 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpough

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.: Councilman Dicken made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Councilman Guffey. **Motion carries 6-0, with Councilman Walden abstaining.**

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

Change to agenda- None

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CITIZENS APPEARING

Pastor Kevin Kidwell- EK Ministries. Mr. Kidwell expressed concern over the homeless problem and possible solutions. Discussion followed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Thanks to Dave Barker helping with S. 22nd Street and Mr. Guffey complained about CenterPoint gas bad work.

Vice-President Hancock: Mr. Hancock questioned about a camper for 3 weeks at Mourer and S. 11th. Also, who to reach out to in an ally on S. Main that is overgrown- Trustee's office.

Councilman Walden: Thanks to the Mayor and Building Inspector for checking into permit turn around times.

Councilman Dicken: No comments

Councilman Koger: No comments

Councilman Perdue: No comments

President Peckinpaugh: Baker Park sign looks fantastic. Thanks to Mike Bergum on great assets in and around the Park. Pickleball Courts are being expanded! Comments from Bergum and there is an email coming about Opioid money.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Attorney Harvey opens a public hearing at 6:56 pm for Ordinance #3978. Public Hearing closes at 6:57pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Chief Schofield- Police. School starts Wednesday, Speed Limit is 20 MPH around schools. TIP 411 should begin in the next week.

Mike Bergum- We will have 4 more pickleball courts that will mirror current courts. The expense is already in the budget.

Lee Walker- Street. Mr. Walker addressed an Ordinance- #3479 and possible changes to make it more specific. This is about Obstruction in views with Parking. Discussion followed.

New Business

RESOLUTION #08032026-1 APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF REVENUE FROM THE WATERWORKS AND SEWAGE WORKS TO THE CITY AS PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve with a second from VP Hancock. Motion carries 7-0.

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ORDINANCES:

THIRD READING

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SECOND READING

#3979 ESTABLISHING A NEW CH. 79 OF THE CITY CODE REGULATING THE USE AND OPERATION OF MICRO MOBILITY DEVICES (E Bikes) Thanks to Chief Schofield for his work on this. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve on second reading with a second from Councilman Purdue. Motion carries 7-0. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to suspend the rules to pass on 3rd reading- Nay from Councilman Dicken. We will do 3rd reading next meeting.

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#3980 AMENDING THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES AND REDUCING SPEED LIMIT ON SOUTH 17TH STREET. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve on second reading with a second from VP Hancock. Motion carries 7-0.

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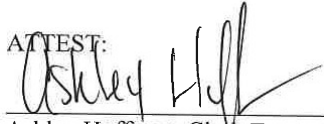
Meeting adjourned by Mayor York.



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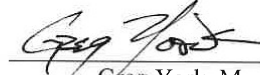
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



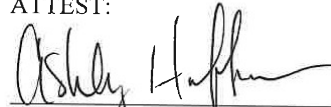
Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 3rd **day of August, 2026.**



Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer