

COMMON COUNCIL

March 18, 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	Absent
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 Perdue seconded. Motion carried 5-1, Councilman Guffey Abstained
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| Mike Guffey | Jeff Hancock | Jerry Walden | Aaron Dicken | Mark Koger | Lynn Perdue | Rex Peckinpaugh |
| Abstain | Yes | Yes | | Yes | Yes | Yes |

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Gary Griggs came before the board to express his concerns over the homeless population, specifically at the Henry County Trustees Office. He hopes the City works with the Trustees Office to find help for these individuals.
- Jeff Coatie came before the board to also express concern over the homeless situation. He stated he once has been homeless in his lifetime and it is a choice at times and rules need to be followed if you want help. You have to follow rules in life, same applies when you are homeless.
- Dan Break came before the board to express his concerns over the Utility Office leaving the IURC. He feels we need to be regulated and hopes the council will not start raising water rates.
- Renee Lamb came before the board to express her concerns over fire hydrants and them being serviced regularly. Mayor York stated the Fire Department and Water Plant maintains them as needed.
- Micah Mattingly came before the board to express his concerns over the homeless situation. He suggested having a designated area for these individuals in the mean time

until a permanent location can be secured. Mayor York stated that the Men’s Shelter at the old 7th grade building and Chrisitan Love Center are an option but there other businesses/organizations working together to create additional facilities.

- Doug Baldessari and Scott Hadler of Baker Tilly came before the board to reiterate why the city is choosing to opt out of the IURC. It is not beneficial for the city to be a part of this organization and several communities our size have already opted out, as well.

RESOLUTIONS:

- #03182024-1 (APPROVING THE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION). 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

- #03182024-2 (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 (REMOVING THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE WATER UTILITY FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE APPROVAL OF RATES, CHARGES, AND EVIDENCES OF INDEBTNESS. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Perdue 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

- #3922 (MODIFYING THE PERMISSIBLE USE OF REVENUE ALLOCATED TO THE NON-REVERTING TRASH CONTAINER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT 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

- #3923 (PROHIBITING CAMPING ON OR WITHIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY OR RIGHTS WAY. 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:

- No Comments

Councilman Walden:

- No Comments

Councilman Dicken:

- No Comments

Councilman Koger:

- No Comments

Councilman Perdue:

- No Comments

President Peckinpaugh:

- No Comments

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York stated that the Solar Eclipse is just a few weeks 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 President Peckinpaugh


Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **18th Day of March 2024.**


Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer