

COMMON COUNCIL

April 1, 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	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. Motion carried 6-1, Councilman Dicken Abstained

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Chief Schofield came before the board to present Patrolman Trevor Morrison’s new K-9 Emma to the council. This new K-9 was purchased by Boarshead.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Lee Marcum, CEO of Jacks Donuts, came before the board to request 14th Street to be open during the Farmer’s Market on Saturday’s. The new Jacks Donuts Drive-Thru has opened and having 14th Street open allows customers to access the drive-thru.

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions

ORDINANCES:

- #3923 (PROHIBITING CAMPING ON OR WITHIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY OR RIGHTS WAY. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice-President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey:

- Stated semis are parking on curbs/grassy areas and the current ordinance in place prohibiting this needs to be enforced. Chief Schofield noted this.

Vice-President Hancock:

- No Comments

Councilman Walden:

- Noted that Purdue is doing great in the Men’s Basketball Tournament and he is proud of New Castle graduate, Mason Gillis for being on the team and representing our hometown.

Councilman Dicken:

- No Comments

Councilman Koger:

- No Comments

Councilman Perdue:

- No Comments

President Peckinpaugh:

- Noted that the Finance Committee met before the meeting with the Mayor and after discussion, it was decided that a Special Council Meeting will need to take place next Monday, April 8th at 6:30pm to approve moving forward with a (3) Million Dollar Bond to help with the current Insurance Fund & General Fund. President Peckinpaugh stated that Attorney Harvey will prepare the notice for this Special Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Chief Schofield stated that (11) Reserve Officers were sworn in to partner with Henry Community Health. They will have Special Deputy Powers while working security at the Hospital. They will not be allowed to do road patrol. Their Special Deputy Powers will only be in effect while working at the Hospital. In exchange, the Hospital will help fund the NCPD for any needs they may have.
- Water Plant Superintendent, Greg Phipps, stated that keeping with holiday tradition, his workers were called out on Easter Sunday to help repair a water main break. It was fixed within 4 hours.
- Mayor York stated that the Solar Eclipse is next Monday, April 8th. We are fully prepared and ready for the weekend events. There will be a First Aid Station located at the old Ameriana Building. The information center will be at the corner of Broad Street and Main Street at the Murphey Building.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- None

Meeting Adjourned President Peckinpaugh

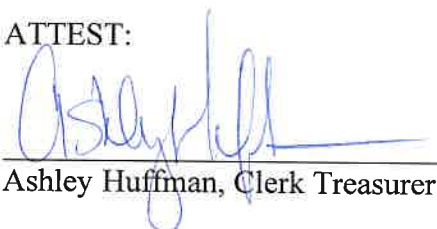

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **1st Day of April 2024.**


Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer