

COMMON COUNCIL

January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Prayer was given by Councilman Peckinpaugh

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York.

ROLL CALL:

Sandy Bertram	Present
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jimmy Kidd	Present
Mary Malone	Present
Mark Koger	Present
Vaughn Reid III	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

Mayor York presented retiring EMS Paramedic Greg Brenneman with a service award for his 29 years of service with the New Castle Henry County Emergency Services. Council thanked Greg for his excellent service with a standing ovation.

COUNCIL ELECTION

- Mayor York opened nominations for Council President and Vice President.
 - Councilman Kidd nominated Councilman Koger for President.
 - Councilman Koger nominated Council-lady York for Vice President
- Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to close nominations. Councilman Kidd seconded. Motion carried 7-0
- Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to approve both nominations for 2014. Councilman Kidd seconded. Motion carried 7-0

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to approve the minutes of the 12/16/2013 and cancelled meeting of 01/06/2014. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations presented.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Resolution #01212014-1 Personal Property Tax Abatement (Grede)**
President Koger read Resolution #01212014-1.
 - Attorney Copenhaver opened the Public Hearing of Resolution #01212014-1 at 7:10p.m.
 - No citizens presented for discussion.
 - Attorney Copenhaver close the Public Hearing of Resoltion #01212014-1 at 7:12p.m.
 - President Koger moved to approve Resolution #01212014-1. Councilman Reid seconded. Motion carried 7-0
- **Resolution #01212014-2 Correcting Firearms Control Code**
President Koger read Resolution #01212014-2 and moved to approve. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0

ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances were presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Cory Murphy, Director of NCHC-EDC updated the Council on;
 - recent business interest in the shell building as well as other properties in the area in the last few weeks.
 - EPA Assessment Coalition Grant application has been submitted, noting it is a \$600,000.00 grant for the assessment of Brownfields. Award determination is expected in 2 to 3 months. Grant administrator will be Henry County.
 - EDA Grant is off and running. Cory noted that he and the Mayor had given a tour of the city to the Grant Consultants last week. Brad Bookout and his organization formerly known as EIDD will be the grant administrators.
- Councilman Peckinpaugh presented the invoice for Savor Indiana to be paid as budgeted by Council in the amount of \$10,000.00. Mayor York noted that a Savor Indiana Committee would be developed to spearhead this media outlet for New Castle and Henry County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Council-lady Bertram:** Thanked Council for their nomination and appointment of Vice President of Council for 2014.
- Councilman Hancock:** Welcomed Kenny Melton as the new Building Inspector and Kimble Baker as the new Street Commissioner.
- Informed administration that Anita Donika of Cottage Avenue contacted him informing him the condemned structure that she owns will be demo'd when weather permits.
- Councilman Kidd:** Thanked Councilman Koger and Council-lady Bertram for their continued service as officers of council.
- Council-lady Malone:** No report.
- President Koger:** Commended the Street and Sanitation Departments for their work on snow removal and trash pickup during the recent weather, noting the improvement was noticed by many citizens.
- Requested an update on 21st Street and Broad. Mayor York noted it was still in progress.
- Councilman Reid:** No report.
- Councilman Peckinpaugh:** Commended Street and Sanitation on a job well done.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York informed all in attendance that the downtown restaurant formerly known as Bella Vita has been purchased as of this week.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD:

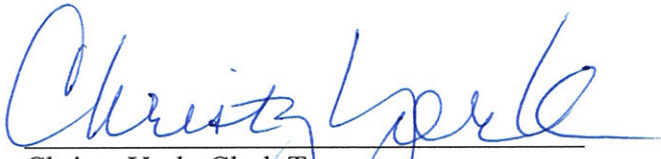
- Cathy Hamilton, New Castle requested clarification of Resolution #01212014-2, Attorney Copenhaver clarified. Mrs. Hamilton also requested to discuss upcoming grass and weed mowing. Mayor York requested that she schedule time with him to discuss her issues.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- No report.

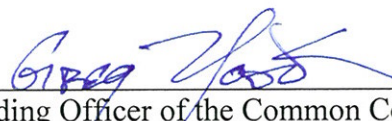
ADJOURN:

Councilman Peckinpaugh moved for adjournment. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Meeting adjourned.

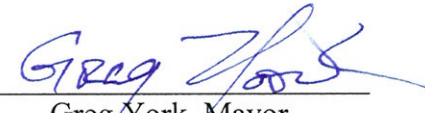


Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 21st day of January 2014.



Presiding Officer of the Common Council



Greg York, Mayor