

## COMMON COUNCIL

May 5, 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

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Councilman Reid seconded. Motion carried 7-0

### PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations were presented.

### RESOLUTIONS:

- **#05052014-1 – Amending Ordinance #3684**  
President Koger read Resolution #05052014-1 and requested Clerk Treasurer York to explain the amendment to create a position of Utility Collection Clerk at the rate of \$14.62 hourly. Clerk Treasurer York explained that a cashier's position was being retitled as Collection Clerk to allow for this position to aggressively pursue the Utility Billing Office bad debt, that the duty has been part of a Utility Cashiers responsibility and the double duty does not allow for committed time for collections, noting this title change would not increase the number of employees in that office, a Cashier would be signing this position and their position would not be refilled. Councilman Reid noted that during the Nipp administration this was a duty of the Manager and questioned why the Manager was not doing it. Clerk Treasurer York noted this was listed on an AFSCME union positions job description, noting that in the past it had been contracted out. She also noted that as of January 2012 the Utility Manager had assumed the utility portion of the City Accountants duties. Councilman Hancock noted he did not feel this duty should be outsourced, that it should be handled by staff of the Utility Office. President Koger moved to approve Resolution #05052014-1. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 6-1

### ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances were presented.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Cory Murphy, Director of NCHCEDC approached the Council with a request for authorization to apply for and list the City of New Castle as Grant Administrator of a grant available for Blight Elimination. After discussion Councilman Reid moved to authorize Cory to apply for the Blight Elimination Program funds available through IHCD and list the City of New Castle as the Administrator. Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Council-lady Bertram:** Noted;
- Standing water at the intersection of South 22<sup>nd</sup> and Grand Avenue which in past meant a water main was leaking.
  - Requested to schedule a Cemetery & Parks Committee meeting to discuss some issues presented to her.
- Councilman Hancock:** Noted;
- The need for speed limit signs in the area of Redriver Road.
  - Updated Council on the Pickleball Court.
- Councilman Kidd:** Noted
- Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled day for the HOPE Initiative City Clean Up beginning at 8am meeting at the Frist Methodist Church on South 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Council-lady Malone:** Noted
- Thanks for the repair of the Race Street cut.
  - Street lights had been requested on Ivywood Court and requested information on procedures. Attorney Copenhaver noted the procedures.
- President Koger:** No report.
- Councilman Reid:** No report.
- Councilman Peckinpaugh:** Noted;
- Grass growing between street and curb along Indiana Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets. Mayor York stated he would inform the mowing crew.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- No report.

## CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD:

- William Ed Pierce, New Castle requested an update on the old Firestone Building on South 25<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Norma Dishman, New Castle noted issues with the electrical boxes on Broad Street, stating after the tree removal they are more prominent and easy to trip over. Mayor York noted planters would be placed before Memorial Day to remedy this.

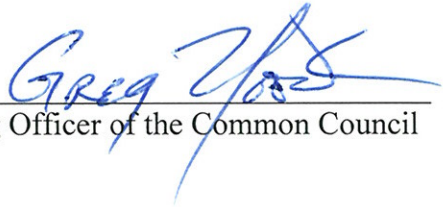
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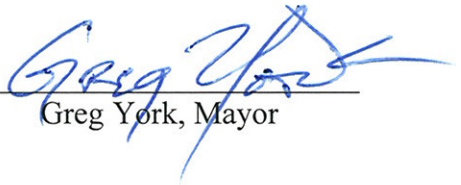
- No Reports

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

  
Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 5th day of May 2014.

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

  
Greg York, Mayor