

COMMON COUNCIL

May 19, 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. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations were presented.

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions were presented

ORDINANCES:

- **Ordinance #3698 – Sewer Rate Ordinance**
President Koger informed all in attendance that this ordinance was very lengthy and read a summary of the ordinance. After discussion and presentations from both United Consulting and Umbaugh and Associates, Councilman Hancock moved to table Ordinance #3698. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0
- **Ordinance #3697 – Sewer Bond Ordinance**
President Koger informed all in attendance that this ordinance was very lengthy and read a summary of the ordinance. After discussion and presentations from both United Consulting and Umbaugh and Associates, Councilman Hancock moved to table Ordinance #3697. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS

- Council-lady Bertram presented a request from the Cemetery and Parks Committee an amendment to the Westlawn Cemetery Ordinance to allow for the last 4 rows designation for Monuments. After discussion and review, Council-lady Bertram moved to authorize preparation of an amendment of current ordinance and presentation at next Council meeting. Councilman Reid seconded. Motion carried 7-0
- After presentation and discussion initiated by Eddie Hagar, Council-lady Bertram moved to have the City Attorney prepare a Resolution in regard to this request. Councilman Reid seconded. Motion carried 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council-lady Bertram:

Noted;

- Cemetery & Parks Committee presentation and noted motion under Other Business.

Councilman Hancock:

Noted;

- Requested review of Trash Schedule.
- Thanked administration for their work in the Cemetery.
- Requested special attention to Trojan Lane for the upcoming High School Graduation scheduled for June 1st.

Councilman Kidd:

Noted;

- Thanked administration for the new flowers downtown.
- Informed all in attendance of the upcoming Retro-Cruise.

Council-lady Malone:

Noted;

- May 30th Grand Opening of the Bethany Cares Facility.
- May 26th Cecil Teague Street Naming Ceremony.

President Koger:

Noted;

- Thanked the following:
 - A Avenue Street cut repair looks nice.
 - Hope Initiative for their City Clean up Day efforts.
 - Council-lady Bertram and the Cemetery and Parks Committee for their review of Westlawn.

Councilman Reid:

Noted;

- A thank you to Council-lady Bertram and the Cemetery and Parks Committee.
- Review and consider lowering inch requirement on mowing.
- Update on curb cleaning.
 - Mayor York informed that all crews had been pulled to the Cemetery.
- Requested the length of time the street closing would be in effect in the Jennings Building area.
 - Mayor York informed that it would be closed until the project was complete.

Councilman Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- June 2nd Council Meeting would be the presentation for the Bike/Ped Study.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor York informed Council that the Jennings Project had requested through BOW and been approved for South 14th Street to be closed between Race and Broad Streets for construction.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD:

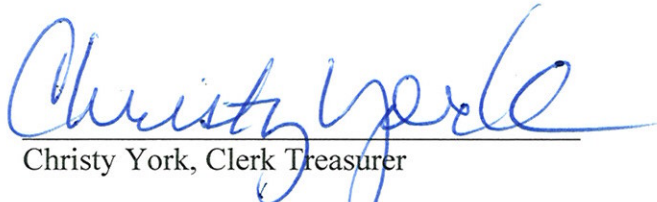
- Eddie Hager, New Castle expressed his opinion regarding the City's Long Term Control Plan and properly billing based on ordinance. Mr. Hager requested the city (noting he was also approaching the County Council) to send a letter to the State regarding the abandoned property that belongs to the State Hospital on the east side of State Road 103 to order a request for a 1 year clean up plan. A motion is noted in "Other Business".

- Lloyd Miller, New Castle requested authorization of a 3 person crypt. Mayor York informed him that a Resolution was being prepared at the request of the Cemetery and Park Committee.
- Norma Dishman, New Castle expressed her concern and opinion regarding the Utility rates noting that she had requested on several occasions that the rate be increased yearly in small increments instead of large amounts as needed. Council and Attorney Copenhaver clarified that the Ordinance on the agenda were for Sewer only as well as clarification of the Water Utility being controlled by the IURC.
- Cathy Hamilton, New Castle thanked the Council for the funds set aside for the Bike/Ped Assessment. As well as the Housing Assessment. Mrs. Hamilton also updated Council on ARA noting Deb Lilly is the representative involved in seeking grants for the city.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

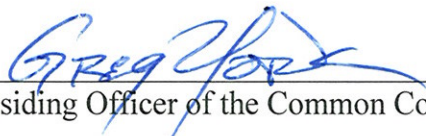
- Attorney Copenhaver informed all in attendance that the Long Term Control Plan can only be funded by Sewer and Stormwater Funds. Also noting that this project has been discussed since the State mandated it in early 2000's.

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




Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 19th day of May 2014.



Presiding Officer of the Common Council



Greg York, Mayor