

## COMMON COUNCIL

July 7, 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	Absent
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 previous meeting. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 6-0

### PROCLAMATIONS:

- No proclamations were presented.

### RESOLUTIONS:

- No resolutions were presented.

### ORDINANCES:

- **Ordinance #3699 – Amending Section 91.01, 91.02 and 91.03 of City Code**  
President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3699 on third and final reading. Councilman Reid seconded. Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 3697 AND 3698 WAS OPENED BY CITY ATTORNEY DAVID COPENHAVER AT 7:04 p.m.

Norma Dishman, New Castle presented to Council that her only request moving forward and considering how to pay for the Long Term Control Plan was to be fair with all city customers, noting properly billing for Stormwater should be a priority.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED BY CITY ATTORNEY DAVID COPENHAVER AT 7:19 p.m.

- **Ordinance #3698 – Sewer Rate Ordinance**  
President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3698 on second reading. Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 6-0
- **Ordinance #3697 – Sewer Bond Ordinance**  
President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3697 on second reading. Council-lady Malone seconded. Motion carried 6-0
- President Koger moved to suspend the rules for both Ordinance 3697 and 3698 for third reading. Council-lady Malone seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 6-0
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Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 6-0

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cory Murphy, Director NCHCEDC presented a Request for Funding commitment for the Downtown Action Plan, introducing Carrie Barrett as the lead on the Main Street Group that has been formed. After discussion Councilman Reid moved to approve allocating funding from the appropriated funds of the Riverboat Fund established by Council in the amount of \$24,000.00 in matching funds. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Council-lady Bertram:** Noted;
- Thanked administration and employees for the trimming and cleanup of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Cherrywood intersection.
- Councilman Hancock:** Noted;
- No reports presented.
- Councilman Kidd:** Noted;
- No reports presented.
- Council-lady Malone:** Noted;
- No reports presented.
- President Koger:** Noted;
- 100 South needs both sides of road weeded.
  - Railroad tracks at 16<sup>th</sup> and Indiana are in desperate need of repair and requested the City Attorney send notice of request for action.
  - Holiday trash schedule was requested to be better advertised.
- Councilman Reid:** Noted;
- 15<sup>th</sup> Street and G Avenue railroad tracks are being trashed.
  - Leaking water main on North 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Superintendent Watson informed that it is an old valve leaking, monitoring since it is part of the LTCP project, no point repairing twice.
  - Sinking Street Cuts have been an issue and requested that the city make sure they are being backfilled properly during inspection.
- Councilman Peckinpaugh:** Noted;
- Councilman Hancock requested that Council be informed he was on vacation, one scheduled with a deposit that would not be refunded. Apologized for missing this meeting.
  - A Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street property of old Beauty School is extremely overgrown.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- No reports.

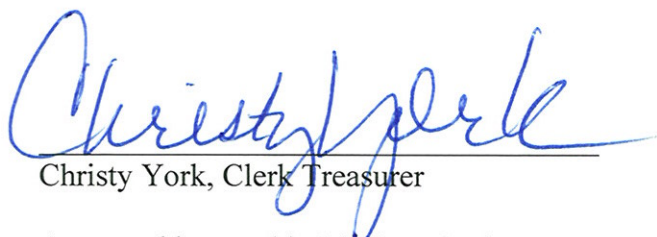
**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Robert Dye, New Castle reported issues with a burned home with very high grass on South 20<sup>th</sup> Street as well as sidewalk issues, noting a handicapped child in a wheelchair not able to pass due to the debris. Requested information of organizations or assistance with cleaning this property up.
- Cory Murphy requested an update on the State Hospital request for clean up. Mayor York stated he had received a letter and call from the Governor confirming notification of cleanup and a plan was being devised to get this accomplished. Cory questioned ordinance information regarding closed gas stations. Building Inspector Melton informed that a permit had been requested to remove tanks and awnings, but the building was not part of the permit. Discussion continued regarding regulations on stations that have not demolition their abandoned properties.
- Bob McCormick, New Castle requested an update on the Jennings Building. Mayor York informed that beginning July 14<sup>th</sup> the street will be closed between Race and Broad Streets for demolition.
- Cathy Hamilton, New Castle and representing HOPE Initiative commended Mr. Dye on his community involvement and noted she would like to discuss it further after the meeting to possible assist in cleanup. Mrs. Hamilton also noted that the Wall Street Journal was here in the past when the city had issue with the railroad and it might be worth contacting them.


**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**


- No reports presented.

Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to adjourn. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Meeting adjourned.

  
Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

  
Greg York, Mayor