

COMMON COUNCIL

July 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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No proclamations were presented.

RESOLUTIONS:

- No resolutions were presented.

ORDINANCES:

- **Ordinance #3700 Amending Ordinance #3657 – Sewer Use**
President Koger read Ordinance #3700 on first reading. After discussion President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3700 on first reading. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council-lady Bertram: Noted;

- Requested information on fallen trees in Baker Park. Mayor York informed that due to area being so wet, equipment could not be taken in to remove without causing more damage, they were scheduled to be cleared as soon as weather permits.

Councilman Hancock: Noted;

- Requested an update on Stormwater fees and when they would be billed according to ordinance. Mayor York informed there would be an update within 30 days.

- Councilman Kidd:** Noted;
- A tree on city property in the area of North 20th and Washington was in need to take down.
- Council-lady Malone:** Noted;
- No reports presented.
- President Koger:** Noted;
- No reports presented.
- Councilman Reid:** Noted;
- Downed tree at Osborne Park in trail area.
 - A patch of tar at the intersection of Mourer and Bundy.
 - Requested a paving schedule if available for this year. Mayor York noted that intersections would be worked on this year.
- Councilman Peckinpaugh:** Noted;
- Requested information on property at South 20th and G Avenue. Mayor York noted work was being done for the property to be signed to the city.
 - Requested a letter be sent to 1516 South 20th regarding weeds and mowing.
 - Street signs missing in the area of South 19th, 20th and 21st. Mayor York stated several had been stolen but he would get them replaced.
 - No parking signs needed to be installed in the approved area on the north side of A Avenue between 15th and the railroad track.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- No reports.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- **Freedom House:** The following citizens appeared and presented a petition of approximately 130 signatures to Council requesting that the Freedom House location be reconsidered and not established in their neighborhood. All stated they supported the program, but not located in their neighborhood or any other residential area, they requested that Council assist in finding a more secure, suitable area for the program;
 - Chad Malicoat, 1522 A Avenue, New Castle
 - Donna Reagan, 1524 A Avenue, New Castle
 - Angela Hinton, 1526 A Avenue, New Castle
 - Shawn Shelton, 1538 A Avenue, New Castle
 - Linda Catron, 1526 A Avenue, New Castle
 - Norma Dishman, 645 South 11th Street, New Castle
 - Larry Conn, 2023 Broad Street, New Castle

Council expressed their concerns noting that the meeting that was held to discuss this program, very few questions were answered. Attorney Copenhaver defined “family” per city zoning code. It was requested by Council to Mayor York that meetings be established with the organizers of the program so resident and council questions could be answered. Mayor York noted to all in attendance that the location was not set in stone and he questioned whether this was the correct location.

- Joe McDonald, Henry County resident requested Council pass a resolution recommending or requesting no action from the County Park Board against the Henry County Commissioners in regard to the Saddle Club Lease, asking that it express what image “in-fighting” portrays.

- Eddie Hager, 505 North 16th Street, New Castle noted several areas in town where dumping is an issue, specifically noting Garner Street, Watkins Street and the Vectren Building. Contacting the federal government and/or the railroad regarding the abandoned depot.
- Robert Dye, 1319 South 20th Street requested council get involved with the owner of the abandoned home recently discussed and cleaned up on South 20th. Information has been received that the owner of the property is in negotiations to purchase the old Port Hole building. Mr. Dye noted that if he is not taking care of his current properties, why would the city continue to allow him to purchase more.

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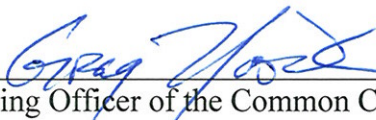
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:


- No reports presented.

President Koger moved to adjourn. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Meeting adjourned.


Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 21st day of July 2014.


Presiding Officer of the Common Council


Greg York, Mayor