

COMMON COUNCIL

December 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Prayer was given by Council-lady Bertram

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 Peckinpugh	Present

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Councilman Reid moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and moved to approve. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Sandy Bertram	Jeff Hancock	Jimmy Kidd	Mary Malone	Mark Koger	Vaughn Reid	Rex Peckinpugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- Mayor York read and presented a Bicentennial Proclamation for Indiana’s 199<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- **Resolution #12072015-1 2015 to 2016 Encumbrances**  
President Koger read Resolution #12072015-1 and moved to approve. Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- **Resolution #12072015-2 – Amending Ordinance 3729 to Add HR Assistant**  
President Koger read Resolution #12072015-2 and moved to approve. Councilman Reid seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**ORDINANCES:**

- **Ordinance #3740 – Allowing Preapproval of Certain Claims**  
President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3739 on second reading. Council-lady Bertram seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Sandy Bertram	Jeff Hancock	Jimmy Kidd	Mary Malone	Mark Koger	Vaughn Reid	Rex Peckinpugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- President Koger moved to suspend the rules and read Ordinance #3739 on third and final reading. Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3739 on third and final reading. Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None noted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Council-lady Bertram:** Noted;  

- No report.

**Councilman Hancock:** Noted;  

- Thanked Administration for a great year.
- Introduced Jim Burk, 305 South 11<sup>th</sup>, regarding installation of a wood burning stove. Inspector Melton along with Mayor York informed Councilman Hancock they had met with Mr. Burk on several occasions and Mr. Burk had been informed of the regulations.

**Councilman Kidd:** Noted;  

- Requested an update after several rumors had been forwarded to him regarding the South 14<sup>th</sup> Street closure. Mayor York informed him that a committee had been formed to deal with the issue of closing or re-opening the intersection. Mayor York also noted that he had spoken to all Emergency Services who stated the closure was not a hindrance to their services. Councilman Kidd stated he felt the citizens of New Castle had a right to voice their opinion.

**Council-lady Malone:** Noted;  

- No report.

**President Koger:** Noted;  

- Requested an update on the Church Street and Main Street stop light. Commissioner Kimble informed Council they had drilled for the stop signs to be installed.
- Requested Traffic Committee meet briefly after the meeting to discuss the re-striping of that intersection.
- Noted potholes needed tended to.

**Councilman Reid:** Noted;  

- Noted the North 14<sup>th</sup> Street no parking signs needed installed as well as the curbs painted.
- Recommended the light at Main and Church be covered until removal once the stop signs are placed. Inspector Melton informed the company had been contacted regarding taking down the light.
- Recommended 4 residents be on the Committee formed to determine the future of the South 14<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

- Requested update on railroad pot holes. Mayor York stated he had contacted the railroad several times, sent the department out to patch an area and was told to stop by the rail company.

**Councilman Peckinpaugh:** Noted;

- Requested to know if either owner from the Historic Jennings project was on the South 14<sup>th</sup> Street Committee. Mayor York informed that neither was on that committee.
- Requested the no parking signs on I Avenue be removed per ordinance passed.
- Suggested earmarking Riverboat funds to finish sidewalk from Dollar Tree to State Road 3.
- Work on weeds in the empty lots downtown.
- Noted the Annual Christmas Walk was very nice.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Mayor York informed Council that EMS Chief Ron Burns had submitted his request to retire after 27 years of service, noting he had accepted another job. Everyone in attendance stood and applauded Chief Burns on his great service to the community.

### **CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Patty Broyles, Park Board President informed Council of the Park Boards request to approve the Board to sell the approximately 400 baskets from the old pool, purchased by the Park as a fund raiser, selling 1 basket for \$25.00 or 2 for \$40.00. Mrs. Broyles informed the Council she would like to establish a Park Endowment Fund at the Henry County Foundation so future donations could be made to the Park. After discussion, Councilman Hancock moved to approve the selling of the baskets. Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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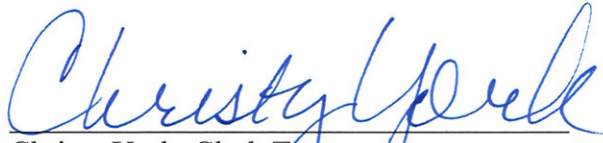
Recommendation from Council to prepare the proper documents Ordinance or Resolutions to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to create a fund to filter the funds through as well as the proper documents to establish the Park Endowment Fund with the Henry County Foundation.

- Cathy Hamilton representing HOPE Initiative updated the Council on the following;
  - Early Childhood Development, noting Ball States Capstone interest as well as the County donation of the building at 1400 Broad Street for trainings.
  - 2/11/16 HOPE meeting scheduled to discuss grants to assist in the drug issue.
  - Praised the storefront work done for the Christmas Walk and hopes that it encourages business use.


### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- No report.

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

  
Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 7th day of December 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

  
Greg York, Mayor