

COMMON COUNCIL

January 4, 2016 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:**

Mary Abbott	Present
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jerry Walden	Present
Aaron Dicken	Present
Mark Koger	Present
Lynn Perdue	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mayor York opened the meeting and requested nominations for Council President. Councilman Hancock nominated Councilman Koger for President of City Council. Councilman Walden seconded. Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to close nominations. Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Koger was appointed 2015 City Council President by a motion of 7-0

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- ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

Mayor York requested nominations for Council Vice President. Councilman Koger nominated Councilman Hancock for Vice President of City Council. Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to close nominations. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Hancock was appointed 2015 City Council Vice President by a motion of 7-0

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- Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve. Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations were read.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No Resolutions were presented.

**ORDINANCES:**

No Ordinances were presented.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

President Koger submitted and moved to approve Dan Conway as the Visitors Bureau member appointment of Council. Mr. Conway would serve from 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2018. Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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President Koger handed out committee assignments for 2015.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Council-lady Abbott:** Noted;
- Requested Traffic Committee take a look at the lighting on Grand Avenue after a walker was struck there last week.
- Councilman Hancock:** Noted;
- Welcomed the new members of City Council.
- Councilman Walden:** Noted;
- Stated he was glad to represent his ward and “ready to get to work”.
- Councilman Dicken:** Noted;
- Stated he was also glad to represent his ward.
- President Koger:** Noted;
- Thanked the City Attorney for submitting the Media Notice.
- Councilman Perdue:** Noted;
- No report.
- Councilman Peckinpugh:** Noted;
- No report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Attorney Copenhaver informed Council of the Open Door Law Notice.
- Mayor York introduced Josh Russell as the new Chief of the EMS Department.
- Mayor York thanked the Street Department for their extra effort in trash pickup.
- Mayor York reminded Council of the 5 minute rule for citizens appearing before Council and requested that it be enforced.
- Mayor York informed Council that the Clerk Treasurer would be sending them an email containing the Refuse/Garbage/Trash codes and would like to begin reviewing it, noting his main concern was proper disposal of mattress and furniture.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Carrie Barrett informed Council that New Castle had been awarded \$24,500.00 from the Place Base Grant. Noting this was a 50/50 match grant and Council had earmarked \$49,000.00 from Riverboat funds to match this grant. Only \$24,500.00 would be needed of that match. Carrie thanked the Council for their continued support of the Main Street Group.
- Gary Davis, New Castle requested an update on the burn out at 20<sup>th</sup> Street and G Avenue. Mayor York stated the city was working on it.
- Patty Broyles, New Castle, thanked Mayor York for his continued clean up.

- David Abbott, New Castle, thanked the Mayor for his review of the trash codes, noting as a landlord, bed bugs are becoming a huge issue.
- Ed Pierce, New Castle, requested an update on the Old Firestone Building. Mayor York stated it was still a work in progress.


**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

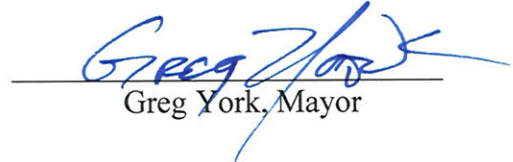
- Director Sloan informed Council that the Light Tour held by the Transit Department was a great success. 141 citizens participated.

Councilman Peckinpugh moved to adjourn. President Koger seconded. Meeting adjourned.

  
Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 4th day of January 2016.

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

  
Greg York, Mayor