

## COMMON COUNCIL

February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Prayer was given by Dale Cole

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 Peckinpugh	Present

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- President Koger moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations were read.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

- No Resolutions were presented.

### **ORDINANCES:**

- #3741 – Establishing a Park Endowment Non-Reverting Fund  
President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3741 on third and final reading.  
Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #3742 – Establishing Park Shelter Fees  
President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3742 on third and final reading.  
Councilman Peckinpugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #3743 – Establishing Rental Fees for the Armory and a Cumulative N/R Fund for Maintenance  
President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3743 on third and final reading.  
Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- No other business.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Council-lady Abbott:** Noted;
- Parent complaining about speeding on Cottage Avenue.
  - Street light out at Q Avenue and Cottage.
  - Thanked the Mayor and Cory Murphy for their continued work on the Old Firestone Property.
- Councilman Hancock:** Noted;
- Handed out a picture of toters on Midway Drive that is always at the edge of the road, requested what could be done. Mayor York stated he would inform Commissioner Baker.
- Councilman Walden:** Noted;
- Informed Council he had attended the HOPE Initiative meeting on the Early Childhood Development, discussing the drug issue, noting it was a good meeting.
  - Congratulated Councilman Peckinpaugh on his sectional win.
  - Noted Michigan Street property where gravel was stored needed yard repair. Also, noting Pinecrest needed attention as well. Director Barker stated he would add it to the punch list.
- Councilman Dicken:** Noted;
- Requested Council consider review of the Historical District.
- President Koger:** Noted;
- Requested an update regarding the Savor Indiana. Mayor York stated there had been no contact since the initial payment had been made. President Koger stated he would make contact.
  - Asked members for suggestions on a special session of Council to review and make suggestions to amend trash ordinance. After discussion, the meeting on the subject of trash only would be held after the next Council meeting scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>, requesting that the Building Inspector also be in attendance since he would be the office to enforce the trash codes.
  - Requested an update on the resurfacing of Broad Street. Mayor York stated it was scheduled for 2017 and had been reworked a couple of times already.
  - Requested an update on the Cherry Street water main breaks that had been reported to him. Superintendent Phipps stated there had only been 2 and only 1 had effected 2 residents and they were informed.
- Councilman Perdue:** Noted;
- Reported pavement in bad shape at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Indiana Avenue.
  - Noted the roll off dumpster in the 200 block of South Main was creating a blind spot when crossing Main.
  - Made a request to write the railroad and offer a trade of closings for the reopening of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Attorney Copenhaver stated he would create a draft letter for review.
- Councilman Peckinpaugh:** Noted;
- Requested information regarding the Skatepark N/R Fund. Clerk Treasurer York informed that the fund was created by

ordinance in 2007, there was never funds deposited or expensed and the fund was closed in 2011 as a dormant fund.

- Confirmed that the Sidewalk Program had been refunded with the new Riverboat Budget. Clerk Treasurer York that it had.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Mayor York updated Council on the progress of the Old Firestone Property, noting EPA had demanded a clean up of the surface debris or they would clean it and lien the property. Mayor York noted that the estimated cost of just surface clean up was a million dollars, which the County nor City had the funds to do, so it had been determined that EPA would be allowed to do clean up. Attorney Copenhaver added that the surface clean up, at this time, would not be part of the responsibility of the past owners in any lawsuit, unless there was substantial contamination found in that clean up.
- Thanked Council for their time and reviewing the Trash Ordinance.

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

- Dale Cole, New Castle, stated review of the trash ordinance was a good thing and that Council might consider a survey of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Railroad Crossing to send to the Railroad. Mr. Cole also informed Council that the Raintree Motel's new owner was working on the remodel and stated it was very nice.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

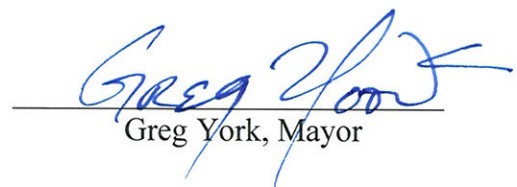
- No reports.

Councilman Peckinpugh moved to adjourn. Councilman Perdue seconded. Meeting adjourned.

  
Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 16th day of February 2016.

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

  
Greg York, Mayor