

COMMON COUNCIL

May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Prayer was given by Mayor York

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:

- Councilman Hancock moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve. Councilman Walden 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:

- **05022016-1 2016 Park Fees and Forms**
President Koger read Resolution #05022016-1. Councilman Walden moved to amend the Pool Rental Application to add a staff member signature line. Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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Councilman Dicken moved to approve Resolution #05022016-1 with amendment.
Councilman Peckinpugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances were scheduled.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- No Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Council-lady Abbott:** Noted;
- Requested to know if the city bus system would be assisting with transportation to the summer feeding program. Mayor York informed that the Transit budget had been cut \$53,000.00 for this years budget and a driver position had to be eliminated, that he wasn't sure it was possible to offer the same service.
 - Requested information on how to proceed with getting a stop sign at the intersection of South 14th and Q Avenue. Attorney Copenhaver informed that it was State Highway 103 and the State would need to be contacted.
 - Reported she had received complaints from the Garner Street walkers that drivers were not being considerate at the cross walk area.
- Councilman Hancock:** Noted;
- Noted the paving projects being done looked great as well as the soft ball diamond at Baker Park.
 - Noted he had a citizen who was in desperate need of a toter, stating the citizen was gray taping his together.
- Councilman Walden:** Noted;
- No report.
- Councilman Dicken:** Noted;
- Stated he would suggest making contact with Representative Saunders regarding South 14th and Q Avenue, noting he would be calling.
- President Koger:** Noted;
- Noted the sign at First Baptist Church was not working after the construction company had done work in the area. Requested the company be contacted and informed.
 - Expressed complaints regarding the Cherry Street project and paving.
- Councilman Perdue:** Noted;
- Noted a possible elevation issue in the paving project.
- Councilman Peckinpough:** Noted;
- Informed Council he attended the HOPE Initiative Active Living event, noting it was very informative.
 - Requested to allocate some of the Sidewalk Repair monies from Riverboat to repair the sidewalk on the east side of Main across from the Castle Theatre.

TRASH DISCUSSION:

Councilman Dicken passed out a survey he had conducted regarding knowledge of trash by city residents. Councilman Walden stated the ordinance was a good ordinance, he felt it just needed to be enforced. Councilman Perdue agreed. President Koger suggested following the ordinance and offered an example of; Monday trash schedule, bulk trash is picked up the first week of the month; Tuesday trash schedule is picked up the second week of the month, and so on.

President Koger requested input from the Sanitation staff and Street Commissioner. Council recommended inserting a newsletter in utility bills, Councilman Dicken offered his assistance with bullet points.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York informed Council the city's comprehensive plan was being updated with the help of Bob Grewe.

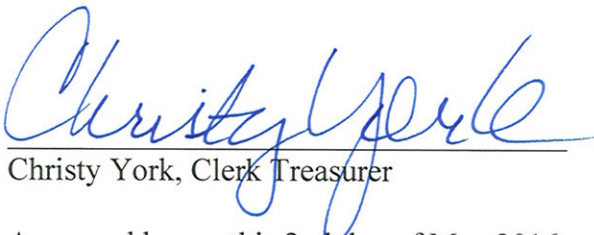
CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Robert Dye, city employee, Cathy Hamilton and David Abbott agreed that enforcing the current ordinance would help.
- Val McNillis, New Castle stated there were parking issues with the paving on Cherry Street but there was an end and she looked forward to it.
- Ed Pierce, New Castle, requested an update on the Old Firestone property. Administration informed that EPA was now in charge of the clean up.
- Mike Broyles, New Castle, asked if Main Street was on the list for paving, noting potholes were terrible. Mayor York noted that it was.
- Patty Broyles, New Castle, complained about illegal parking within the city, specifically on Main Street. She also agreed that enforcement and education of the trash ordinance as well as the city following it, was the key to the city's trash issue.

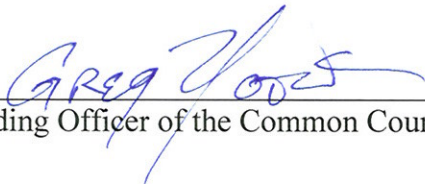
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

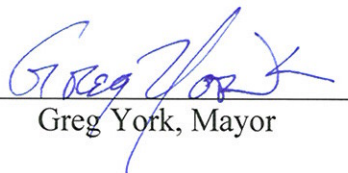
- Ed Hill updated Council on the BEP Grant noting 18 homes were down, 6 were ready to be taken down and 5 were in deed process.

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


Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 2nd day of May 2016.


Presiding Officer of the Common Council


Greg York, Mayor