

COMMON COUNCIL

July 5, 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	Absent
Lynn Perdue	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations were presented.

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions were presented.

ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances were presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- No other business was scheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council-lady Abbott: Noted;

- Thanked Director Barker for his response to the Cottage and Grand Avenue mowing.

Councilman Hancock: Noted;

- Thanked the person/group responsible for weed eating Broad Street.
- Requested curb striping on Broad from 11th to 18th Streets
- Suggested a crosswalk striping at Cherry and Harrold Streets,

noting Traffic Committee had met and agreed it was needed.

- Stated Trash – Enough is enough, ticket and fine.
- Requested weed eating on Trojan Lane.
- Noted that the parking lot behind the Courier Times was in need of attention and requested they be contacted.

Councilman Walden:

Noted;

- Received a text requesting an update on the City Comprehensive Plan. Mayor York informed Councilman Walden he had meetings scheduled to update.
- Received a report of a property at North 14th and Vine needing mowed. Inspector Melton stated notices had been mailed.
- Thanked everyone involved in the Alcorn property correction.
- Requested a notice of the South 14th Street Committee meetings.

Councilman Dicken:

Noted;

- Received a call from a Jennings Apartment resident complaining about the 14th Street intersection regarding construction equipment.
- Informed the Mayor that there seemed to be a communication issue with the Street Department and bulk trash schedule. Mayor York stated he preferred not to have bulk trash set out on Friday's, noting that if they were running behind that trash would set at the curb all weekend.
- Thanked Mayor's Assistant Kennedy and Inspector Melton for always making time to answer his questions.
- Thanked the Park Board for their work on the Skatepark.

President Koger:

Noted;

- No report.

Councilman Perdue:

Noted;

- Noted yard signs have become an issue and requested information regarding restricting. Attorney Copenhaver informed that the Supreme Court had recently rejected in a lawsuit, regulations of signage, noting that there could be no content based rules or regulations. The issue was referred to the Special Needs Committee.
- Suggested that Farmers Market be moved off Main Street, noting that since it was an every weekend event it was creating issues with traffic flow. Mayor York stated he had made the suggestion of another side of the Courthouse or parking lots, they stated they were not interested. It was noted that there were other events that closed the Main Street intersection, Councilman Perdue again noted they were not every weekend events, they were annual or monthly events. Mayor York noted that they would consider the Plaza Parking Lot once it was complete.
- Presented a Disclosure Statement for review and approval for his business to be able to submit bids and quotes on city projects. After review it was approved 5-0-1 with Councilman Perdue abstaining.

Councilman Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Thanked Patty Broyles for all the work she did establishing funding for the Skatepark.
- Suggested a program for the City of "Adopt a Street" and get the community involved in assisting with curb appeal.
- Noted the sidewalk around Wilbur Wright needed repair and suggested writing a letter or calling the Superintendent to inform him of the Sidewalk Program available to assist in the repair.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York thanked Patty Broyles for her work in getting a grant from the Food and Beverage Committee to build the Skatepark. He informed Council that the City was awarded approximately \$700,000.00 in grants for projects.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Mike Broyles, New Castle, noted the following;
 - Informed Council that Healthy Communities was planning a Bike Event on October 1st.
- Cathy Hamilton, New Castle, noted the following;
 - An update on the Plaza Parking Lot, Mayor York informed it was in process.
 - An update on Code Enforcement Officer and updating City Court on the increase in tickets and fines. Mayor York noted that he was working with City Attorney and City Judge.
 - Informed Council HOPE Initiative was planning a viewing of Raising America, with showings on Thursday at noon and 6:30 pm at the HOPE facility.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- Director Barker informed Council the railroad would be doing maintenance and repair at the 25th Street and Indiana Avenue intersection from July 6th to 9th, noting other intersections were being scheduled.

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




Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 5th day of July 2016.



Presiding Officer of the Common Council



Greg York, Mayor