

COMMON COUNCIL

April 17, 2017 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:

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions

ORDINANCES:

- #3765 Introduction of Sewage Works Rates
President Koger moved to approve Ordinance #3765 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 Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business was presented to Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Council-lady Abbott:** Noted;
- Signage in the area of 28th and Grand Avenue
 - 14th Street update.
- Councilman Hancock:** Noted;
- Thanked administration for making Broad Street lights flashing.
 - Commended everyone involved on a great Easter Egg Hunt.

- Glad cutaways were beginning to be repaired.
 - Requested Traffic Committee meet after Council meeting.
- Councilman Walden:** Noted;
- Informed that any complaints he had regarding the Broad Street Project he was stopping by and discussing and everyone he had talked to was generally pleased and upbeat about the end result.
- Councilman Dicken:** Noted;
- Great job on the Easter Egg Hunt.
 - Requested a monthly report on Ordinance and Code Violation be put in packets.
 - Expressed his unhappiness with the speed of movement on 14th Street.
- President Koger:** Noted;
- Requested Attorney Copenhaver explain who was responsible for closure of 14th Street.

Attorney Copenhaver explained that the Mayor and Board of Works was responsible for the temporary closing of any city street, that is an administrative function. Council would only be presented with an ordinance if there was a request to vacate (permanently close) any city street or alley.

- Councilman Perdue:** Noted;
- Requested Traffic Committee consider making the light at 14th Street and Church flashing.
 - Requested that the Special Issues Committee consider landscaping Trojan Lane to represent the city boulevard for tourists.
- Councilman Peckinpaugh:** Noted;
- Suggested a “tip line” for reporting City Code Violations.
 - Requested a report from City Court regarding violations.
 - Consider keeping 4 way stop at 18th and Indiana.

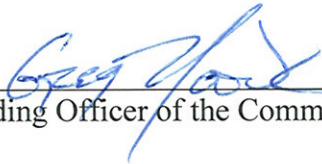
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York updated Council on the INDOT Broad Street project, noting progress meetings are held every Thursday morning in the Council Chambers.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Patty Broyles, President of Park Board informed Council of the Picnic in the Park scheduled for Saturday beginning at noon. Tickets are available for \$5.00 to eat with a 1:00 Richard Leitch Memorial and 2:00 Tree Planting. Patty updated the Council on the Skatepark Project.
- Val McNelis, New Castle, requested an update on the bulk trash schedule. Councilman Dicken with administration agreed to review the previous flyer and get it out in utility bills.
- Mike Broyles, New Castle, noted an open house scheduled for Saturday, noon to 6 at 1105 Broad Street. Mike also requested opening 14th Street during the Broad Street Project.
- Cathy Hamilton, New Castle, discussed code enforcement and opening 14th Street.
- Mayor York informed all in attendance, that opening 14th Street during the Broad Street Project, at this point, would only be closed again by INDOT. It was not a thru street that was authorized for the project. The thru streets were designated at 21st, 18th, Main and 12th Streets.

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



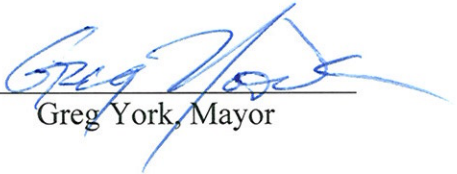
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 17th day of April, 2017.



Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:



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