

COMMON COUNCIL

August 7, 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:

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions

ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cory Murphy, EDC Director updated the Council on the following;

- City Economic Development
- Participation in Indiana: A State that Works Magazine
- Updating the former Firestone Property flyer
- High demand of Revolving Fund Loan available
- Soft request for increase of \$2,500.00 in the city's contribution

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council-lady Abbott:

Noted;

- Weeds along 18th Street (Administration informed it was property owner responsibility), along Trojan Lane and Baker Park (Administration informed they were being dealt with immediately if not already) and 1813 Columbus Street and

adjacent property (Administration took notice.)
President Koger suggested administration consider spraying 18th Street since it was a main thoroughfare.

- Mosquitos on Troy Avenue (Administration noted that the County Health Department would be contacted)
- Recommended modification of the city No Smoking Ordinance to include the Parks and sports areas.
- Potholes at 25th and State Streets (Street Superintendent took notice.)

Councilman Hancock:

Noted;

- New Sanitation Trucks look nice.
- Skatepark was coming along and looks good.
- Recommended rules be posted at the Skatepark including foul language.
- Weeds along Meadowbrooke Drive. (Administration took notice.)
- Fallen street light at 23rd and Grand. (Inspector Melton informed the electric was off and a letter had been sent to the property owner.)

Councilman Walden:

Noted;

- Thanked Inspector Melton and his efforts in dealing with the weeds.
- Requested someone from INDOT be invited to a Council meeting to update on St. Rd. 38 Project. (Mayor York stated he would extend an invitation.)
- Requested someone from the Jennings Building Project be invited to update Council. (Mayor York stated he would extend an invitation.)

Councilman Dicken:

Noted;

- Requested HWC Engineering be invited to meet with Downtown Committee. (Mayor York stated he would get them scheduled)
- Suggested an assessment of the Historic Preservation rules and regulations to make sure they are up to date.
- Thanked Department Heads for their open communication with Council when contacted.
- Passed out a New Castle's of the World newsletter, noting comments regarding New Castle Indiana.

President Koger:

Noted;

- 2 burned homes still need attention. (Mayor York informed they were in process of demolition.)
- 16th Street at F and H Avenues were covered with debris and needed cleaned. (Administration took notice.)
- 2ft. hole near Babe Ruth. (Mayor York informed new fencing was being placed and area should be cleaned up within days.)
- Standing water in area of 2800 South Main. (Administration took notice.)
- Justin Coffman, Columbus Street had reported rusty water. (Superintendent Phipps was reviewing the situation, but noted residents water lines could be the issue.)
- Skatepark looks great. Informed all in attendance to remember all 4 members of the Park Board are volunteers and should be given respect for their time and dedication. That Park Board can make recommendations but has no control over Park Budget and what is budgeted is all that is available through city financing.

Councilman Perdue:

Noted;

- Spent time recently at the Aquatic Center and while there looked around and was proud of what the city has to offer in recreation.
- Everyone is passionate about issues regarding New Castle and where it is headed, but to remember everyone has the same goal and that is to make New Castle better.
- Recommended defining or streamlining rules for Citizens comments at all meetings might help defuse hot topics.

Councilman Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Praised the new Skatepark
- Suggested that everyone be respectful and meetings would be streamlined.
- Requested an update on the Senior Center roof. (Director Barker informed a contractor had been hired and it was being repaired this week.)
- Requested an update on the Sidewalk Program. Assistant Kennedy informed the applications were still being brought in.
- Requested an update on the Advertising Benches. Attorney Copenhaver explained the history, noting Bench Company was told no additional benches would be allowed in the city and the current ones must be maintained.

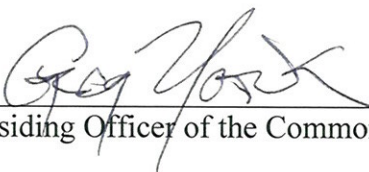
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Inspector Melton requested Council review the Bulk Trash Ordinance, noting the current ordinance is hard to monitor.
- Director Barker updated Council on the Long Term Control Plan Projects.
- Attorney Copenhaver informed Council he would review and update the No Smoking Ordinance and present for review at next meeting.
- Ed Hill informed Council that the next BEP Grant had been awarded and included 10 homes.
- Superintendent Phipps informed that hydrant flushing would be done Monday and Tuesday of the next week.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Bradley Gorman, New Castle requested review of speed limit on Plum and Walnut from Grede, informing that during shift change cars were speeding. (President Koger requested an ordinance be drafted to reduce the speed on both streets to 20mph.)
- Patty Broyles, Park Board President, thanked Council for their continued support of the Park Board.
- Mary Logan, New Castle, expressed her opinion regarding the “high feelings” during Park Board meeting.
- Cathy Hamilton, New Castle, discussed her opinion regarding “ugly spots” around the city.

Council-lady Brewington moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.



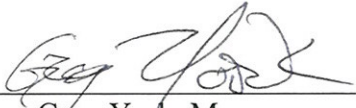
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 7th day of August, 2017.



Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:



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