

COMMON COUNCIL

June 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mike Guffey	Present
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jerry Walden	Present
Aaron Dicken	Present
Mark Koger	Present
Lynn Perdue	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Vice President Hancock moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting.  
Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Opened 6:40 p.m. Closed 6:41p.m.  
Patrick Kenemer 3007 Lawson Drive, spoke in favor of vacating the right of way.  
#3864 VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY (LAWSON DRIVE). President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on seconded reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- #06212021-1 IDENTIFYING A REGION FOR THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIANA REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACCELERATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (READI)  
President Peckinpaugh moved to accept. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #06212021-2 OPTING OUT OF OPIOIDS RELATED LITIGATION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 4-6-15-2  
President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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**ORDINANCES:**

- #3862 VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY (NORTH 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET) President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on Third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #3865 PARK IMPROVEMENTS BY PARK BOARD THROUGH ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- President Peckinpaugh opened discussing regarding 2-hour parking signs on Broad Street. President Peckinpaugh moved to add 1 sign on each side of Broad Street on the blocks of 1200, 1300 and 1400. 6 signs in total. After discussion. Councilman Dicken moved to table and wanted to go and talk to the businesses in the area and get their opinions. President Peckinpaugh rescinded his motion and tabled.

- Carrie Barrett with New Castle Main Street addressed the Council and asked them to consider allocating \$25,000.00 for Main Street again. Councilman Dicken moved to give them \$35,000.00 out of riverboat as they have shown what good use this money can be used for. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0. After the vote Councilman Koger asked Carrie to work closer with the Historic Preservation Committee and possibly attend their meetings. Mrs. Barrett advised she would.

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- Corey Murphy with EDC discussed the READI program with Council and is looking to make up \$15,000.00 in grant match money Knightstown committed \$3,000.00, Middletown, Henry County Community Foundation, Hospital Foundation, County and City of New Castle. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve up to \$5,000.00 to cover the difference. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- Kudos to the Street Department and the Building Inspector for all the great work they have been doing.

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Gene Miller 3800 S Main was asking about the erosion running off onto his land. The County owns part of the land and the City owns part of the land where the run off is coming from. He is now asking that they put some gravel or something in the area to help stop the run off.
- Wanted to thank The Sewage Department street sweepers for stopping at 3 and 38 to clean up a bunch of glass in the area.

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Landbank is settling in on all the policies. They have opened their own account at Star Financial Bank and things are moving right along.
- Thanked the Elks for their dinner and entertainment they provided for all the City Employees.
- Commented what a great turnout there was for Juneteenth and thanked Councilman Dicken for representing the Council by doing a great speech at the event.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Is asking that everyone start looking at getting all the buildings downtown that are owned by the City and County to give up ownership and get them back on the tax rolls.

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- No Comments

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- No Comments

**President Peckinpough:** Noted;

- Thanked Mayor York and Superintendent Bergum on Tommy Allen speaking on Father’s Day at the Armory.
- Thanked the Elks for the Dinner and being a great partner to downtown activities.
- Juneteenth was a great success and thanks Councilman Dicken for a great speech.
- Brought up the need for a rescue unit back in the Fire Department. Motion was made to allocate up to \$50,000. Out of LOIT for a rescue truck for the Fire Department and possibly use some of the LOIT to staff the rescue. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- Stated that he was happy with the way that funds were being handled from the LOIT and Riverboat funds. A lot of good things have come from this money.
- Congratulated Derek Tabor and Dillon Bergum for placing 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively in the State Golf Tournament.

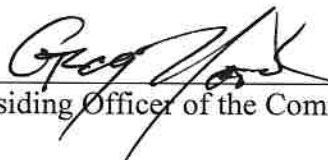
**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Superintendent Walker asked Council to think about updating the trash ordinance.
- Clerk Grider publicly thanked Clerk Boles and the Town of Pendleton for allowing us to borrow a chipper for the City to use until our new chipper comes in.
- Mayor York stated that a tree that is between the sidewalk and the street is the responsibility of the homeowner or business to take care of. The City is obligated to clear the streets of debris and getting it back off the roadway.
- Mayor York also talked about the Noise Ordinance and that it was good through the hours of 6am and 10pm. But if there is a festival or music event things approved by the City to hold in a certain area. It is at the event time stated.


**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Tim Welch, President of Local 1722 Firefighters Union address Council regarding the upcoming Feel the Heat II fire ops program that the union will be putting on again in October. He wanted to personally invite all Councilman to attend the all day interactive program.
- Patty Broyles, President of Park Board thanked Superintendent Bergum for all his hard work on the Pool, Tom Allen Speaking and the clean up of the park after the storm.
- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden


June 21, 2021

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 21<sup>st</sup>, Day of June 2021.

  
Greg York, Mayor

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