

COMMON COUNCIL

March 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York.

ROLL CALL:

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| 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:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #03152021-1 OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS CONTROL OF LOCAL LAND USE REGULATION & ZONING President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Dicken stated that these decisions should be made locally and not at the state level and was in favor of this resolution. Vice President Hancock seconded

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ORDINANCES:

- #3858 ESTABLISHING REGULATION ON THE DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES
President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

- #3859 CREATING A NON-REVERTING DEMOLITION WATER UTILITY FUND
President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on second reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- #3859 CREATING A NON-REVERTING DEMOLITION WATER UTILITY FUND
Vice President Hancock moved to suspend the rules and move to third reading. President Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- Cemetery Superintendent Denney addressed Council regarding rate increases for the Cemetery fees. Councilman Koger asked Superintendent Denney to explain the reason for the increase. Superintendent Denney said there had not been a rate increase since 2016 and it takes four hours sometimes longer to open and close a grave. On Saturdays we pay time and a half for someone to come in. There has been an increase in the number of openings and closings this past year and expenses for this are higher. Superintendent Denney presented a handout for surrounding Cemeteries and their fees. President Peckinpaugh moved to have Attorney Harvey move forward with an ordinance to make the change. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- Carrie Barrett with Mainstreet informed Council that all the trees on Citizens Corner had been cut down and they are waiting for the stumps to be removed. Barrett also stated they had received a grant that will allow them to hire a scaffie for the downtown again this summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Advised Council about a sidewalk program they do in Rushville, where the homeowner buys the materials and their Street Department makes the repairs to the sidewalk. This is something he would like for the City to think about. Currently the City of New Castle has a \$500.00 match program where a Citizen can have their sidewalk redone and after inspection can receive a \$500.00 match from the City.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Thanked Councilman Guffey for doing a ride around the City with him.
- Thanked all the Citizens that volunteer their time to help with the children's sports leagues here in New Castle. Councilman Guffey attended the Little League tryouts and noted how many Citizens it took volunteering to pull just this one league together.
- Informed Council there would be a LOWV meeting on Tuesday March 16th at 7pm virtually.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Questioned if any Council Member would be attending the Virtual LOWV meeting. It was stated Councilman Walden would be attending.
- Asked the Mayor York for an update on the electric car chargers at 1400 Plaza. Mayor York stated we are still waiting for REMC to install them.
- Stated that he had been having email problems and he thinks they are resolved.

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- No Comments

President Peckinpugh: Noted;

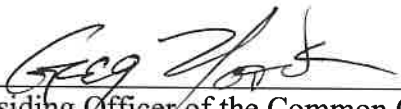
- Stated that Council will discuss about going back to Council Chambers for meetings at the 1st meeting in April.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York advised everyone in attendance that the City Buildings would be opening back up on Monday March 22nd. Masks must be worn when entering the building.
- Mayor York invited everyone in attendance to attend the dedication of a section of Church Street between 12th Street and 14th Street to Ray Pavy Way to honor Ray Pavy who is a longtime resident and sports legend here in New Castle.
- Superintendent Walker advised Council the Street Department would be going to summer hours and working from 6:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. and that all residence should have their trash out by 6a.m. starting April 5th thru Labor Day.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- No Citizens Appeared
- Meeting Adjourned President Peckinpaugh




Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 15th Day of March 2021.



Greg York, Mayor

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