

COMMON COUNCIL

April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

**ROLL CALL:**

Mike Guffey	Present
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jerry Walden	Present
Aaron Dicken	Present
Mark Koger	Absent
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 5-1 Abstained.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Public Hearing

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- #04042022-1 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT GRANT. Before the vote Discussion was had on the requirements for the grant. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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**ORDINANCES:**

#3880 AMENDING ORDINANCE #3871. Pool Manager moved to \$13.00 an hour. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on second reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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#3880 AMENDING ORDINANCE #3871. Pool Manager moved to \$13.00 an hour. Vice President Hancock moved to suspend the rules to third reading. President Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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Council President Peckinpaugh stated even though Councilman Koger was not in attendance that Councilman Koger wanted it on record that he was in favor of the following. Council President then stated that he would move that the New Castle City Council supports Greg York, and the Henry County/New Castle Sports Park, application for Food and Beverage Tax money for a sports park and that this support be contingent upon Greg York, and the Henry County/New Castle Sports Park, forming a separate 501(c3) Not for Profit with its own bank account separate from any City of New Castle Finances. I further move that the City Council respectfully as the County Council to make any award to they Henry County/New Castle Sports Park contingent upon the Henry County/New Castle Sports Park obtaining its own 501(c3) Not for Profit status and their own bank account separate from the finances of the City of New Castle. Vice President Hancock seconded.

Council President Peckinpaugh asked for roll call vote.

Councilman Perdue interjected and stated that he fully supports the Sports Park. The Mayor has been taking a temperature to see how people feel about the Sports Park and has gotten a good response. Councilman Perdue was out of town and could not get a hotel room because of the amount of sporting events going on in Bowling Green Kentucky last weekend. Councilman Perdue stated that this could bring a lot of revenue into Henry County and New Castle.

Council President Peckinpaugh asked for roll call vote.

Councilman Dicken interjected and stated he would like to see some kind of feasibility and sustainability study but supports the project and thinks it would be an asset to the community.

Council President Peckinpaugh asked for roll call vote

Councilman Walden interjected and stated he fully supported the Sports Park and he did a lot of travel ball with his boys and the money they spent for hotel rooms, eating and shopping in other towns and cities really added up. This could be a great thing for Henry County as a whole.

2 times County Councilman Malicoat asked to speak regarding the food and beverage money and was told by Council President Peckinpaugh there would be no public comment. Corey Murphy was allowed to speak as he was on the Committee that scored the projects for the Food and Beverage applications. Council President stated he thought the Committee did not do a good job of vetting the applications. Mr. Murphy continued to speak regarding the process of the vetting and at the end Council President apologized for saying the negative comments about the Committee. Once again County Councilman Malicoat approached the podium and was told to sit down by Council President.

Council President Peckinpaugh called for roll call vote. Clerk Treasurer Grider proceeded with the vote. Motion carried 4-2.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- Inquired about the street cuts in the 1600 block of Irvin and at 25<sup>th</sup> and C Ave. Water Superintendent Phipps stated his department would look into them and see what could be done.

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Asked to meet with Park Superintendent Mike Bergum and Councilman Walden after the meeting.

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Inquired about the closing of 16<sup>th</sup> street and how that would affect the food distribution at God’s Grain Bin. It was advised there will be a public meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April that any resident with questions or concerns will be allowed to speak.
- Inquired about the junkyard on Brown Rd. It was stated that they county code enforcement officer would need to take care of that.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Councilman Dicken focused on the importance of communication within the Council and the Administration. If everyone is not given all the information no one can make an informed decision. Councilman Dicken he stated he as worked with EDC, Mainstreet and Greenhouse Gas project as ways to get out and get informed in what is going on and making New Castle a better place. We all need to work as one unit and keep in communications before during and after meetings. After Councilman Dicken was done speaking, he asked County Councilman Malicoat to come forward and speak.
- Mr. Malicoat addressed the Council and thanked Councilman Dicken for allow him to speak after he was rudely told to sit down by President Peckinpaugh. Malicoat stated he was only there to speak on behalf of the County Council and their vote on the food and

beverage funds for the sports park.

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- Absent

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- Spoke about moving forward with the Trojan Lane project as they were award food and beverage funding for the project. Thanked the private donors, City Council and Food and Beverage for their generous contributions. Private donations will be able to sustain Trojan Lane for future generations.
- Stated he would like to address a Sunday phone call from a city Councilman to a county Councilman regarding the vote on the sports park and stated that was not a council decision as most of Council were not aware.

**President Peckinpugh:** Noted;

- No Comments

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Mayor York asked Chief Schofield if he would look into cars that are driving through the grass at the Hospital Heights Park.
- Mayor York invited everyone to attend the retirement open house for Fire Chief Boatright on April 14<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Armory.
- Clerk Treasurer Grider advised State Board of Accounts were finishing up the Audit and would be finished soon.
- Clerk Treasurer Grider invited everyone to come out to the City Easter Egg Hunt at 1pm on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1pm at the High School Parking Lot.
- Superintendent Walker asked that he use totor funds to purchase some new dumpsters. He was told those funds could be used to replace the dumpsters also and to proceed in ordering at least 21.
- Superintendent Walker stated the city will be entering into a interlocal agreement with the county to pick up the trash at Memorial Park only, not the saddle club.

#### **CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Abby Clark, outreach representative for the southeast Indiana and the Indiana Attorney Generals Office spoke regarding fraud protection for constituents. Also spoke regarding to go to unclaimed money and see if you have any unclaimed money that you can apply for and receive.
- Corey Murphy, EDC is proposing a way finding study for signage in Henry County and would like to have 2 Councilman to help with this process. Councilman Dicken and Councilman Guffey both agreed they would be willing to help.

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- Corey Murphy, EDC stated the Boars Head expansion is scheduled for the county to finalize the incentive package.
  - Mike Broyles that transparency is the key to a good working relationship for the Council and Administration. When the Council President cuts people off and does not allow them to speak was disappointing. Also, regarding the food and beverage discussion should have taken place between all the Council and not just a few before the call was made to County Council was not as it should have been.
  - Patty Broyles also expressed her concern for the disregard of Council and Public that she witnessed at the meeting this evening.
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- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 4th, Day of April 2022.

  
Greg York, Mayor

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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer