

COMMON COUNCIL

June 6, 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	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.

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

- President Peckinpaugh moved to approve the addition of a report on Beacon Industries and the addition of Ordinance #3882. Councilman Walden 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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Public Hearing

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- #06062022-1 BICENTENNIAL RESOLUTION. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. 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

- #06062022-2 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY’S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE AMENDED TO READ IF STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS DOES NOT ALLOW THIS EXPENDITURE THEN \$40,000.00 WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF RIVERBOAT. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 5-2.

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

- #06062022-2 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY’S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE AS AMENDED. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Councilman Guffey asked if it was wise to give this money to an private citizen for a mural on their building and that others would come and ask for things for their building. President Peckinpaugh stated he did not think that would happen. Councilman Perdue stated that he was not in favor of funding this project because it is setting a precedence that he was not sure the Council would be able to uphold for everyone. After discussion was had roll was called and motion carried 5-2.

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Nay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Nay	Yes

**ORDINANCES:**

- #3881 AMENDING SECTION 95.16 OF THE CITY CODE President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on second reading. Councilman Perdue 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

- #3881 AMENDING SECTION 95.16 OF THE CITY CODE Vice President Hancock moved suspend the rules to third reading. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #3881 AMENDING SECTION 95.16 OF THE CITY CODE Vice President Hancock moved to approve on third reading. Councilman Guffey 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

- #3882 AMENDING SECTION 152.25 OF THE CITY CODE President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on second reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- TITLE IV TRANSIT PLAN President Peckinpough moved to approve. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- Requested we take a look at the I Ave Property and Semi’s driving over the sidewalks.

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Advised the Pickle Ball court needs to be sprayed for weeds and there has been no date on having it paved. Also stated that there is a Dodge Ram and a Jeep that has been setting there for a long time and the poles with concrete are they going to be reused. It was stated that it would be looked in to.

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Asked for an update of the Little League sidewalks. It was noted they were done to the corner of main and I and that ADA corners will be added later.
- Asked what someone would have to do to have a rally against gun violence on the courthouse lawn. It was noted that they would have to appear before the County to get permission for the event and the City if any roads would be closed down.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Stated he has been looking into equipment for the renovation of the Council Chambers with the Audio and Video Equipment.
- Stated that someone from Indiana Landmarks could sit on the Preservation Committee at \$4,000.00 per year. Councilman Dicken is in favor.
- Shaffer Leadership Academy offers classes and assessments for communications and the way we all work together. Councilman Dicken would like to see all of the Elected Officials take this class.
- The Bicentennial time capsule had a lot of excitement and conversations and everyone was saddened that most of the items were ruined.
- Pride kickoff had a great event downtown.

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- Wants people to start being cited for leaving their trash cans out all the time. 11<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln, 11<sup>th</sup> and Mourer were some areas that needed looked at.
- Asked Traffic Committee to take a look at Main Street and add some signage for no parking on Main Street.
- Asked for an update on the Police Department. It was stated that it was mostly drywall and flooring to be done. Councilman Koger asked if we could get some estimates within the next two weeks.

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- Talked about Beacon Industries and how they have held up their end of the Tax Abatement.
- Stated that our streets are a lot better than streets in a lot of other towns that he has visited.

**President Peckinpaugh:** Noted;

- Councilman Perdue will visit with Grede to follow up on their tax abatement.
- Asked about the update on paving North Main to Garner. It was stated there would be an estimate coming tomorrow.
- Asked Council to think about using the ARP funds for some of these projects:
  - Half a million to the sewage plant
  - Sidewalks on Indiana Main to State Road 3 with handicap access
  - Adding money to the demo fund
  - Sidewalk to the hospital
  - Asked Department Heads for their needs and wants
  - Upgrades to Council Chambers
  - Parking lot at Lowe Park

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

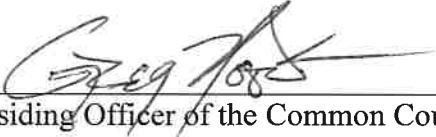
- Mayor York stated there had been a rash of incidents where police have to be involved. There was a serious fight with a 13 year old with Police. He would like to be pro active and show more of a Police presence in areas where they are needed. He asked that Finance Committee meet within the next couple of days to see what can be done.
- Mayor York advised everyone that they paving has been done on the parking lot behind Jeff's Alignment that is owned by the City.

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

- Martin Harrod 1418 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street appeared before the board regarding parking on his street. Mr. Harrod stated that he was a truck driver who is out on the road for 3 months at a time and his neighbor keeps calling regarding his cars not being moved within 30 days. Mr. Harrod asked that given the situation could they extend the length of time for him to move his cars. It was noted that the traffic committee would take a look at it and get back to him.
- Bill Brown Owner of the building located at 1306-1308 Broad Street introduced Terry and Misty McCall as the buyers of said building. They appeared before Council tonight to ask that \$40,000.00 be given to them to put a mural on the west facing wall of the building. The mural will be done by New Castle native Pam Bliss. It will be called her "Coming Home" project. \$35,000 of these funds would be for preparing the wall and the mural itself. The other \$5,000 would be for repairs for any damage done to Citizens Corner and its landscaping.

A committee has been formed for this project, consisting of Bill Brown, Aaron Dicken, Corey Murphy, Carrie Barrett and a couple of others. Main street will oversee the project and the mural cannot be removed for 10 years. September would be the target start date for this project. The preparation of the wall would begin in August. Councilman Dicken stated that they could do daily updates of the project as it is being done. Henry County Preservation Secretary asked if this would be coming before the Preservation for approval. It was stated they would be at meeting on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Koger asked if they could start a Go Fund Me or another donation process to help with the funds. They have not started one. Councilman Guffey asked if they had approached the County to see if they could help with the project. They stated being in the City they did not ask. A power point was attempted but was not able to be shown, so Councilman Dicken read from the power point the background on Pam Bliss and then showed a rendering of the mural, which was not the final draft. Carrie Barrett with Mainstreet stated that she would have to ask her board about over seeing the project but she was sure they would be ok with it. Barrett stated what a better place to put a Pam Bliss mural other than her hometown.


- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

  
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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 6th, Day of June 2022.

  
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Greg York, Mayor

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