

COMMON COUNCIL

June 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Councilman Koger moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Councilman Guffey seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- President Peckinpaugh amended agenda to include BRAP Committee no vote was taken
- President Peckinpaugh informed they Council they would have to table Ordinance # 3882 until it went before the Planning Commission.
- President Peckinpaugh asked Chief Schofield to take the podium. Chief Schofield handed out Hero Awards for the brave actions that were taken in the early morning hours of a house fire on Indiana Avenue. New Castle Police Department and Henry County Sheriff's Officers responded to a call of a house fire where people were trapped in the upstairs of the house and had their head hanging out the windows to be able to breath. With the quick thinking of the Officers, Officer Evans pulled his SUV up below the window and Officer's climbed up on the roof of the vehicle and they were able to get the individuals to safety without harm. Those receiving the awards were New Castle Police Officer's, Ellis Evans, Robert Sealover, Dustin Sult, John Buckingham, and Tyler Reece. Officer Greg Yuknavage with the Henry County Sheriff's Department.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Public Hearing

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- #06212022-1 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATIONS OF CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PORVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY'S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE President Peckinpaugh moved to approve the allocation of \$ 4,000.00 to redo the sidewalk at North Main Street Park. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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

- #06212022-2 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ALLOCATED TO THE CITY'S RIVERBOAT FUND. President Peckinpaugh moved to allocate \$ 4,000.00 from the riverboat fund to place a representative from Indiana Landmarks on the Preservation Committee. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- #06212022-3 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ALLOCATED TO THE CITY'S RIVERBOAT FUND Councilman Dicken moved to allocate \$ 2,000.00 from the riverboat fund for Shafer Leadership Academy's assessment of the Common Council, Mayor and Clerk Treasurer and how effectively they all work together. President Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #06212022-4 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL INCOME TAX PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS President Peckinpaugh moves to allocate \$10,000.00 from the LOIT Public Safety fund for extra patrols from the NCPD at Baker Park. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

- No Ordinances

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- Thanked Park Superintendent Bergum and Boy Scout Troop 465 for working in the park and cleaning it up.
- Thanked everyone involved for getting 25<sup>th</sup> street taken care of.

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Absent

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Advised Council that they Landbank has someone looking at the property at 1114 Church Street.
- BRAP awards were given to some building owners to fix roofs. Could they go to RDC for the Façade Grant and they may free up some BRAP Funds.
- Suggested that we get the roof fixed on the Murphy Building and Ameriana Building and put them up for sale and get them back on the tax roll.
- Thanked everyone for the 25<sup>th</sup> Street repair
- Thanked Carrie Barrett for all her hard work on the BRAP Committee.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Reminded everyone that Juneteenth was this Saturday and Sunday

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- Thanked Superintendent Walker for getting the signage up on Main Street.
- Inquired about the READI money and where the city stands. Stated he saw where Muncie got 2.6 million. President Peckinpaugh stated the County got 1.6 million and they were looking at getting water to 109 in Knightstown, giving some to the Library in Knightstown, the YMCA and Wilbur Wright Trial would also be recipients of the funds.

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- Asked of the Mural Project had gone before the Preservation Committee. It was stated that it would be going next meeting.
- Asked if it were possible when someone is coming to ask for money that it is tabled for 2 weeks so that everyone has a chance to take a look at it and not have to make a split decision at that meeting. President Peckinpaugh stated that you get the information a few days prior to the meeting if anyone had any questions.
- Inquired about the brick wall at 18<sup>th</sup> and Indiana. Mayor York stated that the home owner said they state up it in and they should pay and the state said it belongs to the homeowner. Mayor York stated we are going to fix it because it is becoming a safety issue and make sure that the home owner knows if it happens again, they will own the wall and it will be their responsibility to get it fixed in a timely manner.

**President Peckinpaugh:** Noted;

- Advised everyone that Clerk Treasurer Grider is working on a Facebook page that will be for information purposes only, to post agendas, Ordinances, Resolutions and events going on in the city. This page will not have commenting available but will keep the public informed of all meetings and events taking place.


#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Chief Schofield stated that no one wanted to sign up to work pool security and asked that he be able to offer double time for Officers to work down there. It was stated that he could because we needed someone down there.
- Chief Schofield updated on everyone about the body cameras. They are being delivered in pieces and we have not gotten the actual cameras yet for the body cams.
- Chief Schofield stated all that was left for the new Police Station was flooring and drywall.

- Chief Moore thanked the Police Department for working with Fire and EMS and thanked the Officers that were honored tonight.
- Chief Clark informed Council that EMS was award \$447,122 from ARP funds to expand the Community Paramedic program.
- Superintendent Bergum stated a police presence is very much needed and would be a great thing at the pool and the park.
- Superintendent Walker asked Council if there was a way to set up an agreement that we would reimburse someone for getting their CDL if they agreed to stay as an employee for an undetermined amount of time. If they leave before the determined time is up then the city would not have to cover the cost. They currently have no applications on file for the Street Department.
- Mayor York asked everyone to come to the High School Fieldhouse on Saturday at 12pm to get registered for the Hoopla Knockout Tournament and to attend the car show and the entertainment on main street.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Grayson Joslin did a presentation regarding a flag of New Castle that he has developed. He explained all of the different meanings of what colors and symbols were used on the flag. He is in hopes to have an actual flag made and present it to the city.
- Corey Murphy, EDC informed Council that he was having the City RDC's plan amended, so that they may give some funds to certain projects.
- Carrie Barrett, BRAP talked about the projects and handed out a copy of those funds awarded. All together they are giving out \$380,000.00. to local building owners. President Peckinpugh moved to waive the permit fees for the BRAP award winners. Motion died due to lack of a second.
- Jeff Robinson with Shafer Leadership Academy did a presentation regarding the assessment for the City of New Castle.
- Terri Taylor and Penny Dewees advised Council of a parking issue in their area in the 1400 block of South 20<sup>th</sup> street. Traffic Committee will take a look into in and see what can be done to rectify the problem.
- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
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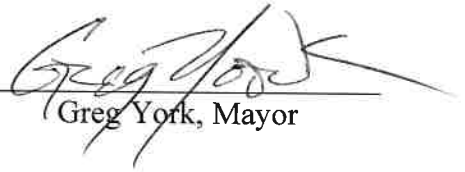
Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

**Approved by me this 21st, Day of June 2022.**

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

  
Greg York, Mayor