

COMMON COUNCIL

January 3, 2023 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	Absent
Lynn Perdue	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

When the meeting was called to order Mayor York opened the floor for nominations for Officers of the Council for the year 2023.

Councilman Hancock nominated Councilman Peckinpaugh for President. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Abstained

President Peckinpaugh nominated Councilman Hancock for Vice President. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1.

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Yes	Abstained	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Councilman Dicken asked if everyone was staying on the same committees. President Peckinpaugh stated that anyone that was interested on being on a committee please let him know.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Vice President Hancock moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 5-1-0

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- Added to the Agenda for the meeting was Resolution 01032023-1.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #01032023-1 SWEEP TRANSFERS Vice President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

ORDINANCES:

- #3900 AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES REGARDING THE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR THE EMERGENCY AMUBULANCE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President seconded. Councilman Walden asked if this was in line with everyone else. Chief Clark stated the only change is we were adding the intercept fee. Vice President Hancock asked if Southwest closing would affect our travel to Knightstown. Chief Clark stated we have already been going down there on most calls anyway. Motion carried 6-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Asked were we ended the year on the sidewalk program. Admin Assistant Kennedy stated that we ended up having 10 – 11 people participate in the program.
- Stated that there are new County and State Officials and now is the time to get with these people and make something work.
- Grants need to be sought after. Councilman Dicken asked if we were using Mike Kleinpeter. Mayor York stated yes and Christy Asberry both.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Thanked the City Employees that had to be out there in the cold and working holidays in November and December.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- EIRCP had a meeting last week and it was a really good meeting. They have come up with a comprehensive plan and came up with a regional redevelopment plan. 70 will be widen to six lanes from Cambridge City to the State line in Richmond. The exchange at I 70 and 103. Widening State Road 3 from New Castle to Greensburg. Straightening St Rd 1 from US 40 to Connersville. This will all be done to connect I 74 to I 70. A lot of hoops have to be jumped thru. Indianapolis is coming this way. Councilman Perdue asked if Henry County would not be getting any attention until Wayne County was finished. Mayor York stated he took it as it would take 10 years to get to Henry County.

- 16th Street got dirt around the sidewalks. They will be back in the spring to do the restoration. The sidewalks are awesome. Director Barker stated they have done a good job on this project.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Absent

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- No Comments

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- No Comments

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Police Chief Schofield Stated they are currently running the uniform department out of the new facility. They will have an open house sometime.
- Mayor York thanked every department, since Thanksgiving the departments have not have much of a vacation. There was a water main break on Thanksgiving morning. Water main break on road 3. I had to close Pizza King down on Christmas Eve. It was too cold to work on it at 15 below zero. Businesses were closed for 3 days and City employees did not get the same Holiday as everyone else. Fire, Police, EMS. It doesn't matter what they Holiday is they still have to work. New Year's Day sewage backed up into Jamestown. Give all the City Employees a pat and the back or a Thank You because they have really worked hard this year.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

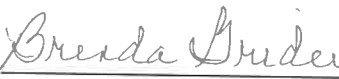
- Carrie Barrett, Mainstreet appeared to ask for funding for an Executive Director. Councilman Perdue was asking regarding her budget and was it guaranteed. Indiana Main Street paid staff report was handed out. Councilman Guffey asked if City and County government together. Carrie stated that it would only be City unless they wanted her to go to the County. Mayor York thanked Carrie Barrett for all her hard work. President Peckinpaugh stated they would take this under advisement. Councilman Guffey said he saw a lot of things on social media about no 4th Fridays. Carrie Advised that there would be 4th Fridays and Joey Chestnut would be here on the 1st 4th Friday for the donut hole eating contest. Councilman Walden stated the BRAP and all the other things going on downtown is a testament to Mainstreet. Councilman Perdue asked if there were any other programs that other Mainstreet's do on the regular and he would like to see a line item put in the budget to give Mainstreet a guaranteed amount every year. Carrie stated yes there are things they do every year. Councilman Perdue asked if the downtown Merchants were doing anything to help. Carrie Barrett stated well. Councilman Perdue stated they could do better.

Mayor York stated that what are Community is doing is way ahead of other Communities. Mike Broyles stated that most of the merchants must be please with what Mainstreet is doing because Kaleb and Scaff got a lot of gifts from Christmas.

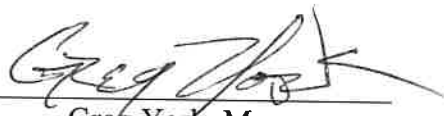
Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden


Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:


Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 3rd Day of January 2023.


Greg York, Mayor

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