

COMMON COUNCIL

June 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Councilman Walden moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions

ORDINANCES:

- #3893 Amended to amend the Salary Ordinance to add an Inventory Clerk in the water plant. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on 2nd reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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- #3902 Amending the schedule of fees for New Castle South Mound Cemetery and Westlawn Addition. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor York asked everyone to stop and take a look at the site, it is very nice.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Absent

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Inquired about the blight house at 14th and Circle. Mayor York stated it was on the list to be demolished.
- Stated the Baker Park looked great, Pool looks great but the Pickle Ball Court looks terrible. Asked Superintendent Bergum if they were coming back to fix the job they did on the court. It was stated they would be returning in mid-July to get it fixed. Christy Pasman spoke regarding the quality of the courts and she would like to see them fixed up or possibly moved due to the Skate Park. It was stated that a committee would be made up with Superintendent Bergum, Council and Christy Pasman to see if the Pickle Ball Courts current location is the best place for it. The Committee is to report back in 60 days.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Sent an email from EIRCP and would like for Council to take a look at it.
- Inquired about the Triangle at 25th and Vine the grass is 3ft tall.
- Asked for an update on paving. Director Barker reported that Phase 4 should be getting finished up and paving on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Force main project at the prison is winding down and 16th Street is on time as scheduled.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Wore a necklace that he purchased from Austin Thompson at the Mini City at Wilbur Wright School.
- Thanked Police and Officer Farr for helping out at the Pride Celebration.
- Reminded everyone of the Juneteenth Celebration June 17th and 18th at 1400 Plaza.

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Nothing

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- Thanked Superintendent Denney and his crew for the Great Job they did on making the Cemetery look so nice on Memorial Day.

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Thanked workers for how beautiful the Cemetery was for Memorial Day.
- Thanked the Chamber for a wonderful Memorial Day Parade.
- Thanked the Building Inspector for getting the tree that was on the sidewalk on 14th Street taken care of last week.

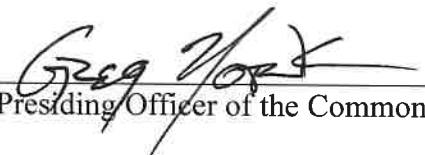
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Chief Clark noted that Officer Wardlow stopped at the Lemonade Stand the kids had up in front of their house behind the city building. Stop if you can.
- Chief Clark stated there would be a work session for the 911 fees at the County on June 7th at 6pm if anyone could attend.
- Mayor York stated what a great 2 weeks we have had downtown. The Memorial Day Parade and the Donut Hole eating contests. So many people were downtown for these events.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Ed Hill, Hope Initiative thanked Council for the funding they had provided for the Early Childhood Development.
- David Abbott appeared before the Council to inquire about the strip of land between 27th and 29th Street. Neighbors has been taking care of it and would like to see what can be done with it. Councilman Walden thanked those who have been taking care of it and Mayor York stated they would look into it.
- Carrie Barrett with Mainstreet presented a grant opportunity through OCRA called Preserving Mainstreet. A \$2,000,000.00 dollar grant. This would be used to rehabilitate buildings downtown. Building owners would have to put in 10% of the funds. Council needs to do a resolution that they would be in agreement to pay for a Downtown Development Plan. 2010 is the last time one was done and it is out of date thru Brenner Architect. New Castle Mainstreet would have to fundraise \$100,000.00 for 2 years. Attorney Harvey will do the resolution.
- Leanne Mays, read a heartfelt statement thanking Officer Morrison regarding a recent accident she had been involved in. Officer Morrison was in attendance and got a chance to meet with the Mays family during the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned Councilman Koger


Presiding Officer of the Common Council

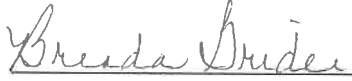
ATTEST:


Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **6th Day of June 2023.**


Greg York, Mayor

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