

COMMON COUNCIL

August 7, 2023, 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 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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #08072023-1 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL INCOME TAX SAFETY FUNDS. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve the purchase of an ambulance chassis for \$75980.00 out of LIT. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ORDINANCES:

- #3903 An Ordinance Amending CH. 95 of the City Code regarding brush pick up. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on seconded reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #3903 An Ordinance Amending CH. 95 of the City Code regarding brush pick up. Vice President Hancock moved to suspend the rules to third reading. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- #3903 An Ordinance Amending CH. 95 of the City Code regarding brush pick up. Vice President Hancock moved to approve on third reading. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Inquired about the Hillsboro and Washington sites for sale. Hillsboro side was sold today. 35 acres to Armstrong Farms.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Thanked everyone and stated now nice the pickleball courts looked.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Pickleball courts are in great shape now.
- Thanked Mayor York and President Peckinpaugh for attending the EIRPC meeting.
- Thanked Councilman Perdue for all his work on Trojan Lane.
- Training for the Fire Department has been well spent. They saved a life and a building and saved a local families business from being completely destroyed.
- Thanked President Peckinpaugh for a small get together of old friends.
- Stated the Kids Cruise In was great. So many smiling kids and families.
- Stated the Federal Government has \$868,100,000.00 to put toward broadband in rural areas. There is a survey they are asking everyone to take online at connectingindiana.com. If you do not have internet in your area, they ask that you only put in your address.

- **Councilman Dicken:** Noted;
- Asked if anyone would be interested in doing the Shafer Leadership Academy program again for \$3,500.00. It was noted that this would be open to anyone who wanted to attend and it would be split with the County. The City portion for this class will be \$1,750.00.
- Councilman Dicken moved to approve from river boat \$1,750.00 for the Shafer Leadership Academy. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Councilman Koger: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- Wanted to let everyone know that Mayor York has had Trojan Lane on his radar for a long time. Councilman Perdue thanked Mayor York for letting him run with it and complete the project. Mayor York thanked Councilman Perdue for taking it on.

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Stated, the parks look amazing. So many things going on in the park this weekend. Pickleball was full, people at the skatepark and people playing disc golf. We want it to be very welcoming for anyone to come here.
- Thanked Scott Frost and Everett Cole for heading up the 200 Year Celebration for the city of New Castle. A lot of people attended the family reunion event and several other events that were planned.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Police Chief Schofield, stated that the Police Officers are dealing with the homeless here in New Castle on a daily basis. They are offering resources as they can but some will not use them or do not want to abide by the rules for them. We are trying to think of some ideas for winter to get them out of the elements. Citizen Jeff Coatie was in attendance and stated that he had first hand seen homeless people die in the streets when he lived in another city and would hope that it would never happen here. President Peckinpaugh stated this is all part of the mental health illness or an addiction they do not want to let go of.
- Fire Chief Moore, stated they Fire Department have started taking applications for a hiring pool again today.
- Cemetery Superintendent Denney, Stated the benches are up not at the columbarium and is looking very nice.
- Director Barker, stated they have started on the ADA sidewalk ramps to get ready for the paving.

- Clerk Treasurer Grider thanked everyone who came out and helped at the Kids Cruise In Saturday night. 165 bikes were given to children at the event and a special thank you was given to the donors who helped make it all possible.
- Mayor York talked about the Hudson's fire and how with all the oil and chemicals that were in the building. Fire fighters lost their turn out gear as some of the oil and chemicals could not be removed. Hoses and Gear that were damaged in the fighting of the fire could not be put back on the trucks for use.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Clay Morgan asked if there were any current plans for the City to order basketball goals and to construct and operate a City Sports Complex. No one knew of any plans like that. He also questions the non-reverting funds and how they could be used. It was explained that those funds could only be used for the funds specified. He questioned the use of Fund 278 a sports complex fund and stated he did not see it on Gateway for the year 2022 and received paperwork from the Clerks office on a records request showing that it was on the 2023 Fund List. Clerk Treasurer Grider explained that if it had a zero balance it would not show up on Gateway and that she did not set up a new fund of a sports complex this year. Mr. Morgan confirmed that the fund was indeed a zero balance and thanked everyone for their time.

Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden




Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 7th of August, 2023.


Greg York, Mayor

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