

COMMON COUNCIL

August 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Rex Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.: VP Hancock made a motion with a second from Councilman Walden. Councilmen Guffey and Dicken abstain. **Motion carries 5-0.**

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

Change to agenda-none

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CITIZENS APPEARING

Justin McCrobie- working on Osborn Park- update.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Ross Hagen, Baker Tilly. Mr. Hagen presented Council a summary of financial results and recommendations for future years. Mr. Hagen also answered questions.

Brian Clark, EMS Chief. Chief Clerk presented to the council an overview of changes and expectations for the rest of the year. Chief Clerk also answered questions from the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Mr. Guffey inquired about 1015 S. 24th street, areas on 25th and I, and other substandard properties. Mr. Guffey also had questions about how it works when properties go to court and protocol.

Vice-President Hancock:

- Thanks to Kenny Melton, Building Inspector helping with visibility on roads.

Councilman Walden:

- No comments

Councilman Dicken:

Mr. Dicken had comments about ordinances and if certain ones need to be updated.

Councilman Koger:

- Thanks to Jeff Hancock for seeing pickle ball courts through. Mr. Koger also asked about concerning activities at Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Councilman Perdue:

- No comments

President Peckinpaugh:

- Mr. Peckinpaugh thanked the Councilman for being out in the community and speaking with constituents.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor York- updates with INDOT and Road 3/Railroad closures.

New Business

ORDINANCES:

THIRD READING

#3958 AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve this with a second from Vice President Hancock. Discussion followed. **Motion carries 7-0.**

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

#3959 VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE (ALLEYWAY WALNUT STREET & SOUTH 26TH)

President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve this with a second from VP Hancock - WITH AN AMENDMENT ON LOCATION THAT ATTORNEY HARVEY WILL WRITE UP. Discussion followed with comments from Mr. Denney and another neighbor. **Motion carries 7-0.**

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

SECOND/THIRD READING

#3960 AMENDING THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, INDIANA TO FUND ITS "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE NOTES, SERIES 2025" AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO (BROOKFIELD FARMS)

Corey Murphy, EDC, gave another overview of this Ordinance and answered questions. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve with a second from VP Hancock.

Motion carries 7-0.


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

Vote for suspending the rules to vote for a third reading. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve suspending with a second from Councilman Purdue. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Third Reading: President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve with a second from VP Hancock. **Motion carries 7-0.**

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

Meeting adjourned by President Peckinpaugh.



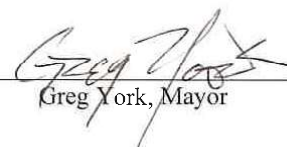
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 18TH day of AUGUST, 2025.



Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer