

COMMON COUNCIL

- January 20, 2026 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	Absent
Lynn Perdue	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.: VP Hancock made a motion with a second from Councilman Walden. **Motion carries 6-0.**

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

Change to agenda-none

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/CITIZENS APPEARING**

Linda Bir- Conn, Humane Society. Mrs. Bir-Conn gave a short overview of the Humane Society's finances. A request was made for \$10,000 for the humane society operations. VP Hancock made a motion to approve this with a second from President Peckinpaugh-out of Riverboat. Motion carries 6-0. There was also a request to raise fees, discussion followed and this will be voted on next meeting.

Gary Davis- requesting a speed limit sign at M Ave and Columbus by the park. Chief Schofield will ask Lee Walker from the street department to put a digital speed limit sign there.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

NONE

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Mr. Guffey asked the Mayor about Community Crossings.

**Vice-President Hancock:** No comments.

**Councilman Walden:** Mr. Walden was happy to announce arrival of new granddaughter- congratulations!

**Councilman Dicken:** Mr. Dicken enjoyed the Hoosier win for the National championship in college football. Shout out to Max Upchurch being involved and is a New Castle grad.

**Councilman Koger:** Absent

**Councilman Perdue:** No comments

**President Peckinpaugh:** No comments

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor York- Mayor wanted to explain more to Councilman Guffey on why we are not able to match Community Crossings Grant. Mayor explained that between meetings with Aim and communications with Baker Tilly (financial advisors), Senate Bill 1 will affect our community worse than we thought. Mayor expressed concern in being prepared and staying ahead of the game... will continue to communicate.

**New Business**

**RESOLUTIONS:** #01202016-1 2025 TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN FUNDS FROM ONE DEPARTMENT BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER. (SWEEPS)

President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve with a request for questions for Clerk Treasurer Huffman. Councilman Walden seconds. Motion carries 6-0.

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**ORDINANCES:**

**SECOND READING**

**#3972 AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE (BROAD STREET APARTMENTS)**

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

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AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE

President Peckinpaugh made a motion to suspend the rules to pass on third reading. VP Hancock seconds and motion carries 6-0. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve #3972 on third reading, Councilman Purdue seconds and motion carries 6-0.

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

Meeting adjourned by Mayor York.



Presiding Officer of the Common Council



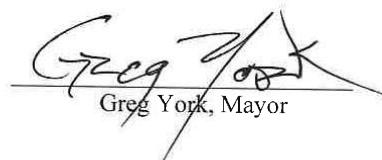
ATTEST:

Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer



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Greg York, Mayor

