

COMMON COUNCIL

September 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Prayer was given by Councilman Peckinpaugh

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York.

ROLL CALL:

Mary Abbott	Present
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jerry Walden	Present
Aaron Dicken	Present
Mark Koger	Present
Lynn Perdue	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Councilman Hancock moved to suspend the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve. Council-lady Abbott seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations were presented.

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions were presented.

ORDINANCES:

- **#3752 – Elected Officials Salary Ordinance**

President Koger read Ordinance #3752 on first reading and moved to approve.

Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- **#3753 – Department of Finance Salary Ordinance**

President Koger read Ordinance #3753 on first reading and moved to approve.

Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- **#3754 – Administrative and Management Salary Ordinance**

President Koger read Ordinance #3754 on first reading and moved to approve.

Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- **#3755 – EMS Salary Ordinance**

President Koger read Ordinance #3755 on first reading. Councilman Dicken moved to approve. Councilman Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- **#3756 – Fire Salary Ordinance**

President Koger read Ordinance #3756 on first reading. Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Council-lady Abbott seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- **#3757 – Police Salary Ordinance**

President Koger read Ordinance #3757 on first reading. Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- **#3758 – Hourly Salary Ordinance**

President Koger read Ordinance #3758 on first reading and moved to approve. Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- **#3759 – Sidewalk Repair/Construction**

President Koger read Ordinance #3759 on first reading and moved to approve. Councilman Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mary Abbott	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Attorney Copenhaver informed the Council that he had filed 4 law suits last week on behalf of the city and those had been published in the paper. He wanted to let each member know that if they had any questions now or in the future they could contact him at any time for answers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council-lady Abbott:

Noted;

- Thanked Administration for fixing the issue between 23rd and 24th on I Avenue.
- Expressed her concern regarding the vandalism at the Cemetery. Mayor York noted that security was being upgraded in the Parks as well as the Cemetery.

Councilman Hancock:

Noted;

- Thanked the Main Street Group for the continued efforts to make the downtown look nice, noting the flowers this year were beautiful.
- Thanked everyone involved in Day of Caring.
- Requested quarterly reports/updates from Cory Murphy regarding economic development within the city and county.

Councilman Walden:

Noted;

- Expressed questions and concerns regarding the We Care Park, as well as the maintenance costs associated with it.

- Congratulated Councilman Perdue on his new grandson.

Councilman Dicken:

Noted;

- Also expressed his indecision regarding We Care Park's placement, stating he had gone to fellow teachers who work with special needs children and he was still on the fence.
- Suggested that ordinances be amended to have annual inspections of buildings that were empty for more than 1 year and until placed back in use, annual inspections. Noting he felt this would possibly avoid demolition of older buildings and made the owner responsible for keeping it up to code.

President Koger:

Noted;

- On Saturday, Farmers Market only had 3 tents set up and made a recommendation to Board of Works to seriously consider relocating them to prevent Main Street from being closed from 8am to Noon every Saturday through the summer.

Councilman Perdue:

Noted;

- Informed Administration that he had witnessed residents placing trash in dumpsters within the city. It was suggested that he try to get a license plate number.

Councilman Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- He attended the Chamber Cash Bonanza at the Armory and stated the Armory looked great.
- Striping needed at Main and Church Streets.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York invited the Council and everyone in attendance to the Armory Open House scheduled for Thursday, September 22 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Superintendent Phipps informed Council the annual lead water testing had been done and the results were very good, noting that no letter was required to be sent to residents.

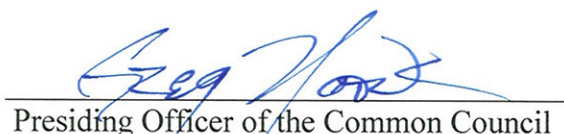
CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:


- John Moles, 1324 Q Avenue informed the Council that Q Avenue between Cherrywood and Main Streets was a "drag strip". Council requested that it be patrolled by police for a few weeks and referred the complaint to the Traffic Committee for review of reduction of speed.
- Susan Huhn and Gary Rogers presented before Council expressing their stance against the wind farms coming into Henry County.
- David Abbot, New Castle, suggested that the city avoid any recommendations since this issue didn't directly affect the city.

Councilman Peckinpaugh moved to adjourn. Council-lady Abbott seconded. Meeting adjourned.


Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 19th day of September 2016.


Presiding Officer of the Common Council


Greg York, Mayor