

COMMON COUNCIL

January 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York.

ROLL CALL: Zoom Attendees

Mike Guffey	Present
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 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:

- No Resolutions

ORDINANCES:

- #3850 MODIFYING CH. 115 OF CITY CODE TOWING. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- Vice President Hancock nominated President Peckinpaugh for 2021 Council President. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- Councilman Perdue nominated Vice President Hancock for 2021 Council Vice President. President Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- President Peckinpaugh reminded everyone that the next Council meeting will be held in-person on Tuesday January 19th, 6:30pm at the County Courthouse Courtroom because of public hearing.
- President Peckinpaugh stated they would like for Councilman Dicken to be in charge of the Zoom meetings going forward. Councilman Dicken will be taking over the zoom meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Remarked on the Building at 19th and I Avenue falling down. The building is for sale and is not City owned.
- Thanked Superintendent Walker for all of his crews help around the City.
- Resolution for 2021 to see a cleaner New Castle.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Remarked about sidewalks on State Road 3. It was noted that this is part of the State Project and has not been slated with a start date as of yet.
- Informed Council it was announced today that Indianapolis will be hosting the NCAA Tournament in 2021. This could help businesses.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Advised everyone to go take a look at Castle Point off South 20th Street. They have 8 new units going in
- Inquired about the guardrail getting fixed at Wilbur Wright school. It was noted that the school owned it and was aware it had been damaged.
- Asked for an update on the Arts Park. It was noted they have started the work to fix it but will not be as simple as thought.
- Stated that he and others had been in conversation with INDOT and sidewalk on East side of road 3 only is supposed to go from Walmart to Memorial Park. The North 16th Street INDOT project will have sidewalks from Kentucky to Washington St. 18th from I Avenue to Stonegate will have sidewalks also.
- Also stated that he is not giving up on the exchange at 3 and 103.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Advised Council of his resolutions:

1. Have the City work with the County more and involve our State Representatives.
2. Continue to support downtown development and growth with marketing strategy and a downtown website.
3. Get our Community Greener, would like get electric car chargers at the plaza. It was noted REMC are getting 2 of them for the City.
4. Focus on ourselves. Have all the downtown building put things in their windows.
5. Develop Trojan Lane, NCAA finals will be held in Indianapolis this year and Hall of Fame may receive a lot of foot traffic.

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Would like to secure more grant funding for the City.
- Would like to see a more substantial decrease in the Health Fund.

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- Trojan Lane needs dressed up, advise Council he has some estimates and drawings already.

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

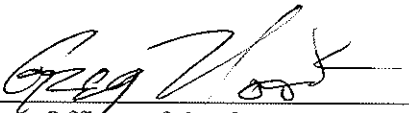
- Stated he would like to apologize for the presentation at the last meeting as he will do better.
- Would like to see communication improved with all Departments of the City including Administration.
- Stated that we need to be better Ancestors for our children and grandchildren.
- Would like to update our City website with thinks like Licenses Contractors within the City. Volunteer opportunities in the City with a list of people who would like volunteer.
- Inquired if City trash was being taken to Muncie. It was noted that trash was going to Muncie on a 90-day trial period.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York advised Council that Henry County is now red in the Covid 19 area. Discussion was had about the plans for the City and its' employees and keeping them safe during work hours.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Jeremy Lovell with Hayes Landfill addressed Council about taking the trash to Muncie. Mr. Lovell stated we are not only taking money out of New Castle but out of the State. There was a lot of discussion regarding trash and Council expressed the need for communication on important items such as this. Street Superintendent Walker stated there was several reasons for the 90-day trial with East Central Indiana Recycling. The most important reason is that if the Citizens of New Castle want curb side recycling this is a first step. At present Hayes landfill does not offer a curb side recycling program but Mr. Lovell would like to sit down and talk about what Hayes might have to offer. Mr. Lovell also thanked Council for allowing him to speak.
- Carrie Barrett with New Castle Main Street was in attendance but had no new updates.
- Meeting Adjourned President Peckinpaugh




Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 4th day of January 2021.



Greg York, Mayor

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