

COMMON COUNCIL

May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York.

**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 Walden 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:**

- #3861 ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. 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

- #3862 VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY (NORTH 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET) President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Attorney Harvey gave an explanation of what vacating an alley meant. Councilman Perdue 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

- #3863 VACATING RIGHT OF WAY (SPRING STREET) President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Superintendent Bergum presented the list and bond numbers to Council for the Park Bond. Councilman Dicken wants to get the wish list fine tuned with figures. Councilman Koger stated he felt good voting yes for this Bond to be renewed as there had been great leadership to get us to this point. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- Stated that now that everyone had an Ipad that only the agenda should be printed out for council at the meetings. Council was in agreement.

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Kudos to Main Street and Carrie Barrett for Citizens Corner and the improvements being made.

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Echoed Vice-President Hancock on the improvements at Citizens Corner.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Invited everyone to attend Tour, Pour and Restore downtown New Castle May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6:30pm. At the end of the tour there will be resources available for questions on acquiring an available building downtown.

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- Inquired about getting the junk cars that are parked in the parking lot of the recycle bins. Mayor York stated he would be those moved.

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- Inquired about the railroad crossing and how bad they have become. Mayor York and Director Barker both stated we are at the mercy of the railroad and the City is not allowed to do anything to fix them.

**President Peckinpugh:** Noted;

- Informed Council that 20 mph speed limit signs needed to be place on Plum and Walnut between 18<sup>th</sup> street and 25<sup>th</sup> street. An ordinance will be drawn up by Attorney Harvey.
- Also inquired about the old toters that were being stored at the old street department. Superintendent Walker and Mayor York have been working on a way to get a toter lid only replaced as most of those are in need of a new lid, which cannot be purchased to fit anymore.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Chief Schofield advised Council the Bearcat Armored vehicle that was paid for by LOIT monies would be picked up on Thursday.
- Street Superintendent Walker advised Council we have 1000 more toters being delivered.
- Mayor York stated that 804 S. 21<sup>st</sup> would need to be Demoed and that 2122 Grand Ave should be put in the land bank as Matt Sousa is interested in that property that backs up to his property at 963 S 22<sup>nd</sup>.

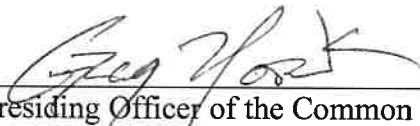
#### **CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Louie Chapman with Dark Sky made a presentation to Council regarding lighting on the City Streets. Light pollution is becoming a problem and he would like to see what needs to be down to get the correcting lighting on all City streets. The illumination would go down toward the street instead of up to the sky. Council thanked Mr. Chapman for his presentation and stated that they would all look into it.
- Mike Broyles advised Council that the Henry County Community Foundation donated \$10,000 to help the landbank get started.
- Val McNelis advised Council that cars are parking on the sidewalks from Main to Southern on Bundy and asked that someone take a look at that.

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- Patty Broyles advised Council if they had not gotten a copy of local Author Brittany Dickens book, Dear N.C. Love me, you should do so. It has a lot about all the fun and interesting things in our City.

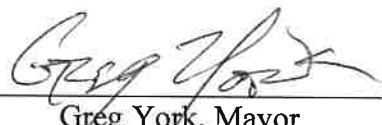
- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

  
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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

**Approved by me this 3rd Day of May 2021.**

  
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Greg York, Mayor

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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer