

COMMON COUNCIL

June 7, 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	Absent
Rex Peckinpaugh	Absent

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Councilman Koger moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 5-0

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Public Hearing

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- No Resolutions

**ORDINANCES:**

- #3862 VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY (NORTH 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET) Vice President Hancock moved to approve on second reading. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

- #3862 VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY (LAWSON DRIVE Vice President Hancock moved to approve on first reading. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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- #3865 ORDINANCE CONCERNING PARK IMPROVEMENTS Lisa Lee with Ice Miller and Jason Semler with Baker Tilly spoke regarding Resolution 06072021-1 that was passed at the Park Board meeting to proceed. Vice President Hancock moved to approve on first reading. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Carrie Barrett with New Castle Main Street addressed the Council and asked them to consider allocating \$25,000.00 for Main Street again. Councilman Koger asked to table the decision until President Peckinpaugh returned.
- Corey Murphy with EDC discussed the READI program with Council and is looking to make up \$30,000.00 in grant match money between Knightstown, Middletown, Spiceland, Henry County and City of New Castle. Councilman Koger asked if he knew how much money had be allocated already. No monies have been allocated as of yet but Mr. Murphy would let them know when he had a total and that EDC would be making up the shortfall.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- No Comment

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Gene Miller 3800 S Main was asking about the erosion running off onto his land. They think he owns the land that comes up to it but Mayor will take a look at it and get back with Vice-President Hancock.

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Nice Day for the Memorial Day Parade and nice to see all the people out. Kudos to the Chamber and their Committee that planned the Parade.
- Cruise in was really busy
- Does not want to see two-hour parking in downtown. Doesn't want the signs up on Broad with how nice downtown is starting to look and it will take away from it. Please think about this before we push the issue and reconsider before we vote. Councilman Dicken said we need signs saying what we can do and not what we cannot do.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Advised Council that he is still collecting the data for the IU Resiliency Program.
- Asked about the Charging Station. REMC got one in but it is not work so they have ordered another one.
- Advised Council that 70% of the empty building's downtown are Government owned and we need to start investing in the buildings. Historic Preservation Committee needs to be involved.

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- Stated that all the buildings downtown need to be walked through and make sure they are up to code and not let them sit and get worse. Someone did this about ten years ago.
- Elks needs to close down a section of Ray Pavy Way for the event they are hosting on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> for all the City Employees and Elected Officials
- Questioned the agreement that was signed on May 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Works for Christy York the ADA Coordinator. Mayor York said that she was going to be consulting for the INDOT Grants and was no longer an employee of the City.

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- Absent

**President Peckinpaugh:** Noted;

- Absent

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Superintendent Bergum thanked everyone who helped with the swimming pool renovation it looks amazing. Also wanted to thank those who participated in the picnic table painting they have made the parks look great and are a great conversation piece.
- Clerk Grider thanked New Castle Police for being visible at the cruise in.

- Mayor York addressed the mask issued and stated that we will ask that everyone be responsible and use self opinion. No masks will be required in the City Buildings. Asking that everyone wash your hands and be considerate of others.
- Mayor York thanked Carrie Barrett and Stephanie for how great downtown is looking.
- Mayor York stated the Parks looked great the Cemetery looked good.
- Mayor York stated he had never seen so many people at the Memorial Day Parade. People are itching to get out. The Cruise in also had a great crowd.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

ATTEST:

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

**Approved by me this 7th Day of June 2021.**

ATTEST:

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Greg York, Mayor

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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer