

COMMON COUNCIL

March 21, 2022 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	Present
Lynn Perdue	Absent
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	Absent	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Public Hearing was started at 6:37p.m. #3879 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY IN TO THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, INDIANA. PARCEL # 33-12-26-110-1135.000-015 (007-93128-00). COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3124 LOCUST STREET. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Martin appeared to ask that this ordinance was passed. No further discussion was had and the public hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on seconded reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried. 6-0.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #03212022-1 OPTING BACK IN TO OPIOIDS LITIGATION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO INDIANA COE 4-6-15-2. President Peckinpaugh explained that we opted out of this litigation back in the fall but new legislation was passed and we have decided to opt back in. Attorney Harvey explained that there would need to be a non-reverting fund set up for this money as it will have specific things it can be spent on. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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ORDINANCES:

- #3880 AMENDING ORDINANCE #3871. Pool Manager moved to \$13.00 an hour. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Guffey seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Thankful for the blacktop at 25th and I Ave but there are still major potholes in 25th and Grand. The heavy trucks are knocking the black top out again. Steet Superintendent Walker stated that the blacktop companies have been given leniency on the materials they now can use and the blacktop is not as sturdy as it used to be. Councilman Dicken stated that we needed to have some kind of plan for these repairs and possibly look outside the box for a more durable material to use, maybe use some text paving areas to see if a more durable material will work.

- Councilman Guffey asked Council to think about using \$200,000.00 of the ARP funds to work on the blight condition of some older homes in the City.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Advised Council that the Pickle Ball courts needed resealed, painted and needed some drainage work done. Vice President Hancock asked if there was any funds left in the \$1,400,000.00 park bond that was received. It was advised by Park Board President Patty Broyles that most of those funds were already allocated and that the groups that put in the fun park and a couple of other areas within the park take care of the areas with no funding from the parks at all.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Councilman Walden asked for the Council to Nominate Ed Hill as the Director of the Landbank. Council was in agreement that Mr. Hill had been involved in the Blight housing from its beginning and would be a good person to appoint. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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- Councilman Walden would like to look at extending the sidewalk on North 16th Street from Kentucky Avenue to Washington Street and on North 14th Street from Michigan to Garner and on North 24th Street from Spring Street to Brown Road.to make it easy access to walk to all the trails.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- Absent

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Thanked Councilman Koger and Councilman Guffey for providing him transportation to and from meetings while recovering from his surgery.
- Questioned the cleaning of the Mausoleum at the Cemetery. Mayor York stated he is waiting on 2 estimates from 2 different companies to come and in power wash it.
- Questioned who applies for grants and that he would like to see the city applying for more grants whenever possible. Mayor York stated that we use Susie Ripley, Mike Kleinpeter and Christy Asberry as our consultants.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York advised Council he received a email from a Mayor in the Ukraine thanking the City of New Castle for putting up the banner standing behind the Ukraine.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Val McNelis asked that someone look at the fence around the Cemetery on the Southern Avenue side. Stated that it is falling down.
- Mike Broyles with New Castle Landbank advised Council another property has been sold and there are some other properties showing some interest.
- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

ATTEST:

Brenda Grider
Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Greg York
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Approved by me this 21st, Day of March 2022.

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Greg York
Greg York, Mayor