### **COMMON COUNCIL**

September 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Ordinance # 3888 was omitted from the agenda for second reading.

• Vice President Hancock moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

# **PUBLIC HEARING:**

No Public Hearing

## **PROCLAMATIONS:**

• No Proclamations

# **RESOLUTIONS:**

 #09192022-1 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CONRONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY'S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE (WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT). President Peckinpaugh moved to allocate \$485,000 improvements for wastewater treatment plant. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Guffey	Hancock	Walden	Dicken	Koger	Perdue	Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## **ORDINANCES:**

• #09192022-2 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CONRONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY'S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE (TUCK POINTING 108 S MAIN STREET UP TO \$150,000.00). President Peckinpaugh moved to approve up to \$150,000.00 for the tuck pointing of 108 Broad Street. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0. After the vote Councilman Guffey stated we have fixed the building the right way or the tuck pointing will be wasted.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

 #09192022-3 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CONRONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY'S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE (ROOF FOR 108-112 AND 1109 BROAD STREET UP TO \$130,000.00). President Peckinpaugh moved to approve up to \$130,000.00 for the roofs of 108-112 S Main Street and 1109 Broad Street. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

• #3889 2023 CITY BUDGET Councilman Perdue asked Clerk Treasurer Grider about the 11% raise for the Police, Fire and EMS and how the Health Fund was doing. Clerk Treasurer Grider informed Council that the health fund changes are starting to show a decline in the deficit. The raises were put into place due to other Police, Fire and EMS departments close to our area are offering hiring bonuses and lateral hires for \$10,000.00 more than what our departments are making. Budget will be tight for the year 2023. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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#3890-3896 2023 SALARIES. President Peckinpaugh asked by ordinance # if there were any changes to the salaries. Clerk Treasurer Grider stated the only changes were an 11% raise for the Police, Fire and EMS and if you carried a CDL carried license and your job required you to have one you would receive \$1.00 more per hour on the hourly employees. These raises are all do to the fact that no one is applying for these positions as they can make more money going elsewhere and hoping this will help with applications and retaining the employees that we do have. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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• #3897 VACATING A RIGHT OF WAY (N AVENUE) President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

# Councilman Guffey: Noted;

 2325 G Avenue Street Cut has fallen and he asked that Street Superintendent Walker would go take a look at it. Mayor York stated it might be a Wastewater or Water street cut and he would see what department needs to take care of it.

Addressed the Council regarding an email that came from the State and then wanting to do away with some stop lights. If they put a two way stop in at Broad and 25<sup>th</sup> if will cause a lot of problems, because you cannot see pulling out on Broad from 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Guffey moved to inform the State that the City say no to the State on the recommendations in the email. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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### Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

• Thanked Park Superintendent Bergum and the Park Board for all the repairs they have done to the pickleball courts. The courts look great.

## Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Thanked the BRAP Committee for being good stewards of the funds. Because of BRAP there will be 10 new businesses either relocating or starting out new in the downtown area.
- Stated, the landbank has been able to put several properties back on the tax rolls. Councilman Walden asked Mike Broyles, Landbank member, if he would like to comment? Mr. Broyles thanked the Mayor and the Council for making the landbank happen. The landbank has been able to sell 8 vacate lots, and 1 house. Currently there is someone interested in the 3 vacate lots on N. Main Street.

# Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Apologized for his absence of prior meetings
- Thanked the Building Inspector for their help with some issues.
- Attended the Airport Fly In and advised Council that if they haven't been out to the airport you should go look at it. The apron is impressive.
- Stated that he is ready for a light to go back up at Main and Indiana. Councilman Dicken made a motion to put the stoplight back up at Main and Indiana. Vice President Hancock seconded. Vice President Hancock stated that he had seen traffic backed up to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilman Walden stated that he has been watching the area at all different times and does not see a problem with traffic. Councilman Dicken stated for everyone he has talked to he has heard 5 negatives to 1 positive. Councilman Guffey stated he was the exact opposite. 5 positives to 1 negative. Councilman Perdue also stated that they only time he has seen back up is when the light backs up at 14<sup>th</sup> street. Director Barker made a suggested to turn the lights at 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> should go to red flashing 4 way stops and see how the traffic flows then. Councilman Perdue agreed. Councilman Dicken rescinded his motion and Vice President Hancock seconded.

• President Peckinpaugh then moved to make the lights at 14<sup>th</sup> and Indiana and 15<sup>th</sup> and Indiana 4-way red flashing temporary to see how the traffic flows. Councilman Walden seconded. Councilman Koger stated you might want to look at 15<sup>th</sup> and Indiana because you have a white stop marking on the road to far back, that would need to be repainted. Superintendent Walker stated that you could move it up but not to far. Mayor York stated that it would be 85,000.00 to replace just the light itself. After discussion was held motion carried 6-1. After the vote Vice President Hancock stated he would like to do a 60 day study and not vote next week.

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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Nay	Yes	Yes	Yes

- Addressed the Murphy Building and the Senior Center. I have talked to several contractors and did a walk thru with Director Barker. Depending on what you want to do with the building. It doesn't matter when the tuck pointing is done. If we don't want to do anything then we need to find another home for Corey and Shawnda of the EDC and Chamber a new office and sell it. President Peckinpaugh stated that Director Barker has a gentleman that is going to come from Plainfield to look at the building when it has rained a lot.
- Val McNelis with the Historic Preservation Committee asked if the windows were being addressed.

Councilman Koger:

Noted;

No Comments

Councilman Perdue:

Noted;

No Comments

**President Peckinpaugh:** 

Noted;

Asked Council to think about using ARP funds for the sewage treatment plant.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Director Barker advised Council that Milestone milling and resurfacing the back parking lot of the City Building next week and INDOT will be starting to mill on 103S.
- Mayor York stated the only thing he had at this time was that Trick or Treat will be on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8pm.

#### CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

No Citizens Appeared

Meeting Adjourned Vice President Hancock

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 19th, Day of August 2022.

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