

COMMON COUNCIL

April 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

Mike Guffey	Present
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jerry Walden	Absent
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 Perdue seconded. Motion carried 5-1.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #04172023 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMEDNING THE CITY’S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE TROJAN LANE UPDATES. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve \$100,000.00 for lighting Trojan Lane. Patty Broyles asked how much was left out of the Food and Beverage Funds were left. Councilman Perdue stated \$118,000 and \$7,500 but those funds would be used for other obligations. Val McNelis asked what the light would look like. Mayor York stated they would be like gas lights and match the ascetics of Baker Park. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Thanked Street Department and Grede Foundries. The signs are all in place and hoping the semis will abide by them.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Vice President Hancock spoke about his attendance at opening day of the New Castle Little League Baseball. 460 kids are in this league. There was a huge crowd. It is a really great program.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Absent

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Asked if they could get a list of roads that will be paved with the Community Crossing Grants funds. Thanked everyone who worked on getting the grant.

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- Loves the arrows at Grand and 25th but wondered if they could be moved closer to Grand and I Ave. It was noted more signs are going up but they were waiting on the locates to be done from Grand to I Ave.

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- No Comments

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Chief Schofield stated the open house for the police department will be May 6th from 11am – 1pm.
- Assistant Chief McCartt stated Township Trustee Lyall signed a 1- year contract with the City.
- Building Inspector Melton stated a there needs to be a decision about barndominiums being moved into neighborhoods. Councilman Koger stated we may need to put a minimum starting amount for these homes and that might be a good place to start. Mayor York stated everyone needs to look at this and give it a lot of thought. Attorney Harvey will look into it and make a plan for the whole city. It will be on the agenda next meeting.
- Mayor York informed everyone there would be a history night at 1400 Plaza with local authors set up with their books. There will be Food Trucks and music for the event. Also, on May 3rd – 7th there will be a fair on P Ave between the pool and the fire station.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Shannon Bauman appeared and asked questions, regarding if the City could buy an old church to start a Foster Care Home in. Mrs. Bauman was asked if she could get anymore information for the Council, it would be appreciated.
- Carrie Barrett with Mainstreet spoke about a feasibility study for upstairs apartments in the downtown area. They are requesting the study for 8 downtown buildings and would cost \$16,500. Councilman Perdue stated he knew this would come back with a positive outcome, but would like to see building owners fund some of the study. Councilman Dicken asked if there were grant opportunities available and would like more time to make an informed decision. Councilman Perdue would like the building owners to come to a meeting and give Council their ideas of what they would like to

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see happen with their building. Councilman Koger asked if it would tell you what the cost would be to develop it? Mrs. Barrett stated she did not think it would. Councilman Guffey stated he thought that BRAP and the building owners should help out in the payment of the study.

- Chuck Bauman asked Council to adjust the speed limit on Cherry Street and lower it from 30 mph to 25 mph. Traffic Committee will take a look at it.

Meeting Adjourned Vice President Hancock


Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:


Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **17th Day of April 2023.**


Greg York, Mayor

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