

COMMON COUNCIL

May 1, 2023 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	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Vice President Hancock moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting.
Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 6-1.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #05012023-1 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS (INDOT) AGREEMENT President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- No Comments

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- ERICP meetings. Bobbi Plummer County Commissioner has been attending these meetings also. The City needs to be a member of this group if we want to get any grant funding.
- Little League Girls Softball Opening day was attended by many. Thanked Superintendent Bergum, the Park Board and the Mayor for all the work put into Osborne Park.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Asked if we could get the list of roads that are going to be paved with the Community Crossings Funds on the City Website.

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- Mainstreet and Downtown Property Owners met and the City wants to help but I think we need to put the feasibility study on the back burner.

President Peckinpugh: Noted;

- Director Barker informed me that

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Chief Schofield stated the open house for the police department will be May 6th from 11am – 1pm.
- Assistant Chief Wardlow presented the 2022 Annual Report for the New Castle Police Dept. President Peckinpaugh asked about the plate readers we had here and if they were working. Wardlow stated they have helped to locate a lot of suspects by being in place.
- Director Barker informed everyone New Castle was awarded the Community Crossings Grant for Paving this year.
- Water Superintendent Phipps stated there was a water main break on State Rd 38 and they were working on finishing it up.
- Street Superintendent Walker stated that Grede had all their signs up and the Trucks should all be following the same route.
- Mayor York informed everyone on May 3rd – 7th there will be a fair on P Ave between the pool and the fire station to kick off the 200-year celebration for the City of New Castle.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Councilman Aaron Dicken spoke on behalf of Krystal Stanich regarding the 2nd Annual Climate Fest in Baker Park on May 13th. 10am -2pm.
- Scott Frost and Everett Cole spoke to Council regarding the 200-year celebration for the City of New Castle. The Committee is Scott Frost, Everett Cole, Kay Ford, Shonda McKane, Cindy Brooks, Darrell Radford and Carrie Barrett. Many events are being planed specifically a reunion on Baker Park, Republishing the New Castle Book with updated pages and The Knock Out World Record again. They are asking for \$10,000.00 to assist with the celebration. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve \$10,000.00 out of Riverboat for the events. Vice President Jeff Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- Residents Kim Rhodes, Rusty Rhodes, Diana Conn, Alan Neal all appeared before the Council to express their feelings regarding the recycling bins on 6th Street. They provide pictures of cardboard and debris all over their yards. They ask that the recycling bins be moved altogether. President Peckinpaugh moved to recommend to Solid Waste Management District the owners of the recycling bins, to move to a non-residential area. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- Micah Mattingly appeared before Council to discuss the blight building at 2402 California Street. The building is falling down and becoming a danger to the area. Building Inspector Melton will follow up and see who the building owner is now and see what can be done to get it torn down.

Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden



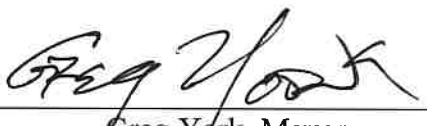
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **1st Day of May 2023**.



Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer