

COMMON COUNCIL

May 15, 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 Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- Penny York, EDC was added to the agenda for a presentation regarding Cobblestone Hotels.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #05152023-1 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY’S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE to allocate \$10,000 for repairing and replace sidewalks on N 16th St. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- #05152023-2 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ALLOCATED TO THE CITY’S RIVERBOAT FUND to allocate \$10,000.00 for the 200-year Bicentennial Celebration of the City of New Castle. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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ORDINANCES:

- #3893 Amended to amend the Salary Ordinance to add an Inventory Clerk in the water plant. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on 1st reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Nothing

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Nothing

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Congratulated Attorney Harvey on his daughter receiving a prestigious award at school.
- 1612 S. 14th a large maple tree that has fallen and could be a hazard. Building Inspector Melton will follow up
- Asked about training at the EMA training center. Stated that the tear gas that was used reached residents houses. Apologies were made and on behalf of the SWAT team training. Issue will be addressed for future reference.
- Asked about illegal burning in the city. Per Ordinance leaves are to be burned between October 1st and November 30th.
- Apologized to everyone there for the outburst that took place from a citizen at the meeting.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Asked about a one-way sign on 20th street. Superintendent Walker will look into it.
- Spoke regarding the outburst by a citizen at the meeting. He was sorry that his children had to witness that kind of behavior. He has always tried to do the right thing for the Citizens of New Castle and will continue to do so.

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Nothing

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- With paving season back on track will we be getting the extensions for the manhole covers. It was stated they should be back to get it taken care of.

President Peckinpugh: Noted;

- Asked the public to inform the Building Inspectors office if there are any weeds or grass that needs mowed. The city doesn't have enough manpower to catch all the places that need mowed.
- Congratulated Councilman Walden, Mike Broyles and the rest of the Landbank for all their hard work. Signs have been seen that say for sale by Landbank. Mike Broyles stated the church in Hospital Heights had been torn down. It was actually in the Landbank.
- Attended the Cool Climate Fest at the Arts Park and enjoyed listening to Councilman Dicken and his daughter Elle singing.
- Attended the Wilbur Wright Civics Project. Students made their own city. They had a Mayor and other public servants. They wrote grants and made ordinances. They had their own little city with stores. It was a great experience for myself and the children.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:


- Chief Schofield thanked everyone for coming to the open house.
- It is also National Police Officer week
- Director Barker informed everyone the paving company will start working on the ADA ramps next week.
- Superintendent Walker apologized to Councilman Dicken for the outburst that his children had to witness.
- Mayor York stated we needed to give all of our professional services a thumbs up. If you see them out. Tell them thank you for what you do.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

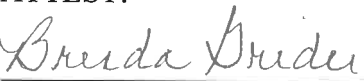
- A citizen who would not give his name or any other information stated that he had been to city offices and videoed on May 8th, 2023. His biggest question was why the Mayor’s office had closed early that day with no public notice. Councilman Koger stated that the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer do not have to be in their office everyday and he should look that up. Mayor York stated he was at Osborne Park and Baker Park working until after 8pm that evening. After going over his 4-minute time limit he was advised by President Peckinpough that his time was up and the Citizen finished speaking and sat down.
- Penny York, EDC who was added to the agenda to do a presentation for the Council regarding Cobblestone Hotels coming to New Castle. Ms. York presented material and a rendering of what the hotel may look like and spoke regarding funding for the project. As Ms. York was speaking, she was interrupted when a citizen in the crowd stated she had gone over her 4 minutes. President Peckinpough explained that she had been asked to come there on behalf of the City and that she did not have a time limit. President Peckinpough also asked the Citizen to refrain from outbursts while others were speaking. Ms. York finished her presentation and was thanked by the Council for coming.
- The citizens then stood up and stated some unkind words to the Council President and proceeded to do so. Several Council members asked him to be mindful that there were children in the room and to show some respect. Chief Schofield proceeded to escort the citizen out of the building.
- Tim Welch, EMA Director asked the Council to consider allocating \$16,000 for gravel at the training center. Henry County allocated \$150,000 for the new building at the training center. President Peckinpough moved to approve. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Meeting Adjourned Councilman Koger

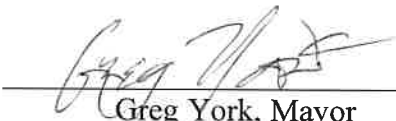


Presiding Officer of the Common Council


ATTEST:


Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **15th Day of May 2023.**



Greg York, Mayor

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