

COMMON COUNCIL

September 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Councilman Koger moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #09052023-1 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CONRONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITYS WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE. #3,500.00 for signage coming into New Castle on St Rd 38 East. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Guffey seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Councilman Guffey stated that the sign could not be placed on state right of way. President Peckinpaugh stated the sign would be placed on the corner by Country Acre Animal Hospital. Councilman Walden inquired about the size of the sign. President Peckinpaugh stated he would send everyone a picture of the sign.

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ORDINANCES:

- No Ordinances

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Inquired if the crews were still out fixing street cuts. It is stated they were.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Absent

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Thanked all the citizens that took the time to come in with their concerns. It is good to see so many people in attendance.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Absent

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Stated, railroads crossings need addressed on "A", "G" and "I" Avenue.

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- No Comments

President Peckinpugh: Noted;

- Asked that if they knew of any non-profit who would like to make a request for ARP funds to write a letter to the Council and Council would make a decision.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

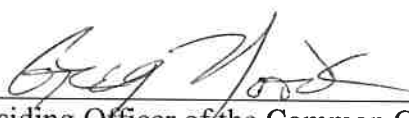
- Chief Schofield, stated he was going to talk about changing the ordinance for the side-by-side vehicles but it was already brought up by a citizen.
- Water Superintendent Phipps stated, the EPA have new rules for lead and copper and we have already had turned in and approved 14 months ahead of the deadline. PFAS regulations did testing and out of the all the large systems New Castle was only 1 of 4 in the state with no PFAS.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Christine Mizer, 508 Edgewood, appeared regarding the sewer lines in March of 2023. Mrs. Mizer stated they had spent over \$30,000.00 in getting the repairs done, and would like \$5,000.00 refunded for the sewer bills they had paid. Attorney Harvey informed Mrs. Mizer that he was working on an offer to rectify this matter.
- Lindsay Hill, 148 S 7th Street, appeared regarding the abandoned house across the street and the cockroaches at 703 Church Street. Miss Hill would like to see the city do a community pest control effort by spraying areas in need and presented a handout to all of Council to consider. President Peckinpugh stated they would look into the cost of spraying. Attorney Harvey stated the home owner has been sided into court with no avail. Councilman Koger stated he was shocked that the Health Department could do nothing regarding this matter.
- Nicole Cox 1616 Ross Street, appeared to discuss side-by-side vehicles and changing the ordinance to allow them to be driven on city streets. Attorney Harvey is looking into changing the ordinance to allow these as same as a golf cart.
- Patty Broyles 1501 Valley Drive appeared regarding political signs in the empty buildings downtown. Mrs. Broyles stated a lot of hard work and funds have been put into the downtown and those signs should not be in the windows of buildings.


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Meeting Adjourned Councilman Koger



Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 5th of September, 2023.



Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:



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