

COMMON COUNCIL

October 2, 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	Absent
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 5-1-0.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Public Hearing

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamation

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- #10022023-1 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. A unified development and zoning ordinance up to \$85,000.00 with work to be done by TSW. Current businesses will be grandfathered in. Ed Hill spoke on behalf of the planning commission it should be a 1–3-year phase using all studies to prepare 1 ordinance in plain language. Val McNelis asked if the Historic Preservation Committee would be involved. It was stated by President Peckinpaugh they would. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- #10022023-2 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 \$15,000.00 to a way finding study. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

- #3915 A UNIFORM CHARGE FOR DISHONORED OR RETURNED PAYMENTS TO THE CITY UTILITIES. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- #3905 2024 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SALARY President Peckinpaugh asked Clerk Treasurer Grider if there were any changes in the Ordinance. Clerk Treasurer Grider replied no changes were made. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- #3906 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY President Peckinpaugh asked Clerk Treasurer Grider if there were any changes in the Ordinance. Clerk Treasurer Grider replied no changes were made. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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- #3907 2024 MANAGEMENT SALARY President Peckinpaugh asked Clerk Treasurer Grider if there were any changes in the Ordinance. Clerk Treasurer Grider replied no changes were made. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- #3908 2024 HOURLY SALARY President Peckinpaugh asked Clerk Treasurer Grider if there were any changes in the Ordinance. Clerk Treasurer Grider replied changes were made to allow for the raises previously negotiated. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- #3909 2024 FIRE SALARY President Peckinpaugh asked Clerk Treasurer Grider if there were any changes in the Ordinance. Clerk Treasurer Grider replied changes were made to allow for the raises previously negotiated. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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- #3910 2024 EMS SALARY President Peckinpaugh asked Clerk Treasurer Grider if there were any changes in the Ordinance. Clerk Treasurer Grider replied changes were made to allow for the raises previously negotiated. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
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- #3909 2024 POLICE SALARY President Peckinpaugh asked Clerk Treasurer Grider if there were any changes in the Ordinance. Clerk Treasurer Grider replied changes were made to allow for the raises previously negotiated. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
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- #3904 2024 BUDGET President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- No Comments

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Asked for an update on the stop sign at 24<sup>th</sup> and D Avenue. Superintendent Walker stated it did not need a 4-way stop, but they have placed no parking signs from here to the corner allowing cars to be able to see if there is oncoming traffic.
- Thanked the Landbank for all the work they have been doing.

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Informed Council the landbank has sold 2 other properties and now have over \$57,000 in the account. There is also discussion be held about using some of the funds for demolition. Mike Broyles, speaking on behalf of the landbank stated they had acquired 8 or 9 more properties from the Commissioners sale.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Absent

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- No Comments

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- No Comments

**President Peckinpugh:** Noted;

- Councilman Dicken has reached out and asked what everyone thought about using a High School student for live streaming the meetings. \$50.00 a meeting would come out of the Riverboat fund for payment. President Peckinpugh asked Council to consider this request.
- Stated he would like to see funds from ARP be used to drop the ceiling, add in another restroom and possibly making a nice meeting area in the open space at the Street Department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

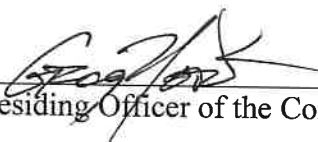
- Water Superintendent Phipps stated they will be flushing hydrants starting Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Street Superintendent Walker stated if you live on a one-way street, you will have to bag your leaves for pick up. They cannot get the leaf vac both ways on the one-way street.
- Mayor York announced, Trick or Treat will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5pm to 8pm for the City of New Castle.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Randy Asberry appeared before Council and read a statement regarding the Senior Center being moved. Mr. Asberry stated they serve 200 meals a week there and although parking is a problem, the only way they would want to move if it was more space and more parking.
- Jim Ashley spoke emotionally about what the Senior Center means to him.
- Rhonda Moore just wanted to thank the City and let them know how much she appreciated the Senior Center.
- Carolyn Yoder asked about using the old police department for the Senior Center. Mayor York stated they were all small offices down there and it would not be big enough.
- Sarah Bowman stated she was a newer resident to New Castle and wanted us to know how much she enjoys going to the Senior Center.
- President Peckinpaugh stated, himself, Councilman Dicken and the Mayor have been looking for options of a new location so there would be more room and better parking for the Senior Center.
- It was stated by an audience member there on behalf of the Senior Center, they were told it was because the City wanted to up upstairs apartments there. Mayor York asked who told her this and she replied that she was not going to give out names. Mayor York then stated that as long as they wanted to stay there, they could. Mayor York stated, no one is trying to get rid of you. The Senior Center is very important to the downtown.
- Misty Tyce appeared before the Council to address the problem with speeding in the 2900 block of State Street. There has already been one child hit on her bicycle and how many more will be hurt or worse before something is done. Ms. Tyce has asked for the installation of speed bumps; speed limit signs and also has a petition with over 60 signatures. Traffic committee will look at it and police will patrol the area more.
- Penny York, EDC, spoke regarding the Implicit Bias training to be held and asked anyone who is interested to please get signed up.

- Penny York, EDC, also talked about the EPA Grant that was available for phase 1 and phase 2 assessment grants available to commercial properties there will be a meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am with a public hearing at 11:30 am. Councilman Koger asked about the old gas station at 14<sup>th</sup> and Riley Road. Ms. York stated that they company had to be willing to apply for the grant.
- Duke Hamm spoke in favor of the wayfinding study that would be voted on this evening.
- Shannon Bauman spoke regarding the speed limit on Cherry Street. People are speeding on this road at all times. Ms. Bauman also stated on her way to Council she saw two police vehicles that were sitting in the middle of 25<sup>th</sup> Street talking, when they should have been doing their jobs. Chief Schofield informed Ms. Bauman there was a shot fired call in the area and they were investigating the call.
- Patty Broyles had questions about the budget but since it was just the first reading she would wait. Ms. Broyles also thanked Chief Scholfield and the rest of his department for all the hard work they do.

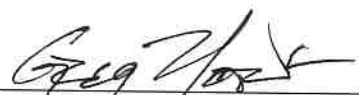
Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council


ATTEST:

  
Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of October, 2023.

  
Greg York, Mayor

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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer