

COMMON COUNCIL

October 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Special Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh the only thing on the agenda is the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Budget and all Salary Ordinances.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Nothing

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Public Hearing

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamation

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- No Resolutions

**ORDINANCES:**

Before a vote was taken Councilman Walden, had questions he needed clarification on for Clerk Treasurer Grider.

1. Has a balanced budget been put forth each year of your term and did State Board of Accounts accept each one?

Clerk Treasurer Grider responded by saying Department of Local Government DLGF is actually the one who approves the balanced budget, but yes, they have all been balanced. I cannot present a budget to the Council for approval until DLGF says that it is balanced and approves it for a vote.

2. Did each yearly budget end the year in the black?

Clerk Treasurer Grider responded by saying every year the general fund has ending in the black and as a whole for the City of New Castle.

3. Does the Budget have a line item for the Health Insurance and where in the budget does the negative show up?

Clerk Treasurer Grider responded by saying, the health insurance is line 287. This fund falls withing the general fund.

4. Why do some of the budget lines show up as a negative; such as EMS?

Clerk Treasurer responded by saying, some lines show up as negative due do when services are done and reimbursements come in to the City. i.e.: EMS for example we take a person to the hospital today. Insurance has to be billed then pricing negotiated through UGS our insurance broker. Once an agreement has been met Ambulance Billing receives the claim for payment. If could take months to get payment from insurance companies, so that could lead to a deficit in the fund line.

5. Did the State Auditors help you out in making the budget more streamlined and easier to match their expectations and did you work hand in hand with them through the budget process?

Clerk Treasurer Grider responded by saying, during SBOA audits they are always giving advice. Not telling us how to do it but making suggestions on ways to make things more streamline in the budget and auditing process. DLGF is very helpful during the budget process. I have talked to them many times over the last four years regarding budgeting, and they are always willing to help as needed.

6. Did the State Auditors ever accuse the City of stealing monies?

Clerk Treasurer Grider responding by saying, absolutely not.

7. What Revenues other than local taxes does the city use to help fund things like moving offices. i.e.: utilities, Police Department, EMS Department, Street Department?

Clerk Treasurer Grider responded by saying, Utilities takes in funds for the Water, Sewer, Storm and Sanitation over and above the budgeted amount. Police Dept takes in extra funds from accident reports, vehicle inspections, impound fees, finger prints, just to name a few. Police also receive funds from Aries and Operation pullover. Street Department get funding from State allocated MVH, MVH restricted and Local roads and streets, insurance payments from the fire. Transit is funded by Grants monies. As some projects in all departments have or can apply to receive grant funding for projects. ARP is another source that has been used by the Council to fund different projects throughout the City. LOIT is used to pay into salaries and special projects or lease payments of our emergency services. Riverboat is another source which is council controls for things like sidewalk reimbursements for residence to take advantage of when reconstructing their sidewalks and many other projects around the City i.e.: Fitzgerald Trail funding for Mainstreet, Riley Sidewalks all which have contributed to major improvements for our City and enables us to apply for grants and special funding.

8. Is there anything else you would like to add?
- Clerk Treasurer Grider stated that everyone is trying to blame the wrong people. I own everything that has happened during my term. It is on me and I will take responsibility for it.

- #3904 2024 BUDGET President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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

- #3905 2024 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SALARY President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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| Absent      | Yes          | Yes          | Yes          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes             |

- #3906 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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| Absent      | Yes          | Yes          | Yes          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes             |

- #3907 2024 MANAGEMENT SALARY President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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| Absent      | Yes          | Yes          | Yes          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes             |

- #3908 2024 HOURLY SALARY President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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| Absent      | Yes          | Yes          | Yes          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes             |

- #3909 2024 FIRE SALARY President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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| Absent      | Yes          | Yes          | Yes          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes             |

- #3910 2024 EMS SALARY President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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| Absent      | Yes          | Yes          | Yes          | Yes        | Yes         | Yes             |

- #3911 2024 POLICE SALARY President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 6-0

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- Absent

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- No Comments

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- No Comments

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- No Comments

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- No Comments

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- No Comments

**President Peckinpaugh:** Noted;

- No Comments

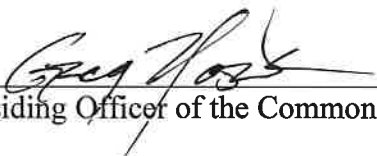
**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- No Reports

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- No Citizens Appeared


Meeting Adjourned Councilman Dicken

  
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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2023.

  
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Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer