

COMMON COUNCIL

November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Before the meeting started, Bella Carroll was awarded the Hero of the Year Award from the New Castle Fire Department for her help in selling the cancer awareness shirts. Bella was given and plaque and gifts from NCFD members of the Cancer Society were there for Bella to present the check to. A total of \$3,000.00 was donated.

**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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**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Public Hearings

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- #11202023-1 REDUCING CERTAIN LINE IN THE 2023 BUDGET. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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**ORDINANCES:**

- #3916 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 SALARY ORDINANCES. President Peckinpaugh moved approve on second reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- #3916 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 SALARY ORDINANCES. Vice President Hancock moved suspend the rules to third reading. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:**           Noted;

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Vice-President Hancock:**   Noted;

- Asked if there was any word about placing a street light on Midway and Criswell. Mayor York stated after talking with Duke Energy the home owner there would have to install his own lighting.

**Councilman Walden:**       Noted;

- Congratulated Steve Pass the outgoing president of the New Castle Little League for a job well done.
- Informed everyone November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. in the habitat building will be a meeting considering affordable house.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Thanks Director Barker and Superintendent Phipps and his crew for working hard to help with the Main Break on Riley Road. Director Barker stated there was a conference call with the Insurance Company tomorrow about how we should proceed with claims.
- Informed everyone that he visited with Nathan Schimdt and was able to talk with him for a while as he not doing very well. Makes you have a whole new outlook on your own life.

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- Wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving
- Stated after the Holidays we needed to get with the railroads.

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- No Comments

**President Peckinpaugh:** Noted;

- Was happy to sit in on the PreservING Indiana grant meeting on Saturday.
- Met a make your move recipient that moved here to work from home. He now also has a part time job working with the Anderson College Soccer Team.
- Thanked Mayor York for fixing the wall at 18<sup>th</sup> and Indiana.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Building Inspector Melton stated there is someone wanting to install a barndemonium in New Castle. There is nothing on the ordinances about having one. Attorney Harvey will look into this.
- Water Superintendent Phipps wanted to let everyone know that he has the best employees in his department. They worked 24 hours straight on the water main break on Riley Road and then had to return again for another issue the next day and was there another 17 hours.
- Street Superintendent Walker stated the trash schedule will remain the same for the Thanksgiving week. President Peckinpaugh asked Mr. Walker to explain why trash was being picked up on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Walker stated his employees opted to do trash that day as they have for the last three years. This was employees get a three-day weekend to enjoy with their families
- Mayor York wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Corey Murphy with EDC handed out information and gave a brief update on EDC for Council.
- Carrie Barrett, Mainstreet handed out quotes from three companies for the downtown study that \$50,000.00 was allocated by Council to pay. Mrs. Barrett asked that they accept TSW as the winning bid. President Peckinpaugh moved to accept. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

  
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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:  
  
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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **20th Day of November, 2023.**

  
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Greg York, Mayor

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