

COMMON COUNCIL

January 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York

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:

- Mayor York and Clerk-Treasurer Ashley Huffman took the Oath of Office from Attorney Harvey. All City Council Members took their Oath of Office directly after. This confirms their Elected Official duties for the 2024-2027 term.
- Election of Officers was held. Councilman Hancock moved to elect Rex Peckinpaugh as President. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Perdue moved to elect Jeff Hancock as Vice President. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 7-0
- Councilman Dicken noted the approval of minutes for the Special Council Meeting on 12/28/23. It should reflect only (4) members were present for the vote. With that correction made, and the additional former meeting minutes, motion made to accept by Vice President Hancock. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- #01032024–1 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE (ABATEMENT

SHARE-RESTRICTED) RECEIVED FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS. President Peckinpaugh stated this Resolution would be tabled until a later meeting

- #01032024-2 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL INCOME TAX PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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

- #01032024-3 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. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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

- #01032024-4 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. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve with Amendment for the New Castle Annual Hall of Fame Classic. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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

ORDINANCES:

- #3917 ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM CHARGE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDING. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on second reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- #3917 ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM CHARGE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDING Vice President Hancock moved to suspend the rules to third reading. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #3917 ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM CHARGE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDING Vice President Hancock moved to approve on third reading. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- #3918 AMENDING SECTION 152.25 OF THE CITY CODE. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on second reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0 (Attorney Harvey noted that this Ordinance will go before the Planning Commission Meeting for Public Hearing before it will come back to Council for final 3rd Reading)

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey:

- No Comments

Vice-President Hancock:

- Stated he is looking forward to the next (4) years of work with council and the administration. He also asked for an update on the Church at 24th Street and Indiana Ave. Building Inspector Kenny Melton noted he would look into the matter.

Councilman Walden:

- No Comments

Councilman Dicken:

- Inquired about the call for projects for INDOT for the Community Crossings Grant. Mayor York stated Director Barker is already working on this grant application.
- Also inquired about the Riley Road homes that were damaged from the water main break. Mayor York stated that insurance is still involved and waiting for an update.

Councilman Koger:

- Stated he is looking forward to another (4) years with council and administration.

Councilman Perdue:

- No Comments

President Peckinpaugh:

- Stated he will have Committee Assignments for all councilmen at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Mayor York stated that the gates to the Transportation Department will now be open half day on Saturday for recycling.

- Mayor York also noted that the Water Plant had water main breaks over Christmas and New Year’s Holiday. The Department worked around the clock both holidays and appreciates their efforts.
- Mayor York stated he is excited for the next (4) years with council and the administration.

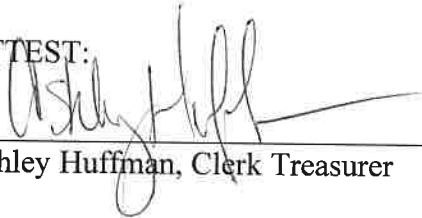
CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- None

Meeting Adjourned President Peckinpaugh.

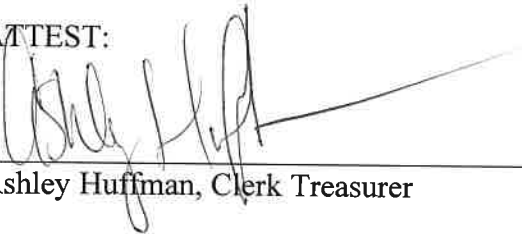


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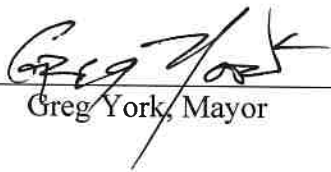
ATTEST:


Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **3rd Day of January 2024.**

ATTEST:


Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer



Greg York, Mayor