

COMMON COUNCIL

January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Prayer was given by Mayor Greg York.

ROLL CALL:

Sandy York	Present
Brian Ingerman	Present
Jimmy Kidd	Present
Mary Malone	Present
Mark Koger	Present
Vaughn Reid III	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- Mayor York informed Council that the first order of business is to elect a council president and opened the floor for nominations.
 - Sandy York moved to nominate Mark Koger for Council President. Mary Malone seconded. Rex Peckinpaugh moved to close the nomination. Vaughn Reid II seconded, motion to close passed 7-0
 - Motion to accept Mark Koger as President passed 7-0
- Jimmy Kidd moved to nominate Sandy York as Vice President of the Council. Vaughn seconded.
 - Rex Peckinpaugh moved to close the nominations. Mark Koger seconded. Motion passed 7-0
 - Motion to accept Sandy York as Vice President. Motion passed 7-0
- Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution requesting permission for the General Fund to borrow from the Stormwater Non-reverting fund was presented and read by Council President Koger. After discussion the Resolution was presented to the public for discussion.
 - Mark Koger moved to approve and accept the Resolution. Vaughn Reid III seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCES:

- Ordinance #3640 – An Ordinance to vacate a certain alley located in New Castle. (5th and Broad – Ocasio petitioned council.) was presented and read by President Koger. Ordinance #2977 was presented by Don Tichenor noting it was the original request to vacate and this section was not included in the original ordinance. Council requested a copy of this ordinance with their next packet. After further discussion by the Council the ordinance was presented to the public for discussion.
 - Mark Koger moved to accept this ordinance on first reading, directing City Attorney Copenhaver to advertise a public hearing per law. Rex Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion passed 7-0
- Ordinance #3632 – An Ordinance to correct an error of omission of the Special Pay for the Deputy Chief in the Fire Department. President Koger presented the correction. After further discussion by the Council a motion was presented to table.
 - Jimmy Kidd moved to table Ordinance #3632 for further review. Mark Koger

seconded. Motion passed 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Mayor York presented a spreadsheet to Council informing them of the savings he had created with the appointments and management changes made 1/1/2012. Mayor York requested input on a service agreement with the County in regards to sharing a Building Inspector. Mayor York stated that customer service is his top priority. Mayor York advised the Council that although it isn't always necessary to present management decisions to Council, he felt an open line of communication with Council was important. Mayor York introduced his management personnel in attendance.
- Councillady York asked for an update on Casey's General Store. Director Tichenor informed council there were some issues to work out regarding connecting to sewer, but he felt it was still a positive venture.
- Councilman Reid noted an area on North 14th that needed attention. Director Tichenor noted it was a State Highway project, but he would follow through with informing them.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- Kelly McCaslin, Board Street, New Castle – Questioned snow removal policies in regards to secondary roads. Mayor York stated the whole city would be covered as best the city can with the staffing in place.
- Cathy Hamilton, Alabama Street, New Castle – Thanked all the elected officials for choosing to run for election. Mrs. Hamilton invited the Council and management staff to the next Hope Initiative meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Library with the subject being improving City Code Ordinance practices and procedures. Mrs. Hamilton also discussed the Garner Street Project and the timeline of clean up and completion.
- Eddie Hagar, Alabama Street, New Castle – Representing Westminster Community Center's in their upcoming venture. Mr. Hagar requested involvement and input for the new housing venture, noting unity with the Housing Authority and city government. Mr. Hagar explained the project in detail to Council. Mr. Hagar also reported certain street lights being out within the city and the reporting procedure to Duke. Director Tichenor stated that it has been asked of the patrolman to inform city officials of outages so they can be reported.
- Norma Dishman, South 11th Street, New Castle - Congratulated the Mayor on his changes. She also noted Eastwood School needs to be looked at for a street light. Director Tichenor stated it was on the list for review.

ADJOURN:

Mayor York moved for adjournment, Sandy York seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 3rd day of January 2012.

Greg York, Mayor