

COMMON COUNCIL

January 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Prayer was given by Councilman at Large Peckinpugh.

ROLL CALL:

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- No special business was present on agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

- No resolutions were present on agenda.

ORDINANCES:

- No ordinances were present on agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Council President Koger stated his only request for information was on the NSP grants, Director Tichenor stated there was no information at this time.

MAYOR REPORTS:

- Mayor York introduced Doug Sloan, newly hired as the Director of Transportation.
- Mayor York informed Council that the clerk at Wastewater, Brenda Duncan, will be retiring with 33 years and there is a luncheon scheduled for noon Friday, January 20th.
- Mayor York introduced Ed Hill as the Building Code Ordinance Officer.
- Mayor York informed Council that city clean up has been top priority for his administration and hoped that not only council but citizens had noticed there is a full time flatbed running.
- Mayor York informed council that administration is studying the cost effectiveness of outsourcing our utility bills. In 2011 the city paid Smart Bill \$67,500.00 for billing. Administration is working to find the most cost effective way to do billing.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- Maurie Goodwin, representing the Board of Aviation members, presenting to City Council the annual report and progress of the Airport. Mr. Goodwin updated council on the runway extension grants and funding issues. Mr. Goodwin requested permission from council to proceed with the Manager's Agreement as long as funding is in place, per FAA regulations. Mr. Goodwin also requested council permission to proceed with the property purchasing agreement with the Merlot family with the reversionary clause included. After discussion the following action was taken;
 - Councilman Koger moved to approve the contract with the Manager, providing the funds are available and to proceed with the purchase of the real estate. Councilman Kidd seconded. Motion carried 6-0
- Bob Grewe, Director of EDC requested a recommendation of appointment of 2 RDC board members. The recommended appointees are Bill Atchison to the County Commissioners and Scott Hayes to the County Council.
 - Councilman Koger moved to approve the recommended appointees. Councilman Peckinpugh seconded. Motion carried 6-0
- Danny Marcum informed council that someone has dumped tires on the railroad tracks on Indiana Avenue near South 25th Street to the West.
- Lisa Archey introduced herself to Council stating she recently moved back to New Castle, and making her experience and services available to the City of New Castle. Ms. Archey noted that she had been running the City of Detroit's NSP Program as well as 30 years of HUD Housing experience. Mayor York thanked Ms. Archey.

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 17th day of January 2012.

Greg York, Mayor