

COMMON COUNCIL

April 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Prayer was given by Mayor York

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:

- Councilman Walden moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting. President Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Public Hearing

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- 04202020-1 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF INDIANA TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO BEST SERVE CONSTITUENTS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY President Peckinpaugh moved to accept. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- 04202020-2 TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE APPLICATION OF DEFERRED PAYMENT CHARGES FOR THE DELIQUENT PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. President Peckinpaugh moved to approved. Councilman Dicken seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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ORDINANCES:

- #3832 AMENDING ORDINANCE #3813 (SALARY ORDINANCE) President Peckinpaugh moved to accept. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- President Peckinpaugh brought up the trash toters and not wanting to raise the fees yet but that the City was in need of some. President Peckinpaugh moved to take up to \$12,000.00 out of riverboat funds to purchase 250 toters to be used only for replacements. Councilman Koger seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Thanked Jeff Marcum and Superintendent Walker for work they had taken care of for him. Thanked all Police, Fire, EMS for their work during this Pandemic that is going on.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Discussed Shepherd hooks on Westlawn.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Thanked the Parks Department for working on the Osborne Park basketball courts. Informed Council Memorial Day Parade has not been cancelled but put on hold till a later date. Inquired about Chickens in the City Limits, stated that we would discuss at a later date. Thanked Kendra for setting up all the Zoom meetings and to the Mayor and EMS for being proactive at the new EMS building for the Covid related issues. Also stated that Councilman Guffey was definitely getting his feet wet in his new term.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Thanked Council for the \$12,000.00 for toters. Inquired if they sub-contractors would be coming back and fixing Main Street. Mayor York stated they would be coming back. Wanted to let everyone know that the Council is trying to do everything right where our Citizens are concerned.

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- Asked Corey Murphy about the status of the SBL loans. Corey stated that they were already out of money for the loans.

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

Inquired about opening the pool with only 10 people in one area. Mayor York stated that if they start lifting the restrictions, it would be a positive thing to open the pool even if for a short period of time.

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Stated these times of uncertainty anything could happen. Thanked the Mayor for keeping on top of the situation and also gave Kudos to the Governor for keeping everyone up to date daily on the effects of COVID 19. Also inquired about the increase in the trash fee being table to a period of time would the Council have to start over or could we go on to third reading. Attorney Harvey stated we would be able to move on to third reading. Also asked Council about possible allocating a \$50,000.00 match out of riverboat for the Fitzgerald trail.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

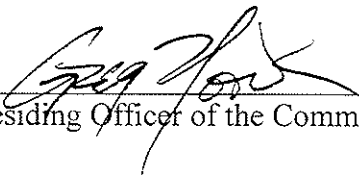
- Mayor York stated the need for toters has been more demanding as everyone is home and creating more trash, also their water consumption is up. Property taxes are still due on May 11th, but the Governor has issued an order that there will be no late fees or penalties until July 15th. The City is only looking at getting about 20% of their normal tax draw in June and stated that for those that can pay their taxes should go ahead and do so. Thanked everyone for making City business continue to run smoothly and moving forward. Stated that everyone still needs to continue to stay at home as we have 31 cases and only 1 death as of today.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Corey Murphy New Castle Henry County Economic Development asked Council to consider given some money for the revolving loan fund.
- President Peckinpaugh moved to give \$28,000.00 out of the riverboat fund. Seconded by Councilman Dicken. President Peckinpaugh then amended saying that those monies must be used for businesses inside the city limits. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- Shaun Default, Chamber of Commerce stated that Chamber has expanded their website with a video library and are doing videos to help move through the pandemic issues. Love Local has become the focus and virtual shopping. Memorial day parade has been postponed to a later date as they are in a holding pattern right now.
- Meeting Adjourned President Peckinpaugh



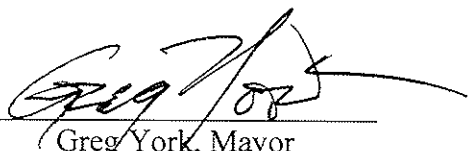
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 20th day of April 2020.



Greg York, Mayor

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