

COMMON COUNCIL

May 4, 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:**

- Vice President Hancock moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting. 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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Public Hearing

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- No Proclamations

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- No Resolutions

**ORDINANCES:**

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

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #3832 AMENDING ORDINANCE #3813 (SALARY ORDINANCE) Vice President Hancock moved to suspend rules to third reading. Councilman Guffey seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- President Peckinpaugh moved to earmark \$50,000.00 out of riverboat for the Fitzgerald Trail. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- Inquired about the bushes being so high at Your Park. Water Plant mows it but Optimist takes care of everything else and they are looking at planting new bushes very soon.

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Corner of South Main and Riley road is broken. Mayor stated that they were waiting for the weather to break and they will be back to fix now that the asphalt plants are open.
- Inquired about the school lunch program and would they need more money. President Peckinpaugh stated they got Federal funding for the program.

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Thanked Councilman Koger for spearheading Council providing lunch to all regular City employees.
- Inquired about the State Road Construction. Mayor York stated that it was still on schedule and 16<sup>th</sup> street from Board to Washington will have sidewalks. 18<sup>th</sup> Street will be resurfaced out to the angle and then on out 14<sup>th</sup> to Outer Drive.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- Thanked Director Barker for all his efforts.
- Inquired about the City's look at pandemic order. Mayor stated that they state is going to start opening up things soon but that they City buildings will remained closed this week and will be on a week to week basis.

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- Stated that with the opening of some small businesses they would have to police themselves and open at their own pace.
- Inquired about the railroad crossing on I Ave. Waiting on railroad to fix it.
- Advised Council to be aware of when allocating money that COIT/ LOIT and Riverboat will probably not get as much funding next year as they have this year.

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

Stated that until everyone practices responsible socialization with handwashing, masks and distancing positive COVID 19 numbers will be going up.

**President Peckinpaugh:** Noted;

- Thanked Angela Cox with the Health Department for the wonderful job she has been doing regarding COVID 19. Angela has done everything she can to inform the public and keep them safe.
- Keeping the City closed to the public on a week to week basis is a good idea.
- Stated when wearing a mask out in public you are thinking of your neighbors not yourself. It is to protect them if you are carrying the virus.
- Manager Sloan has done a great job with a Federal Grant he received and we are now offering free bus service for the rest of the year.
- Stated the City had applied for a grant to help out small businesses.
- Thanked all City employees for coming in a doing their jobs during the COVID 19 pandemic.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

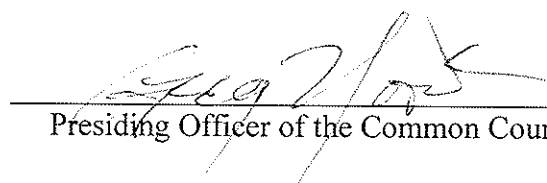
- Mayor York Thanked Council for the lunch they provided to the City workers they really appreciated it.
- Thanked Manager Sloan for his hard work in securing a grant that will enable to offer free bus service for the citizens of New Castle till at least the end of the year.
- Informed Council the City did not receive the OCRA COVID 19 grant that was applied for but that we did receive a grant for \$250,000.00. Corey Murphy with the New Castle Henry

County Economic Development Commission and his committee will be reviewing the applications for small business loans.

- The City is currently on red alert spending because of the unknown.
- The City has laid off four employees in MVH to help with costs later down the road in October, November and December.
- Clerk Treasurer Grider thanked Council for providing lunch to the employees, it was greatly appreciated.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Corey Murphy New Castle Henry County Economic Development thanked Council for applying for the small business loan grant. They will be taking applications and reviewing them. They are waiting to hear what the criteria will be in able to fund the loans to businesses. Corey also stated that there was a lot of information on their website growinhenry.com to help small businesses great through the pandemic. If your business is opening, you should have a written plan in place, give to your employees and post it publicly.
- Shaun Default New Castle Chamber of Commerce stated Memorial Day Parade is still on hold and will be speaking with the Mayor about it tomorrow. Shaun also stated the Chamber has been working with the EDC and Mainstreet in helping businesses to reopen.
- Before Adjournment President Peckinpaugh wanted to address the loss of Gerald Hammond Jr. and Larry Wasson, who worked hard in helping our children and our Community. Condolences to their families they will be missed.
- Meeting Adjourned President Peckinpaugh

  
Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 4th day of May 2020.

  
Greg York, Mayor

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