

COMMON COUNCIL

January 19, 2021 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:

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

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PUBLIC HEARING:

- Public Hearing to close out the Covid-19 Business Grant through the EDC was opened at 6:33pm. Greg Beumer with Kleinpeter Consulting, gave remarks regarding the grant. Corey Murphy stated that \$243,750.00 was awarded to local businesses impacting 168 employees. A letter was read from Stacks Restaurant, Ice House and Se Leah to show their appreciation. There being no other discussion the hearing was closed at 6:38p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

- No Resolutions

ORDINANCES:

- #3857 AMENDING THE 2020 SALARY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A BONUS TO CITY EMPLOYEES. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- #3857 AMENDING THE 2020 SALARY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A BONUS TO CITY EMPLOYEES. President Peckinpaugh moved to suspend the rules and move to third reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- President Peckinpaugh moved to earmark an additional \$13,145.14 for the final match money for the Fitzgerald Trail Grant. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- President Peckinpaugh moved to forgive the loan from Riverboat in the amount of \$12,000.00 for trash toters that were purchased in 2020. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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- President Peckinpaugh moved to take the additional funds that was earmarked (\$342.00) for swings at the parks in Riverboat and move it back to the General Riverboat Fund. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Inquired about the street light between “A” Avenue and Grand Ave on South 20th Street. It was advised that Duke Energy has been made aware and they are doing a study on it.
- Inquired about the 600 Block of N. 27th Street and the street cut that still needs fixed. Street Superintendent Walker stated he would go look at it and see what needed to be done.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

- Informed everyone that he was glad to be back to in-person meetings.

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Thanked the County for allowing us to set up our equipment and use their chambers for the City’s meetings.

Councilman Koger: Noted;

- No Comments

Councilman Perdue: Noted;

- No Comments

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Stated there is a breakdown in communication regarding ie: Trash Toters, Potholes. President Peckinpaugh suggested that we place an area on the website where the citizens could click on a link and ask or advise their needs. Administrative Assistant Kennedy stated it was already on the website. It was stated that it needed to be publicly promoted.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

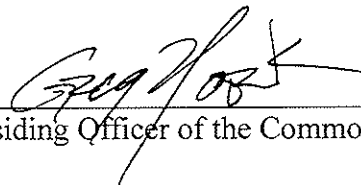
- Mayor York informed everyone that they needed to take a look at Castle Pointe right off of N. 20th Street. Contractors are currently building 9 new homes in that area.
- Stated that 2021 will be an exciting year for New Castle,

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- Corey Murphy with EDC gave an overview of all the things going on at the Airport and that they are awaiting the FFA approval for the City to be the full owner of the Airport.
- New Castle Main Street for working closely with EDC on the Business grants. Total funds awarded for all business grants in Henry County were \$458,400.00 and 519 employees were impacted by these funds.
- Advised Council that there was some EPA funding out there and if there was Commercial Property that needed attention to please let him know.
- Advised the Council of plans to make the City of New Castle and Henry County better in the upcoming year.

- Carrie Barrett with New Castle Main Street was in attendance but had no remarks.

- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Dicken




Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 19th day of January 2021.



Greg York, Mayor

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