

COMMON COUNCIL

November 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

**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 6-1-0.

Mike Guffey	Jeff Hancock	Jerry Walden	Aaron Dicken	Mark Koger	Lynn Perdue	Rex Peckinpaugh
Abstained	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- Agenda addition 11062023-2 and Ordinance #3916 were asked to be added to the agenda. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve the additions. Councilman Walden 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 Hearings

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- President Peckinpaugh read the proclamation for the Lt. General Bruce R. Harris (U.S. Army Retired).

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- #11062023-1 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY’S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE. Up to \$70,000.00 for a new roof at the street department. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Guffey asked for the specific building. It was stated, the main building were the offices and break room area and mechanics garage is located. Vice President Hancock 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

- #11062023-2 AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY’S WRITTEN PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE. Up to \$94,5000.00 allocated to give the full time City workers a stipend of \$500.00 in December 2023. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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**ORDINANCES:**

- #3916 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 SALARY ORDINANCES. President Peckinpaugh moved approve. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Guffey:** Noted;

- Thanked Superintendent Walker for his help.
- 27<sup>th</sup> and Brown Road there is a big chuck hole. Mayor York stated it was top priority and the contractors truck broke down but should be done on Wednesday.

**Vice-President Hancock:** Noted;

- Thanked Mayor York and Superintendent Walker for the help in his ward.

**Councilman Walden:** Noted;

- Addressed the homeless issue that is arising in New Castle. He went and met with some of them, asked them their needs and surprisingly they did not want help and did not want to abide by the rules of the shelters that are in place. Councilman Walden asked if there was somewhere they could go if the weather got extremely cold and stated we need to be concerned.

**Councilman Dicken:** Noted;

- The Bells of Peace will be on 11-11 at 11:11am.
- Happy Birthday to my father Steve Dicken.

**Councilman Koger:** Noted;

- No Comments

**Councilman Perdue:** Noted;

- No Comments

**President Peckinpaugh:** Noted;

- Ordinances will be updated.
- Thanked Bill Pierce and Michael Ridenour for doing their job on the street sweepers and keeping the roads cleared.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Clerk Treasurer Grider presented the breakdown of the ARP expenditures for Council to go over and see if things that are completed can be re-allocated.
- Transit Manager Sloan thanked Mr. Ranzel for coming and telling his story.
- Street Superintendent Walker asked that all residents be patient with the pickup of leaves.
- Mayor York asked everyone to get out and exercise their right to vote tomorrow.

#### **CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

- Megan Krautz, Women's Recovery Center will be opening spring of 2024. It will be a trauma-based trauma focused recovery process with a 7month minimum stay for ages 18 and up. Asked the Community to get involved. They will have a storefront open in the Café Royle building to help with costs.

- Ranzel Howard, thanked the Mayor for bringing up the disability awareness. Thanked Police, Fire and EMS for all they do for the Community but wanted to give his deepest appreciation for the Transit Department without them I would have never been able to get to my job after his accident that made him wheelchair bound. Mr. Ranzel told his story and asked that there might be some consideration for extending the hours of the buses to some evening and weekends. Mayor York thanked Mr. Ranzel for his drive and ambition. Mr. Ranzel then invited every to come out after the meeting and see the special vehicle that has been custom built for his needs.

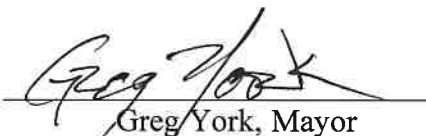
Meeting Adjourned Vice President Hancock

  
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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **6th Day of November, 2023.**

  
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Greg York, Mayor

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Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer