

COMMON COUNCIL

October 7, 2024 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:

- President Peckinpaugh moved to approve the minutes (requested more details in minutes regarding ordinances/resolutions) from the former meeting. Vice President Hancock second. Motion carried 6– 0

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- BUDGET 2025 Public hearing open 7:29pm, Closes 7:30pm.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CITIZENS APPEARING

- M. Halfacre, comments/questions about retiree insurance. Would like a group meeting.
- Clay Morgan, comments on SBOA and spending, gave books to council “the 360 degree Leader”. Read from audit online
- Patty Broyles making statement about council on insurance, second terms and finances.
- Mark Boatright Jr., concerns over insurance and letter received in mail.
- Chase Koger, FOP President, follow up of union meeting- Humana and early retirees not discussed
- Andy Hood, comments about a previous lawsuit under Boles about years of service worked and insurance.
- Jim Heffernan, received letter, comments and discussion about insurance.

RESOLUTIONS:

- #09162024-1 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ALLOCATED TO THE CITY’S RIVERBOAT FUND. (This is for AFSCME bonus, \$1000 per AFSCME employee, summer 2025) President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve, Vice-President Hancock second. Motion carries 7-0.

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ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING:

- #3933 2025 BUDGET
- #3944 2025 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SALARY
- #3945 2025 ELECTED OFFICIALS
- #3936 2025 MANAGEMENT SALARY
- #3937 2025 HOURLY SALARY
- #3938 2025 FIRE SALARY
- #3939 2025 EMS SALARY
- #3930 2025 POLICE SALARY

Discussion on 2025 Budget:

Councilman Dicken – referenced \$6 million for Health Fund and that Humana does not act the same as active employees.

Ashley- working with Baker Tilly to balance budget

President Peckinpaugh- asked questions about cemetery and street department

More discussion items

- Council would like answers to questions firmed up and more balance of budget before voting.

Everything was tabled... **Finance meeting on Tues. 10/15/25 at 5:30pm**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey:

- Citizens complaining of people living in a trailer with no water/utilities.

Vice-President Hancock:

- Thank you to city employees for storm work.

Councilman Walden:

- Also thanks to city workers for limbs pick up and thanks to Brenda Grider for help with filling a semi for hurricane relief.

Councilman Dicken:

Will wait to discuss budget.

Councilman Koger:

- Stated that money is budget for insurance but the money was moved, not council's fault.

Councilman Perdue:

- Remember that budgets are a moving target.

President Peckinpaugh:

- Read thank you note and congratulated Kendra Blankenship on marriage!
- Echo Mr. Koger's comments
- Aaron's dad, Mr. Dicken, wrote a book, Fieldhouse of Dreams
- Made a motion for a Resolution to pay leases on Police/Fire/or EMS vehicles up to \$750,000 from ARPA funds. President Peckinpaugh made a motion to approve, Vice-President Hancock second. Motion carries 7-0.

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Also, President Peckinpaugh made a motion to move Riverboat and Rainy Day to a different bank account in Feb. 2025. CT Huffman made the comment that SBOA does not recommend doing this. Councilman Koger second.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Doug Sloan, Transit, reminded everyone that the jeeps bought last year were not from city money but from his grant.

Meeting Adjourned by President Peckinpaugh



 Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:


October 7, 2024

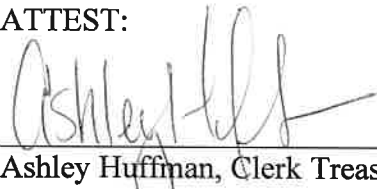
Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this 7th day of October, 2024.



Greg York, Mayor

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