

COMMON COUNCIL

April 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Peckinpaugh

ROLL CALL:

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| Mike Guffey | Present |
| Jeff Hancock | Present |
| Jerry Walden | Present |
| Aaron Dicken | Present |
| Mark Koger | Present |
| Lynn Perdue | Present |
| Rex Peckinpaugh | Present |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.: VP Hancock made a motion with a second from Councilman Walden. **Motion carries 7-0.**

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| Mike Guffey | Jeff Hancock | Jerry Walden | Aaron Dicken | Mark Koger | Lynn Perdue | Rex Peckinpaugh |
| AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE | AYE |

Change to agenda- President Peckinpaugh added Cindy Brooks- Miracle League to Agenda.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CITIZENS APPEARING

Krystal Stanich- Climate Action Plan. Ms. Stanich gave an update, with students present! Diana Bowman also made comments. Discussion followed.

Proclamation- MIKENLY BROWN. Councilman Dicken read an amazing Proclamation and congratulated Ms. Brown and her success nationally! Her dad, Mike Brown thanked the council after.

Corey Murphy- Mr. Murphy presented the Council with a Tourism Report, an update on Community Investment Projects, and a TIF Report from RDC. Mr. Murphy provided literature and an overview of numbers. Discussion followed and Mr. Murphy answered questions.

Xavier Sanders- Mr. Sanders is a past Career Center Student gave comments on the city with jobs, and encouragement with jobs for our city.

Nan Polk- Save the Date for Taking the Pulse of Henry Co. 5/7 @ 6:00pm @REMC

Patty Broyles- Egg hunt at Baker Park presented by Poynter Bros @ Skate Park was a success, let's thank Poynter Bros.

Cindy Brooks and Matt Porter- Miracle League. Ms. Brooks provided an update on the Miracle League obtaining a diamond at Osborne Park, Readi money numbers and other financial numbers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

See above

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: No comments

Vice-President Hancock: No comments

Councilman Walden: Mr. Walden expressed appreciation for Xavier's comments.

Councilman Dicken: We have more that unites us than divides us.

Councilman Koger: No comments

Councilman Perdue: No comments

President Peckinpugh: No comments

PUBLIC HEARING:

- None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Justin Wardlow- Assistant Chief of Police. Officer Wardlow presented information on Tip 411, mobilized community engagement. Discussion and questions followed. Wardlow will send out more information.

Lee Walker- Trash is normal the first week of May (Election Day 5/5).

Mayor York- Comments on how great New Castle is!

New Business


NONE

Meeting adjourned by Mayor York.



Presiding Officer of the Common Council

ATTEST:



Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer

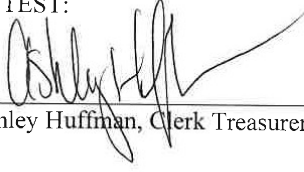
Approved by me this 17th day of March, 2026.



April 6, 2026

Greg York, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Huffman', written over a horizontal line.

Ashley Huffman, Clerk Treasurer