

# City of Greencastle

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## Greencastle Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Greencastle City Hall

### I. Call to Order; Roll Call

Mayor William Dory called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM; upon roll by Clerk-Treasurer Lynda Dunbar the following were present: Mark Hammer, Gary Lemon, Dave Murray, Adam Cohen, Stacie Langdon, Steve Fields and Tyler Wade.

### II. Public Petitions and Comments: None

### III. Special Requests: None

### IV. Swearing in of Department Heads-

The following Department Heads were sworn in: Laurie Hardwick, Shannon Norman, Bill Newgent, Brad Phillips, Rod Weinschenk, Ernie Phillips and Rob Lovell.

### V. Department Reports:

- a. Cemetery – Ernie Phillips
- b. Engineer –
- c. Fire Department – Bill Newgent
- d. Park and Recreation – Rod Weinschenk
- e. Planner – Shannon Norman
- f. Police Department – Tom Sutherlin
- g. Department of Public Works – Brad Phillips
- h. Water & Wastewater Department –
- i. City Attorney - Laurie Robertson Hardwick

Bill Newgent reported that John Burgess will become new Fire Chief on January 23, 2016. Adam Cohen thanked Bill for all his years of service.

John Burgess was welcomed by council. Tyler Wade asked J. Burgess if he felt there has been a reduction of false alarms. He told John he was open to a discussion on false alarms.

### VI. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report- Mayor updated the council on the following items:
  - Was on his seventh day and felt welcomed by all.
  - Will be meeting with all Council Members.
  - YMCA status meeting will be on Wednesday.

- b. Clerk-Treasurer's Report- Working on year-end reports for the state. W-2's will be available to employees at the end of the week. 2015 Financial information will be provided to the council next month. Should be receiving 1782 budget information from DLGF any day..
- c. Councilors' Report- Mark Hammer welcomed the new council members. Dave Murray asked if we could have a council retreat. Adam Cohen stated as a Council he hoped that a discussion could occur about homelessness and poverty levels in our city and how we can help and Stacie Langdon welcomed comments and question from the public.

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

- a. **Regular Session-December 9, 2015** - Motion by Mark Hammer to approve minutes as presented, second by Adam Cohen, 7-0, motion carried.

**VIII. Approval of City Claims**

- a. Motion by Mark Hammer to approve claims as presented, second by Steve Fields, 7-0, motion carried.

**IX. Old Business-None**

**X. New Business**

**A. Organizational Matter**

- 1. Election of Council President
  - a. Motion by Steve Fields to nominate Adam Cohen, second by Mark Hammer, Adam Cohen abstained, 6-0, motion carried.
- 2. Date, Time and Place for 2016 Council Meetings
  - a. Motion was made by Mark Hammer to have the Council meeting on the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the months of February thru July and then on the second Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the months of August thru December, second by Adam Cohen, 7-0, motion carried.
- 3. Annual appointment to Redevelopment Commission
  - a. Erika Gilmore was presented to the Council for reappointment for one year. A motion by Adam Cohen was made to accept Erika Gilmore and he requested the second appointment wait until February, second by Dave Murray, 7-0, motion carried.

**B. Council Assignment:** The following assignments were made:

- 1. Planning Commission – Mark Hammer
- 2. Park Board - Steve Fields
- 3. Economic Development Commission – Tyler Wade
- 4. Cable Access – Tyler Wade
- 5. Tree Board – Gary Lemon
- 6. Greencastle/Putnam County Development Center – Gary Lemon and Dave Murray, Council Appointment
- 7. Putnam County 911 – Stacie Langdon

8. Commission on Sustainability- Steve Fields
9. Putnam County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board- Tom Sutherlin
10. Any other Assignments- School Board Appointment – July 1, 2016

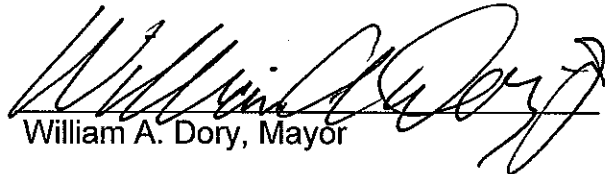
Motion by Tyler Wade to accept the above Council Assignments,  
second by Gary Lemon, 7-0, motion carried.

**C. Department Liaisons:** The following assignments were made:


1. Department of Public Works – Stacie Langdon
2. Fire Department – Dave Murray
3. Forest Hill Cemetery – Gary Lemon
4. Parks and Recreation – Steve Fields
5. Planning – Mark Hammer
6. Police Department – Adam Cohen
7. Utilities – Tyler Wade

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion by Mark Hammer to dismiss at 8:35 PM, second by Adam Cohen,  
7-0, Motion carried.

  
William A. Dory, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lynda R. Dunbar, Clerk Treasurer