

January 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00pm at City Hall. Present were Mayor Benham, Commissioners Thompson, Mitchell, Gatewood and Kurtz. All have taken their oath of office. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, City Attorney Joe Yate, Richard and Dani Jaehnigen, Melissa Blankenship of Landmark Newspapers, Magistrate Terri Cummings, Asst. Fire Chief Lorry Hansen, and Dale Mahoney, Danny Gayle Holcomb and Bobby King.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve the disbursements for December. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dale Mahoney wanted to know why the minutes from the commission meetings were not posted on the website. He was advised that we were having technical issues with the site and that they would be posted eventually. He also was argumentative regarding the Commission's decision regarding not placing stop signs on the curve by his home as he requested.

He was advised by the Mayor that he and Scot along with sheriff deputies monitored the area and all came to the same conclusion that signs were not needed. It is a curve, not a turn (or intersection) even though they may have different names on the street. Also, Scot interviewed others living in the area and none wanted stop signs nor thought they were needed. The Mayor told Mr. Mahoney that he would pole each commission member for their opinion again and another survey of the residents would be conducted and they will render (again) their decision at the February meeting.

Bobby King was here regarding A-1 and the awning repair issue. He stated he would donate \$100 (along with several other individuals) and physically assist in removing/repairing the awning at that location. Joe Yates advised that he is working with Eileen on this issue and money is definitely an issue. There may be matching funds that can be obtained (façade grant). Joe will continue to talk with Eileen and come to the February meeting with a plan/recommendation.

The Sheriff was working a homicide in Pleasureville and therefore could not attend tonight's meeting.

Richard advised that he continues to work on several car and junk issues. Numerous situations have been resolved. He is also working on one parking issue on North Main.

Joe Yates advised that Everbank has offered to settle with the City for \$2145.63 this is regarding 20 New Street.

Commissioner Gatewood made the motion to authorize Attorney Yates to accept this offer from Everbank. Commissioner Thompson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The business unit assignments for the 17/18 term of the New Castle City Commission are as follows:

Business/Finance	Mayor Benham
Fire/Safety	Commissioner Thompson
Infrastructure	Commissioner Kurtz
Economic Development	Commissioner Mitchell
Personnel	Commissioner Gatewood

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the above assignments. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Jeff Thoke rendered the following report:

1. He and Commissioner Mitchell are working on a plan to improve the lighting at the locker.
2. He is currently working on the annual recertification.
3. The roof at the Oddfellows Lodge is complete. Currently obtaining quotes for stabilization of the back wall.
4. He will work with Mike to address the website issues.

Scot reported on the water/sewer rehab project. The design is complete and ready to be submitted to the Department of Water.

Lorry presented the monthly financial report for the fire department.

As there was no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

We adjourned at 7:35pm.