

February 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00pm at City Hall. Present were Mayor Benham, Commissioners Mitchell, Gatewood and Kurtz. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, City Attorney Joe Yates, Melissa Blankenship of Landmark Newspapers, Main Street Manager Jeff Thoke, Magistrate Terri Cummings, Stacy Rockaway of Congressman Massie's office and Dale Mahoney.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to approve the disbursements for January. Mayor Benham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Rockaway of Congressman Massie's office presented a general introduction to the items their office can assist with and she also gave information regarding The Congressional Award that is available for individuals aged 18 to 24 years. Award areas are voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration.

Sheriff Cravens submitted his report for the month of January. 80 hours were logged for the City between the hours of 8am and 6pm. There are going to be some adjustments made to the schedules that will allow for some nighttime patrol. Most of the activity for January was traffic related.

For the last and final time, changing the curve on Church/Center Street to an intersection and adding stop signs was briefly discussed.

The Mayor made a motion to leave the curve as is. The motion died for lack of a second and another motion was not made. Therefore, action on this topic is completed.

Regarding the awning at A-1, Joe advised that he has spoken with Eileen and advised her that volunteers have come forward to pay for and preform the removal of the awning that is falling down. Joe stated that Eileen is very agreeable to this plan and hopefully it can be done within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

Commissioner Gatewood presented some minor changes that need to be made to the personnel policy. These were reviewed.

Commissioner Gatewood made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #17-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY AMENDING

PROVISIONS RELATED TO OVERTIME COMPENSATION AND COMPENSATORY TIME IN THE CITY'S PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL. The Mayor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Attorney Yates gave first reading of Ordinance #17-01.

Jeff Thoke advised that he is researching the information for a façade program and will have a report on that topic at the March meeting. He is also working on changes/additions to the website, the lighting at the locker with Commissioner Mitchell and he stated that the Pub should have a "soft" opening at the end of this month.

Scot advised that the rehab project was sent to the DOW for approval and that there had to be a few minor changes made. Work on the CDBG application is ongoing. He also stated that the sidewalk adjacent to the city parking lot on West Cross Main Street needs to be repaired. If anyone sees an issue with a section of sidewalk, please let him know asap.

Tony reported on two dog issues in his area of the City. The Mayor advised that he will get with Richard and address these incidents immediately.

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

We adjourned at 7:45pm

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