

December 4, 2017

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Benham and Commissioners Mitchell, Kurtz and Thompson. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, Assistant Fire Chief Lorry Hansen, Economic Development Coordinator Jeff Thoke, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Durbin, Chris Brook of Landmark Newspapers, Magistrate Terri Cummings and citizens Dale Mahoney, Danny Holcomb and Akacia Kurtz.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to accept all the minutes from the month of November and also approve all the disbursements. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

There were no deputies attending tonight's meeting.

Joe Durbin advised that during the month of November he issued 20 citations, 8 by first class mail and 12 in person. Almost all are in the progress of compliance or are already remedied. He and Mayor Benham will be attending KLC training in January regarding code enforcement.

The City Clerk advised that Spectrum is "working" on the donation letter for video and internet services. We still have no franchise agreement. Hopefully, this matter will be resolved in time to be taken care of at the January meeting.

A city sponsored "clean-up" day was held on November the 16th. A dumpster was located at the city parking lot on West Cross Main and will be open from 8am to 3pm. It was very successful and will be done again sometime in the spring of 2018.

20 New Street is back in the hands of RD. Everbank satisfied all nuisance liens and the property is currently in compliance.

Regarding the rental dwelling ordinance, this subject will be tabled until sometime in 2018.

There was review of two P&Z proposed amendments. Brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of the ordinance amending portions of the county zoning ordinance pertaining to zoning maps. This ordinance will be City #17-08. Mayor Benham seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

The City Clerk gave first reading of Ordinance #17-08.

Jeff first gave an update on Joe Yates. He is not in attendance tonight due to illness. He then advised that he is currently working with two businesses who wish to locate in New Castle.

Scot advised that the pre-construction meeting for the rehab project will be held this Wednesday at 2:00pm here at City Hall. The project will most likely start with the sewer rehab in January.

Scot also advised that repairs to the lift station at the plant will begin this week. The cost should be around \$15,000. It was built in 1986 and has not had any major repairs until now.

Lorry advised that the tanker is still down. They are waiting on a part to come in for its repair.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

We adjourned at 7:30pm.