

March 5, 2018

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Benham and Commissioners Mitchell, Gatewood, Thompson and Kurtz. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, CEO Jeff Durbin, City Attorney Josh Clubb, Fire Chief Wesley Benham and Assistant Fire Chief Lorry Hansen, Tammy Shaw of Landmark Newspapers, Magistrate Terri Cummings and citizens Dale Mahoney, Danny Holcomb and Bobby King.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

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

All the deputies were working the basketball tournament at the high school.

Josh Clubb reviewed the proposed cable franchise agreement (which is for a term of 7 years) and advised that everything was in order.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve the City entering into the 7 year agreement with Spectrum (Charter) and authorize Mayor Benham to sign document. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a draft of an ordinance amending the certain sections of the traffic code. There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance 18-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE NEW CASTLE CODE OF CITY ORDINANCES. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #18-01.

The Commission and Attorney Clubb are reviewing an ordinance that would amend the city code as it relates to dogs. Josh will have a draft for possible first reading at the April meeting.

It is time to advertise for a garbage franchise as the current agreement with Rumpke ends June 30, 2018. There was review of the Resolution regarding this matter.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adopt Resolution #18-02, RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE BUSINESS OF THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, TRASH AND DEBRIS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion. It did pass unanimously.

The ad for bids will run in the HC Local on March 14th and again on March 21st. Bids will be opened on April 18, 2018 at 10am at City Hall and bids will be considered by the Commission on May 7, 2018 at 7pm.

There was discussion to move the April meeting due to spring break and other conflicts.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to have the regular meeting for the month of April on Monday the 16th. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Harvest Showcase is seeking sponsorships for this year's event. There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion that the City participate at the \$50.00 level. The Mayor seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Jeff Thoke is out of town but he did advise the Mayor that he has spoken with members of the Oddfellows regarding the rear of their property which needs to be cleaned up. They are meeting on the 10th of this month and will make arrangements for this to be done by the end of the month.

Joe Durbin advised that he logged 20.5 hours for the month of February. He has been dealing with parking violations all over the City with vehicles parking on streets where there is no street parking allowed, parking on sidewalks and a few 2 hours violations. He is also working with the County Attorney regarding several properties/owners who have not complied. He will be signing some criminal complaints. There have also been a few dog issues.

Scot advised that the rehab project well on its way to completion. They are now working on the lines that were added to use up the grant money. He estimates that 75% to 80% of the clay tile in town has been replaced.

Chief Benham gave the fire dept. monthly financial report and advised that they have not heard anything on the grant yet.

Josh Clubb gave an update of his activities for the city and also advised he will have the draft of the "dog ordinance" ready for the April meeting.

Dale Mahoney voiced a complaint regarding Kenny Harp's dog running loose constantly.

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

We adjourned at 7:35pm.