

DECEMBER 6 2021

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6pm. Present was Mayor Kurtz and Commissioners Thompson, Sevier, Mitchell and Hay. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, City Attorney Josh Clubb, Public Works Director Joey Bramblett, Asst. Director Vincent Bates, Deputy Josh Jamiel and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ellis and Sabrina Doll from the NCVFD, Preservation Board Chair Zak Yates and citizen Ron Laughlin.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes from all November meetings as presented. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. The motion did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to approve all disbursements, deposits and transfers for the month of October. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioners Thompson and Sevier checked all bank balances using the online service.

Deputy Jamail gave the detailed activity report for the month of November. 72 hours were logged.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have 2nd reading of Ordinance #21-08, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATED TO COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION IN THE CITY'S PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave 2nd reading of Ordinance #21-08.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to adopt Ordinance #21-08. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion which did carry unanimously.

The January meeting has been rescheduled to the 2nd Monday, January 10, 2022.

Joey advised that he received 2 RFQs in response to the City's advertisement in the Courier Journal. One was from Strand Associates and the other from DLZ. The review committee met and scored the companies based on set criteria with the highest possible rating of 100%. Joey stated that DLZ received a composite score of 90 and Strand Associates received a 99. It is his recommendation that the City enter into a contract with Strand Associates for engineering services as it relates to a sewer project using the ARPA funds.

There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion that the City enter into a contract for Engineering Services with Strand Associates as it relates to a sewer project at the plant utilizing the ARPA funds. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Michael reported that the burned out house on Carter Street will be removed and the lot cleaned up by Christmas. He has worked on this with both the owner and the County Attorney. He is also actively working on the dog barking issue on South Main that is affecting residents on Church Street. Commissioner Thompson reported that the parking issues on College Street are continuing, mostly on the weekends. Michael said he would talk to the resident again.

Sabrina reported that truck #3236 has a fuel tank issue and it is going to have to be replaced so it will be out of commission for a period of time.

Zak Yates, Chair of the Preservation Board, gave an overview of their duties and an activity report for the last year. They have reviewed and issued a few COAs over the last several months and have been in conversation with the new owner of the Tavern regarding applying for a facade grant. Zak also stated that it is the recommendation of the Board that the City explore options to purchase a property located in the downtown district of the City. He believes that there are grants that would assist in the purchase and he is more than willing to help obtain information that the Commission will need.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 the possible future acquisition of real property. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 6:21pm.

Returned from Executive Session at 6:43pm.

No action was taken.

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

We adjourned at 6:45pm.