

COMMISSION MEETING

December 7, 2020

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6pm. Due to the Covid19 pandemic the meeting was held in the Locker Building to allow for social distancing. Present was Mayor Kurtz and Commissioners Mitchell, Thompson and Hay. Commissioner Sevier was in quarantine. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, City Attorney Josh Clubb, Public Works Employee Vincent Bates, CEO Michael Ellis and Christina Ellis.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve all disbursements, deposits and transfers for the month of September. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioners Thompson and Hay reviewed all city held accounts using the bank's online banking option.

Deputy Jamiel was unable to attend this evening.

Attorney Clubb will be sending the letter out to the property owner advising of the benefits of their property being annexed into the City and advising as to how the agreement previously discussed with them can be safely executed (due to the pandemic).

The ordinance correcting the Caste Creek boundary is proving to be more involved than anticipated. Attorney Clubb will be working with Frankfort to get this drafted for first reading at the January meeting.

Mayor Kurtz advised that he did speak with the KY Dept. of Transportation and the requirements for a stop light have changed since ours was removed years ago. To have one installed now there must be a left turning lane on all sides. This will never be possible at the 4-way stop in New Castle. Also, a rep will be coming to the city to look into what signage and markings can be placed by the State to enhance the safety of pedestrians.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have second reading of Ordinance #20-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY AMENDING CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER BILLING PROCEDURES. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave 2nd reading of Ordinance #20-07.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adopt Ordinance #20-07. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Updating the burn ordinance will be tabled until sometime in the spring.

FEMA sent notification to the City that it is necessary to update our floodplain management ordinance to reflect the new FIRM effective date of March 23, 2021, as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program. Attorney Clubb has prepared this ordinance update and presented it to the Commission.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of ORDINANCE #20-08, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE FOR NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Hay seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Attorney Clubb read the updated part of the ordinance.

The resolution updating/confirming city street names and their lengths was presented. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adopt RESOLUTION #20-04. Mayor Kurtz seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

Michael advised that there has not been much activity since the weather has changed now to winter. He is, however, working on two problem properties, both on West Cross Main. The court case for N. Property Rd. has been extended. No action has been taken at that residence that can be noticed.

Vincent gave the public works activity report and advised that Joey is doing really well and looks to return in January.

There was no further business to be addressed.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Kurtz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

We adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.