

February 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Tony Kurtz and Commissioners Thompson, Mitchell, Hay and Sevier. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Attorney Josh Clubb, Public Works Dir. Scot Treece, DED Tommie Tingle Deputy Josh Jamiel and from the NCVFD Michael Ellis.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to approve the minutes from all meetings held during the month of January. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve all disbursements, deposits and transfers made during the month of December for all city accounts as presented in the financial reports and bank statements. Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Josh Jamiel gave the report for January. 72 Hours were logged for the City. They are going to concentrate on working traffic during the afternoon hours during school release time. There have been complaints of speeding and reckless driving.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #20-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE CALLED ZONING ORDINANCE FOR HENRY COUNTY, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. Attorney Clubb gave first reading.

There is one more agreement to get signed (Attorney Clubb is to draw up the paperwork) and then there will be 55% of the properties in the proposed annexation area that are unopposing.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to proceed with contracting with Albert Harrison, Surveyor, for the mapping of the proposed annexation area. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

Lynn advised that the ad for the Code Enforcement Officer will run on February 12th.

Tommie advised that he is looking for spring event ideas in addition to the possibility of teaming up with the Berry Center for an open house in June. The first meeting of the committee looking into "branding" has been held. The process is ongoing and could take up to a year.

HC Water had a wholesale rate increase in 2017 and since it occurred during a change in personnel it was inadvertently overlooked and the City was not notified. The rate increased (per 1,000 gallons) from \$2.58 to 2.72. We typically sell about 2,000,000 gallons per month. The last rate increase that HC had, the City did not pass it on to our customers. There was discussion that this would be addressed when planning the 20/21 fiscal budget.

Scot advised that the sink had been installed at the locker and "watch your step" warnings placed on the floor. Larger signs have been ordered that have a "rough" finish.

Michael Ellis gave a verbal report of Fire Department activities.

As there was no further items to be addressed by the Commission and no one in attendance wished to make comments, Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

We adjourned at 6:35pm.