

COMMISSION MEETING

February, 2021

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 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, Hay and Sevier. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, City Attorney Josh Clubb, Public Works Director Joey Bramblett and Public Works Employee Vincent Bates, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ellis and from the Fire Department Sabrina .

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

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

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

Commissioner Thompson reviewed all city held accounts using the bank's online banking option.

Josh Clubb advised that he was unable to locate any information regarding the original Castle Creek Annexation Ordinance from the library, the HC Local or the Circuit Court. Castle Creek is on the census map and has been for years and also on the map found on the Secretary of State's Website. Candi (from the office) has requested the file and will send everything she has to Josh by the end of this week.

Mayor Kurtz reported on the new CDBG grant available to cities in Kentucky that the State has made available. It is being administered by KIPDA. It is the same as any other CDBG grant and requires all the same procedures plus some. A public hearing, notification and dissemination of information to the public. The City would also be responsible for determining that the applicants (those with water and sewer arrearages) were directly impacted financially by Covid 19. Grant monies would not cover trash fees nor any debt service fees built into any water and/or sewer charges.

Lynn advised that the first two rounds of assistance that were administered by TCCAA took care of a majority of the arrearages and the rest are being taken care of with payments and/or turn offs (as the moratorium was finally lifted). There was discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion that the City not participate in the new CDBG program for water/sewer utility assistance. Commissioner Hay seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor advised that all the iPads are in and he will assist anyone who needs it in setting theirs up. Also the Zoom membership is now active.

Michael reported that he has multiple active cases and various stages with several being "last warnings". The old ongoing court case was in court yet again last week. The Judge has given them a "final" three months to comply. Michael advised that over the last 2 years, nothing has been done.

Joey asked the Commission to decide how they wish him to stripe East Cross Main for parking. There was discussion. It was decided that on the South side (the only side the City has to deal with) to move the first handicapped space down as far as ADA regs allow and then keep all the rest of the parking as is.

Joey also told the Commission that they are having numerous and ongoing issues with the water meters and reading system. It is 15 years old. He will obtain information and this issue will be addressed in the very near future.

It was reported that the Fire Dept. had 136 runs during 2020. They are purchasing a special washing machine to clean their fire gear.

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

We adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm