

July 11, 2022

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6pm. Present was Mayor Kurtz and Commissioners Thompson, Hay, Sevier and Mitchell. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Joey Bramblett, Asst. Director Vincent Bates, City Attorney Josh Clubb and someone from Landmark Newspapers (not signed in).

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes from all June 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 March. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

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

Deputy Jamial was working an incident and will submit the report to city hall.

Mayor Kurtz advised that Zak reported to him that the mural is being “worked on”.

There was discussion of hiring a CEO, the City advertised the available position. Mayor Kurtz advised that he interviewed Tanner Doll and spoke with Commissioner Thompson. They both recommend hiring Tanner to fill the part time contracted position of Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Kurtz made the motion to hire Frank Tanner Doll as Code Enforcement Officer on a contractual basis, at \$425.00 a month. The term of the contract shall be through June 30, 2023. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Joey reported that the City is to receive KIA grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 for a water meter replacement project. There was discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adopt Resolution #22-09, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE ACCEPTING THE GRANT, APPROVING THE GRANT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE’S ANNUAL BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

There is a vacancy on the Economic Development Board as Holli Hunt has moved to Richmond. Ricky Doyle has contacted the Mayor expressing his interest in filling the position. It is unknown what term it carries, etc. Mayor Kurtz will contact Mike Ray to obtain info and this will be on the agenda in August.

Joey advised that the quote he obtained for replacement of the lights at the firehouse (includes labor) was \$940.00. This will also be on the August agenda.

Joey reported that the water inspection went very well, no violations and everything is good.

The outcome of the tank inspection determined that several of the "rods" need repair or replacement and the tank needs to be pressure washed. Both items can be done for \$29,900.00. There is plenty of funds in the tank maintenance account to cover this project.

LG&E is seeking an easement from the City at the back of the parking lot down Dutton. The easement has been reviewed by Attorney Clubb and Joey Bramblett.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to grant the easement to LG&E and to authorize Mayor Kurtz to execute the document(s). Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

Lynn advised that the KY Department of Revenue requires (eff: 01-01-23) any festival director(s) to report to the KDR, the names and addresses of all vendors selling goods, foods or services at any event.

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