

JULY 3, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 7:00pm at City Hall. Present were Mayor Benham, Commissioners Gatewood, Mitchell, Thompson and Kurtz. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, Chris Brooke of Landmark Newspapers and Magistrate Terri Cummings.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to approve the minutes and disbursement for the month of June. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Sheriff Cravens left his report for the month of June. 81 hours were logged for the City.

There was no report from Citation Officer Jaehnigen.

Regarding the ad for bids for the cable franchise, one was received via mail from Spectrum (Charter Communications) on June 27, 2017 at 11:25am by the City Clerk. The bid was opened and reviewed. The term was for 5 years however the bid was rejected due to the lack of language regarding services to various city agencies. Joe was directed to contact them regarding this matter and report to the Commission at the August meeting if not before.

Scot advised that he spoke to the person mowing 20 New Street. That person advised that they have the contract to mow the property just not approved for the whole lot. Scot advised he will send one more email to the mortgage company. If the situation is not resolved immediately, we will contract to mow and place a lien again.

Billy Mason told the Commission that the weeds up against his fence from the Rod Raisor lot are awful. The Mayor advised he has already spoken with Richard about this matter but will check with him again.

There was review and discussion of proposed changes to the nuisance ordinance.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #17-04, AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND AMENDING §92.01, 92.03 AND 92.04 OF CHAPTER 92 (NUISANCES) OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Yates gave first reading of Ordinance #17-04.

Lynn advised that Jeff wished to report the following: Historic marker for the Oddfellows has been ordered. He and Joe and doing volunteer work on A-1 faced to determine total cost to renovate and he is continuing work on the website and will have those updates at the next meeting. The fans are installed at the locker (thanks to Scot. A group of investors have purchased the Masonic Lodge and the Clubb building as well. There are individuals that are interested in placing benches, will discuss with Mayor. And the locker has been rented a lot lately!

Commissioner Mitchell advised that Terry Hefley representing the current Leadership Henry County class has asked if the City would participate in their project of placing and arboretum with benches at the park. There was discussion.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion that the City financially participate with the project at a cost of \$500. Commissioner Gatewood seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Several Commissioners advised that they have been receiving a lot of complaints and leakage of liquid and "matter" from Rumpke's trucks, thus creating a horrible stench. Lynn is to email Jeremy Rumpke and ask that he contact the Mayor regarding this matter.

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

We adjourned at 7:45pm