

June 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Bobby King and Commissioners Thompson, Kurtz, Mitchell and Sevier. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, Attorney Josh Clubb, CEO Joe Durbin, DED Tommie Tingle, Deputy Josh Jamiel, Preservation Board Chair Zak Yates and citizens Corey and Harriett Beatty and Dale Mahoney and Taylor Riley of Landmark Newspapers.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to approve the minutes and disbursements for the month of May. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Deputy Jamiel presented the activity report for the month of May. 68.5 hours were logged for the City between the four contracted deputies.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have 2nd reading of Ordinance #19-01, FISCAL YEAR 18/19 AMENDED BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KY. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave 2nd reading of Ordinance #19-01.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adopt Ordinance #19-01. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to have 2nd reading of Ordinance #19-02, FISCAL YEAR 19/20 ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KY. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave second reading of Ordinance #19-02.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adopt Ordinance #19-02. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to have 2nd reading of Ordinance #19-03, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KY INCREASING THE RATE FOR WATER SERVICE AND SEWER TREATMENT FEE. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave 2nd reading of Ordinance #19-03.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adopt Ordinance #19-03. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

A possible amendment to the zoning ordinance was addressed by Attorney Clubb. He and Tommie met with Amanda of P&Z, at the direction of the Commission, to investigate the possibility of making changes to the existing zoning ordinance that would disallow sleeping quarters in the lower level of properties in the downtown districts zoned B3. There is possible interest in this as well by other cities in the county. An "overlay" district might be the answer if no definition for the B3 can be created to

address the houses that are located in the designated area. Attorney Clubb will present a report at the July meeting.

The music license issue is tabled to a later date.

The Mayor made the motion to approve entering into fiscal year 19/20 contracts with Deputies Jamiel, Stewart, DeWitt and Cravens. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to enter into a fiscal year 19/20 contract with Tommie Tingle as Director of Economic Development. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion and it did pass unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to enter into a fiscal year 19/20 contract with Joseph Durbin as Code Enforcement Officer. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to enter into a continuous contract with Sheriff Keith Perry for vehicle and equipment use. The Mayor seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Tommie advised the Ms. Weakly has now opened her insurance office on East Cross Main. He also stated that the video of New Castle (which is extremely professional) created by Kurtz and Newman has been posted to the website.

Tommie also advised that the Preservation Board met tonight and asked that he pass along to the Commission the following two recommendations:

- a. They would like to see the City start a "sinking fund" so that, down the road, if a downtown property needed to be purchased for saving/renovation, funds would be available to accomplish that. A dollar amount was not suggested.
- b. Double the "façade grant" to \$5,000 and name it the Joseph S. Yates, Jr. Façade Grant, to honor Joe's memory and the years of tireless effort and passion (and his own personal finances) that he put into preserving historic downtown New Castle.

There was discussion.

The Mayor made the motion to increase the façade grant funds to \$5,000 and name it after Joe and that the City hold a ceremony for presentation to the family and community. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Also the Mayor asked the Commissioner members to contact Lynn with a recommendation of a dollar amount for the "sinking fund".

Joe Durbin stated that he is working grass issues but that there are not as many as last year. One property owner that has been in violation for over a year still has not been served with the papers (8 months) and he has two cases returning to court in September one for final compliance review and the other for completed payment of fines which if not paid in full those individuals will receive a jail sentence, per the Judge.

Scot reported that the contractors on the rehab project will be in town this month addressing the few minor issues left and that the building at the sewer plant was damaged in a storm. He is securing a estimate from a contractor on those repairs and the repair of the locker windows and masonry issues. He also advised that they are using an alternative weed kill solution of vinegar, salt and dish liquid. This does not require city employees have a state pesticide license nor does it require the blocking off sprayed areas for hours.

Scot requested that the City pay him for ½ of his comp time which is about 190 hours, versus the week that is usually paid out at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to pay Scot for 190 hours of comp time after July 1, 2019. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it did pass unanimously.

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Commission, Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

We adjourned at 7:45pm.