

May 3, 2021

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, May 3, 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, Sevier and Hay. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, City Attorney Josh Clubb, Public Works Director Joey Bramblett, Asst. PW Vincent Bates, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ellis, Deputy Josh Jamiel and from the Fire Department Sabrina Doll along with two other NCVFD members.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

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

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

Deputy Jamiel gave the report for the month of April. 72 hours were logged and he gave a breakdown of the activity.

Joey advised that the New Street repair is almost complete. He and Vincent have one more item to take care of regarding road stabilization, then the contractor will complete his work.

The Mayor advised that there is a vacancy for the City on the HC Economic Board that has not been filled since Tommie Tingle left. He requested that if any Commissioner knows of someone who would be willing to take on this task, please ask them to call him or Mike Ray.

There was review of Ordinance #21-02.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #21-02, FISCAL YEAR 20/21 AMENDED BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #21-02.

There was review of Ordinance #21-03.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #21-03, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY INCREASING THE RATE FOR

WATER SERVICE AND SEWER TREATMENT FEE. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #21-03.

There was review of Ordinance #21-04.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #21-04, FISCAL YEAR 21/22 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY.

Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #21-04.

The short list of delinquent taxes were reviewed and discussed. The filing fee to record lien has increased to \$46 and each property must be a separate lien.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to direct the City Clerk to file the 2020 delinquent property tax liens and on the one unpaid tangible tax, if Attorney Clubb advises to do so.

Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

The Fire Department roof has been damaged to the point that replacement is required. Joey met with the insurance adjuster, but has not heard from him yet. Several quotes have been obtained and Joey will advise the Mayor as soon as he hears back from the adjuster. It should be covered by our insurance but if it is not, the project will need to be placed out for bid.

Michael reported that he was in court last week on the Frazier matter and they have been given a couple of months extension as they are making notable progress! He is working on numerous dog complaints (not receiving cooperation from animal control) and numerous grass/yard issues.

Changing the meeting location permanently to the Locker Building was discussed.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #21-05, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY CHANGING THE LOCATION OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #21-05.

Adjusting the hours that City Hall was the next item to be addressed. There was a brief discussion.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to change the hours that City Hall will be open from 8am to 4:30pm to 7:30am to 4pm. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

Due to conflicts during the month of July, Commissioner Thompson made the motion to change the monthly commission meeting to July 12, 2021. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Joey advised that the culvert and supports under West Cross Main Street between the properties of Hay and Stewart were inspected by the State Road Dept. and he is waiting for them to give him their report.

The Fire Department reported on training and their plans for the Crusade for Children.

Joey advised that Greg Hutcherson was finishing up some existing jobs and then would be replacing the lights, etc. at the Fire Department. This project was previously approved by the Commission. The Commission will hold a regular monthly meeting there after all the repairs are made.

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

We adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.