

MAY 4, 2020
COMMISSION MEETING

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6pm. Due to the Covid19 pandemic the meeting was held on Zoom and live on Facebook and the City's website. 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 Scot Treece and Michael Ellis.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

No meeting was held in April due to the pandemic. The Mayor advised that he would be conducting roll-call votes on all motions made at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes from the March commission meeting 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 months of March and April. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

There was no one in attendance to give a report from the deputies.

Regarding the property owner agreement drafted for the property located in the proposed annexation corridor, Scot has contacted the owners and they will sign the document once our current state of emergency has been relaxed.

Attorney Clubb will be drafting the agreement with the surveyor for immediate execution by all parties. He (the surveyor) hopes to have the map ready by the end of this month. The pandemic has slowed the process down slightly. He is also addressing some other minor issues that have been discovered with some prior annexation and mapping that was not correctly recorded.

Regarding the vacancy of the position of code enforcement officer, Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve the hiring of Michael Ellis at a monthly rate of \$400 for approximately 4 hours per week. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #20-02, SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE CALLED ZONING ORDINANCE FOR HENRY COUNTY, EMINENCE, CAMPBELLSBURG, PLEASUREVILLE, NEW CASTLE AND SMITHFIELD, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #20-02.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #20-03, FISCAL YEAR 19/20 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #20-03.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #20-04, FISCAL YEAR 20/21 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #20-04.

Michael reported that he has not had in person contact with property owners regarding possible violations due to Covid19. He has mailed courtesy notices. He is keeping his log for return visits. Most instances have involved grass, street parking and illegal burning.

Scot reported that the banners for the senior sports athletes (approximately 8) will be put on on the 12th. He has already secured use of the bucket truck from Eminence. They will be placed using the existing hardware on the poles.

A valve that was leaking at the 4-way was repaired.

Scot advised that he has accepted a position with LaGrange Utilities and that May 31st will be his last day here. All the commission expressed their gratitude and wished him the best in his new endeavor.

Michael gave the report for the fire department. The Crusade has been postponed until at least August and they currently have enough PPE. All training the keep their certifications are being done online due to the pandemic.

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

We adjourned at 6:30pm.