

## COMMISSION MEETING

August 3, 2020

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6pm. Due to the Covid19 pandemic the meeting was held in the Locker Building. 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 Joey Bramblett and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ellis, Public Works Employee Vincent Bates, Surveyor Albert Harrison, Christitna Ellis and Deputy Josh Jamiel.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to accept the minutes from the July commission meeting as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve all disbursements, deposits and transfers for the month of June. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Deputy Jamiel gave the detailed activity report for July. 24 hours were logged by each deputy.

The sewer agreement with the Tingles has not been executed yet. The Mayor has called twice and left messages. He will continue in his efforts.

Attorney Clubb presented the contract he drafted between the City and Surveyor Harrison. All parties signed the agreement as previously voted on last meeting.

Mr. Harrison reported that there were additional problems with the Castle Creek addition. The current plat was incorrect and incomplete and the farm behind it did not tie in property. To correct these additional issues will cost \$800.00. And at the end the Commission will have to pass a new resolution.

Commission Thompson made the motion to approve payment of the additional \$800. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

There will be a public hearing @ 5:45pm before the September meeting on the 14th (moved to second Monday because of Labor Day) regarding the 2020 tax rates.

There was discussion regarding renewing the music licenses.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to not renew at this time due to current circumstances because of the pandemic. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

There were no cleaning bids received. The Mayor will post to our facebook page.

The member of the P and Z Commission that represented New Castle had to resign because she moved out of the county. We have 60 days to fill the vacancy or the P&Z Commission will appoint someone.

Commissioner Thompson talked to her husband and he agreed to fill this vacancy.

Commissioner Hay made the motion to appoint Todd Thompson to the P&Z Commission. Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor advised that Tommie Tingle would not be renewing his contract with the city as DED. There was discussion. Commissioner Thompson asked that Tommie submit a written resignation for the record even though his official contract ended June 30, 2020. It was also decided, because of current economic conditions not to fill the vacancy at this time.

Michael reported that he has sent out around 20 letters this month, placed numerous phone calls and investigated quite a few complaints. He issued 3 burn permits and took out one criminal complaint. Clean-up New Castle Day is set for September 19th from 8am to 2pm. The dumpster will be located at the city parking lot. Public Works will be assisting.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion directing the City Clerk to file liens on any properties that have tax bills over \$50 and that are delinquent. Commissioner Hay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Joey presented his monthly report. In addition to all the usual daily activities, he and Vincent removed all the flower pots, repaired two leaks, repaired a water service and reformed the ditch on East Cross Main.

Christina reported for the fire department. There will not be a crusade fish fry or road blocks this year because of the pandemic. They will "drop off donations" this Thursday and Friday from 6:30 to 9:30, 8am to 6pm Saturday and 8am to 1pm on Sunday. They have resumed some training.

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

We adjourned at 7pm.