

COMMISSION MEETING

September 14, 2020

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 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, 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, Christina Jones, Akacia Kurtz, and Nathan and Molly Meecham of Maid2order cleaning service.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to accept the minutes from the August commission meetings 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 August. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

No Deputies were able to attend tonight. Deputy Jamiel will drop of August's report to Lynn.

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.

Mr. Harrison has given Attorney Clubb a corrected description of Castle Creek Subdivision along with plat, etc. Josh will have the ordinance drafted for first reading at the October meeting. Second reading and adoption will be conducted at the November meeting and then everything can be filed with the State.

Cleaning bids were opened by Mayor Kurtz and records as follows:

A/	Juliana Hayden	\$400/monthly
B/	Chesser	\$450/monthly
C/	Maid2order	\$300/monthly

All providing their own typical cleaning supplies

There was discussion.

Commissioner Thurman made the motion to award the contract to Maid2order Cleaning Service for \$300 monthly. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

Prior to this meeting the Commission held a public hearing regarding the proposed 2020 property tax rate. There was discussion. It was decided to set the 2020 real and personal property tax rate at .191 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Motor vehicle and boats will be set at .171 per \$100 of assessed value.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #20-05, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #20.05.

Clean up day will be held this Saturday at the city parking lot on West Cross from 8 to 2pm. Joey, Vincent and Michael will be working.

There was discussion regarding Halloween. It was decided to observe the holiday on the 31st from 6-8pm, as usual. It will be at the discretion of each residence to determine if they want to pass out candy/allow their children to trick or treat. The City will not be sponsoring any events due to the Covid19 Pandemic.

Locker rentals were the next item to be addressed. It was decided to continue with the suspension of rentals at this time. This can be revisited monthly as the situation continues to change.

New guidelines applying to sidewalks in the downtown area of the city were reviewed and discussed at length.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #20-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY REGULATING ITEMS THAT ARE ALLOWED ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. Mayor Kurtz and Commissioners Hay, Thompson and Mitchel voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Sevier abstained. The motion passed.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #20-06.

Mayor Kurtz reported that the camera security system has been purchased for \$270.00 and installed at city hall and public works. One camera will be installed at the Locker, if the wireless system allows for the distance. There is no monthly fee.

The new phone system installation is progressing. It is a 3 step process. It should "go live" within the next two weeks.

Michael advised that he has court this Wednesday with a property owner and he is working on several other minor issues. Most in town are in compliance with mowing regulations.

Joey reported that the DOW conducted their inspection last week and everything was fine. He also advised that it has been 15 years since the purchase and installation of electronic meters, (still ¼ of system to go) and there are several not working. It takes over twelve month to send them off and have them returned, re-calibrated. He will be purchasing 20 new meters (approximately \$4,000) in the very near future and will implement a purchase/change out program for our system so it will be 100% radio read.

Christina Jones reported for the Fire Dept. They have resumed some training and the city fire truck required a repair as the packing around the pump was leaking. The bill for the repair should be received soon.

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

We adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.