

## COMMISSION MEETING

November 2, 2020

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, November 2, 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 (who attended via zoom), Public Works Employee Vincent Bates and Deputy Josh Jamiel.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to accept the minutes from all October 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 September. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

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

Deputy Jamiel gave the activity report for the month of October. The three deputies together logged 72 hours.

Mayor Kurtz advised that he still has not been able to talk to the Tingles about signing the annexation agreement. He has left several messages. Attorney Clubb advised that he would write them a letter.

The State has returned our submission correcting the Castle Creek boundaries. The problems with the submission are being addressed and Attorney Clubb will have the ordinance ready for first reading at the December meeting.

Lynn had contacted Mr. Bailey of the State Transportation Dept. regarding what the procedure would be to seek returning the 4 way stop back to a traffic light. Mr. Bailey stated that the light was removed because traffic flow did not warrant it, however, this is incorrect. The City actually requested that it be removed and turned into the four-way in 2002 to try and ease traffic flow especially for the buses and related school traffic. The Mayor will continue to work on this and report at the December meeting.

Mayor Kurtz is also pursuing the traffic issues that have resulted from the design of parking bumpers installed by the county for parking at the courthouse.

Updating the burn ordinance will be addressed in the near future.

There was review of an ordinance changing the “reconnect fee” from \$25 to \$40.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #20-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY AMENDING CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER BILLING PROCEDURES. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #20-07.

Tony gave a report on the “health at home” utility relief fund for water and sewer arrearages. Governor Beshear lifted the moratorium on disconnects for non-payment effective November 6th. However, the city must give each customer 6 months to pay their arrearage.

Michael could not be here tonight.

There was no one from the fire department in attendance.

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

We adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.