

October 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Benham and Commissioners Mitchell and Gatewood. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, City Attorney Joe Yates, MSM/EDC Jeff Thoke, Fire Chief Wesley Benham, Kristen Lowery of Landmark Newspapers, Magistrate Terri Cummings and citizens Dale Mahoney and Bob Cook.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to accept all the minutes from the month of September and also approve all the disbursements. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Deputy Jamiel reported that the deputies are scattering days and times of patrol so that no patters or routines are established. The issues they are currently handling are mostly traffic in nature. 78 hours were logged for the month of September between the four of them.

Richard gave his verbal resignation to the Mayor today, effective today. He will follow-up with a written letter. His current work schedule doesn't allow him to put in the time he feels he needs to do the job effectively.

Regarding the cable franchise Joe advised that the Clerk provided Mr. USellis with the physical addresses of the entities that we are requesting the donation of wifi services for. He will keep the Commission advised of any correspondence regarding this matter.

"Clean-up Day" was discussed. It will be held on a Saturday only and only for resident of New Castle. It will have to be manned to verify residency and to monitor the items being placed in the dumpster. Commissioner Gatewood made the motion that the City secure a dumpster from Rumpke for the one day and have it placed in the city parking lot. The Mayor seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously. Jeff Thoke is to coordinate everything.

Regarding 20 New Street, Joe advised that both the unsafe housing ordinance and the abandoned property ordinance can be brought into play here. Years ago a committee was established to examine abandoned property and to advise the Commission if the property meets the criteria to be taxed at the \$10.00 per \$100.00 of assessed value abandoned property tax rate. There are several other properties this applies to as well. Joe is to ask the previous committee members if they are willing to continue to serve and review the recommended properties. He will report back to the Commission.

Joe advised that he is reviewing and modifying the sample rental property ordinance. He will give the new outline to everyone by the end of the week.

Commissioner Gatewood made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #17-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 87-01 (ENACTED MARCH 2, 1987) TITLED "CITY OF NEW CASTLE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE ORDINANCE". The Mayor seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Joe advised that regarding the county dog warden (animal control officer), years ago the County Judge agreed that he/she was to enforce the city dog ordinances (this was when Donald Bucker was the officer). This is his and the Commission's current understanding as well. Scot has taken a copy of our dog ordinance to Mr. Brent.

Parking barriers in front of the courthouse will be installed in the fall.

The advertisement for bids for the rehab project will appear in this week's Local.

Jeff Thoke advised that the Oddfellows fundraiser went well. He and Joe are investigating tiling options for the center floor of the locker.

Wesley advised that it is fire prevention month.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Gatewood made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

We adjourned at 7:20pm.