

August 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Benham and Commissioners Mitchell, Gatewood, Thompson and Kurtz. Also present was Public Works Director Scot Treece, City Attorney Joe Yates, MSM/EDC Jeff Thoke, Magistrate Terri Cummings, Asst. Fire Chief Lorry Hansen and citizens Dale Mahoney, Danny Holcomb and Kristen Lowery of Landmark Newspapers.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

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

Neither the Sheriff nor the Citation Officer was present to report.

Regarding the cable franchise, Joe is to ask for more specific information regarding the "donation" of video services, specifically to what entities it will apply to. This will be addressed at the September meeting.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to have second reading of Ordinance #17-04, AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND AMENDING §§92.01, 92.03 AND 92.04 OF CHAPTER 92 (NUISANCES) OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attorney Yates gave second reading (by summary) of Ordinance #17-04.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adopt Ordinance #17-04. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Changes to the services contracted with the Sheriff's Office were then addressed. Now deputies will be paid directly for their services with the cost of vehicle and equipment usage paid directly to the Sheriff's Office. There is to be between 68 to 72 hours of patrol monthly between the hours of midnight and 7/8 am at a cost of \$25 to \$27 per hour. Changes to the hours will be made each month to keep them "random". This new arrangement will increase the monthly expense for this budgeted item \$750. There was discussion.

Commissioner Gatewood made the motion to terminate the existing contract with the HC Sheriff's Office effective this date and enter into a new agreement with the Sheriff for \$750 per month for vehicle and equipment usage fees and to contract with various individual deputies for 68-72 hours monthly between the hours of midnight and 7/8am at a cost (individual deputies) of \$25 to \$27 per hour (also effective this date.) The contract with the individual deputies will be for hourly pay only. There are no benefits associated with the contract. They will each be given a 1099 at the end of the year. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Gatewood requested an update of the Citation Officer's activities and progress. Joe and Mayor Benham will be meeting with Richard regarding the Commissions expectations.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to adopt Resolution #17-04, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY SHALL BEAR ANY AND ALL COST OVERRUNS REGARDING THE WATER

AND SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to adopt Resolution #17-05, FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion which did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to give KRW voting creds to Scot Treece with Jody Bramblett being the alternate. Mayor Benham seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Scot advised that the sidewalk assessment from Percision Concrete Cutting yielded 436 hazards with 345 of those being repairable. There are two options:

- a/ fix all 345 (1/4 to 2 inches) at a cost of \$23,718.25
- b/ fix only ½ or above (up to 2) at a cost of \$14,040.00

\$19,900 for paving will not be needed this year and there is approximately \$10,000 in the LGEAF. The subject was tabled to the September meeting. This will give Scot the opportunity to look at Eminence's repairs and read over the project proposal.

There will be a public hearing at 6:45pm on Monday September 11, 2017 for the purpose of reviewing the 2017 proposed property tax rate.

Jeff Thoke advised the following:

1. 1 more bench to be installed-donated by Elaine Johnson
2. The Oddfellows historic marker will be installed next week with the unveiling following the homecoming parade.
3. Fans and lights installed at locker with bulbs changed to brighter lumens.
4. The Pub is going to "redo" their façade; Jeff is assisting them with this.

Scot advised that we are now waiting on approval from the DLG to let out for bids and the approval from the Transportation Cabinet on the depth of the drain on south main street. Hopefully all will be taken care of this month.

Lorry advised that the fire department had to spend \$7,000 on truck repairs. There are members that are going to training in September at the Jefferson Co. Fire School, elections are coming up and the audit has been completed.

Mayor advised that the city attorney is working on several delinquent property tax bills.

Danny Holcomb commented that he is happy with the police scheduling and the new nuisance ordinance.

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

Minutes were taken by Commissioner Thompson as Lynn was absent due to the death of her husband.