

December 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Benham and Commissioners Mitchell, Gatewood, Thompson and Kurtz. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, Attorney Josh Clubb, CEO Joe Durbin, Jeff Thoke MSM/EDC, Fire Chief Wesley Benham and Lorry Hansen, Danielle Story of KIPDA, Magistrate Terri Cummings, Tammy Shaw of Landmark Newspapers, Deputy Josh Jamiel and Citizens Akacia Kurtz, Dale Mahoney, Sein Davis and Bobby King and Bob Cook business owner.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the public hearing regarding the water and sewer line replacement and rehab project. The City is in the process of closing out the project and this public hearing is a closeout requirement for the grant. A report on the project was given by Ms. Story of KIPDA. There were no questions and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Gatewood made the motion to approve the minutes and disbursements for the month of November as submitted. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Deputy Jamiel gave the report for the activity for the month of November. He advised that Deputy Stewart has completed the canine certification last Friday.

Jeff Thoke gave a recap of the last twelve months regarding Mainstreet and Economic Development. He advised that the focus now needs to move away from "mainstreet" and center on Economic Development. His last day as MSM/EDC will be December 31, 2018.

There was discussion on the program, focus and filling the position.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to actively pursue for a new Economic Development Co-Ordinator to fill out the current fiscal year. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Scot thanked the Fire Dept. for all of their assistance during the recent ice storm.

Lorry Hansen submitted the monthly financial report for the Fire Dept. Chief Benham advised that they had 13 runs in November half of which were structure fires. The tires are not on the truck yet and the repair bill for the city fire truck was less than expected coming in at \$1990.54. They city will be reimbursing the fire dept. for this expense. The last of the new air packs arrived today and they will be training with them over the next few weeks.

Joe Durbin advised that there will be several properties in court in January.

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Commission, Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

We adjourned at 7:30pm