

April 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Bobby King and Commissioners Thompson, Kurtz, Mitchell and Sevier. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, Attorney Josh Clubb, CEO Joe Durbin, DED Tommie Tingle, Chief Wesley Benham, Asst. Chief Lorry Hansen, Tammy Shaw of Landmark Newspapers, Deputy Josh Jamiel and several citizens.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes and disbursements for the month of March. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Deputy Jamiel gave the report for the activity for the month of March. 58 hours were logged for the City.

Further investigation is needed into Code Enforcement Boards. Attorney Clubb advised that he has some concerns as it may not be feasible for a city our size. More information will be gathered and this item will be addressed sometime in the future.

Commissioner Thompson addressed the verbal resignation of Joe Durbin last meeting. She recommended that the Commission not accept. The way his contract is written, he can fill the required monthly hours working around the time he will be out of town. Everyone was in agreement.

A donation to Harvest Showcase was briefly discussed.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion that the City participate at the bronze level which is \$100. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion which did carry unanimously.

Attorney Clubb has reviewed and approved the mutual aid agreement between the city of Bedford and the city of New Castle as it pertains to each respective certified sewer operator provide coverage for the other when out of town.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve the agreement as written. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion that the City of New Castle contract with Joshua Clubb, on a retainer basis, for his services as official City Attorney. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion did carry unanimously.

Tommie advised that he has received two quotes for the concrete floor at the locker. He recommended that the City contract with James Loudon Concrete at a cost of \$6670.00. He provided the more complete quote. There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion that the city contract with Mr. Loudon for the locker floor at a cost not to exceed \$6670.00. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Tommie also advised that the Preservation Board needs to be reinstated. Michelle Guthrie has agreed to continue to serve. New members, if appointed, will be Phyllis Smith, Dave Stahl, Corey Beatty and Zak Yates.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to appoint the aforementioned individuals to serve on the New Castle Preservation Board. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Terms of the members will be assigned at the May meeting of the Commission.

Tommie is working with some local students who will create a video of the City (to include aerial footage) to be posted to the website. He has also been advised by the Farmer's Market that because of the courthouse reno, they will be setting up in the shady area behind the Berry Center this summer.

Joe Durbin advised that grass issues are right around the corner. Parking violations on East Cross Main have been resolved and dogs are the biggest problems at the current time. He has dealt with two recent calls on aggressive dogs and he is working with their owners.

One violator, continuing in non-compliance, has been found guilty by the Court and was issued a \$6,000 fine plus \$100 per day until compliance is obtained. If not paid in full by September 4, 2019, jail will be ordered. Joe advised that no progress at all has been made on the property. He has spoken with the County Attorney who advised him that Attorney Clubb could file a petition in court for the City asking them to grant the City the right to clean-up the property and then file a lien to recoup the cost.

The other court case resulted in complete compliance. If they stay in compliance until September 4, 2019 everything will be dropped.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to direct the City Clerk to file liens on all property that the 2018 taxes remain unpaid as of April 15, 2019. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to direct the City Clerk to close the checking account "Water/Sewer Line Replac. Rehab" as the project is complete and closed out. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Scot advised that the school zone striping has not been done yet. He has reached out to the contractor for a time line of completion.

Scot also advised that he gave the Mayor a petition requesting the removal of the one way designation of part of Carter Street. There were several citizens in attendance regarding this matter. The Mayor stated that there were 9 legal properties involved in the 233 foot of street and the petition only had 3 legal signatures. The Mayor also read a list of why he feels the designation is needed. The Commission chose not to address the issue any further.

Chief Benham gave his monthly report and provided the financial report. They are holding a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser on April the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Work is currently being done to obtain a dollar figure regarding surveying as it pertains to possible annexation. A report will be delivered at the May meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission or be addressed, Commissioner Sevier made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

We adjourned at 7:55pm.