

August 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, August 5, 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, Taylor Riley of Landmark Newspapers, Fire Chief Wesley Benham and Asst. Chief "Conan" and other members of the department.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

Deputy Jamiel is attending training. The report for the month of July will be given to Lynn. The schedule for August was dropped off and was distributed to the Commission before the meeting.

Attorney Clubb talked about the proposed change to the P&Z ordinance that would regulate B-3 District street level residential usage. This has been presented to other cities as well for review. First reading will be held at the September meeting. Each city will adopt independently.

There was discussion regarding the Preservation Sinking Fund.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion directing the City Clerk to establish a new account at the bank entitled Preservation Sinking Fund and to pay into the fund \$400.00 monthly beginning with the month of July. The Mayor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Regarding annexation, Scot previously obtained a figure of \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the survey. There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to direct Attorney Clubb to start proceedings to annex an area south of New Castle, to contact the surveyor to obtain a price and draw up the contract outlining the scope of work. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously. This will be an agenda item for September.

There was discussion regarding the City's participation in the KY I-71 Economic Development Alliance.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion that the City discontinue participation in this program. Commissioner Thompson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The regular monthly meeting for September will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> due to the first Monday being the Labor Day holiday. Also, there will be a public hearing at 6:45pm on that date regarding the 2019 property tax rate.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance 19-04, ORDINANCE AMENDING EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN AND PERSONNEL COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #19-04.

Tommie advised that the City will be hosting a "cruise in" on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Also music licensing will cost up to \$1600.00 (there are 4 entities). He needs to know if the Commission wants to pursue purchasing the licenses.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion directing Tommie to license with all four entities at a cost not to exceed \$1600.00. The Mayor seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Corey Beatty is working on a walking tour map for the City and a ghost tour map that will be completed in time for the Halloween season.

Joe Durbin presented his report for July. He issued 12 new citations and made a lot of personal contacts. Three violations were referred to the County Atty. There will be four 2<sup>nd</sup> notices sent out this week and if compliance is not met, they will be referred to the County Atty as well.

Chief Benham gave an update on FD activity.

There was brief discussion regarding a donation to the Berry Center for the newsletter.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to donate \$100 to the Berry Center. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

As there was no further to be addressed, Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion which did carry unanimously.

We adjourned at 7:55pm.