

February 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Bobby King and Commissioners Thompson, Kurtz and Sevier. Also present was Attorney Josh Clubb, CEO Joe Durbin, Lorry Hansen, Tammy Shaw of Landmark Newspapers, Deputy Josh Jamiel, Tommie Tingle and Amy Jamison and several citizens.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

Deputy Jamiel gave the report for the activity for the month of January.

The Director of Economic Development position was briefly discussed.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to hire Tommie Tingle to fill the position of Director of Economic Development. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Amy Jamison addressed the Commission giving information regarding the Youth Strong Mentoring Program thru Tri-County.

The Mayor advised that he has distributed rx cards to area businesses. They are provided by KLC.

Joe Durbin passed out packets regarding code enforcements boards. These will be reviewed by the Commission and the subject will be an agenda item in March.

Scot advised that he checked into all options for slowing traffic on Church Street to the school and he gave a review.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to stripe Church Street at both ends advising of a school zone and to request the Sheriff Deputies conduct additional patrols. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

There was also discussion of making Carter Street from Center to Spring one way. Some residents were complaining about passing cars having to get off the roadway and leaving ruts.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to make Carter from Center to Spring one way. Commissioner Sevier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lorry advised that the tires for the fire truck are on back order and the air packs from the grant should be here Friday. Fire Dept. volunteers are helping deliver food to individuals that are shut-in and can't get out.

Joe Durbin advised that the Odd Fellows are making progress and this past weekend a lot was done. He is working on numerous parking complaints and dog issues are not as pronounced at this time. Several court proceedings in the next month.

Josh Clubb advised he is working on a foreclosure complaint.

Commissioner Sevier said that a “spring fling” has been scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in June and that Thursday night is a festival meeting. He is soliciting for sponsorships. He is to come back to the Commission with more information. He also advised that the Relay for Life Committee would like to hold the event on June 22nd this year in New Castle with street closures from 4pm to 10pm.

Linda Moore (resides at NC Elderly Apts.) keeps putting screws in her tires. Josh Jamiel was asked that the deputies keep an eye out.

Bob and Ann Cook presented a proposal to rent the Locker on a permanent basis.

The Locker is a rental hall only to be used for one or two day events, nothing long term.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion that the City not accept the proposal of Bob and Ann Cook (HC Helping Hands) and Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Kurtz and Mayor King voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Sevier abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

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

Adjourned at 7:58pm.

The minutes were graciously taken by Commissioner Thompson in the absence of City Clerk Lynn Adams due to a scheduling conflict.