

July 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, July 1, 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, Deputy Josh Jamiel, Stacie Rockaway, Taylor Riley of Landmark Newspapers, business owner Kelli Weakly and citizens Tommy and Debra Pollard.

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.

Stacy Rockaway of Congressman Massie's office advised assistance at the federal level she can provide and she handed out new brochures with contact info. She also advised it is best to call when wanting to voice an opinion for or against a proposed bill.

Deputy Jamiel presented the activity report for the month of June and advised that 66 hours were logged for the City between the three contracted deputies.

Attorney Clubb advised that he had spoken with Attorney Bill Brammell regarding a possible zone text amendment. Mr. Brammell advised that the cities of Eminence, Pleasureville and Campbellsburg were all receptive to the text amendment proposal. He will have the draft ready soon and will distribute to New Castle and the other cities for review.

The City Clerk requested that the Commission remove the restriction of requiring two signatures on payroll checks and transfers on amounts over \$200. This will allow her to issue payroll checks electronically and also transfer funds as needed between city held accounts.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to remove the requirement of two signatures on payroll checks and transfers between the city accounts. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

Tommie advised that there is a new business in town (Kelli Weakly) and another new business will be opening within the coming months and there is also one expansion of a currently operating business planned. The Preservation Board is working on a walking tour map for the City. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a "history night" in the Locker with Hammer Smith as speaker. The second half of the night will be dedicated to Joe Yates. The façade grant will officially be renamed the Joseph S. Yates Jr. Façade Grant and there will be a special presentation to his family and speakers. There are also other planned city events, hopefully one per month from now thru the end of the year. A "cruise in" has been scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> and other events are being worked on.

Scot advised the project punch list is still waiting on the contractor. The old barn on the city lot is falling down and it will be removed in the very near future.

Josh Clubb is to obtain info regarding the city hiring a surveyor in order to move forward with annexation proposals.

Joe Durbin advised that one nuisance ordinance violator has finally been served after a year. It turn out there was an address error on the subpoena. This case will be moving forward in the court system now. Final disposition of one case is scheduled for September and they will be released if they remain in compliance. Another case set for September must satisfy the requirement of their fine paid in full or they will have to serve jail time. A new 2<sup>nd</sup> case has been filed against the same individuals. They remain in non-compliance. The Citizens Deposit Bank obtained the old grocery and duplex back at the foreclosure sale. The contractor hired to mow and weed backed out of the job. A new one has been hired and he is to begin the clean up tomorrow morning. The owner of the three lots on Adcock Street refuses to mow. Joe has gone to the County Attorney who has sent a 10 day letter. The usual process will be followed.

The Mayor stated that the City will start a "flower pot adoption" which will allow individuals or businesses to sponsor a flower pot, plant and maintain the vegetation.

Mr. Pollard advised he is still concerned about the 4-wheelers being ridden in Castle Creek.

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

We adjourned at 7:35pm.