

September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, September, 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, Tammy Shaw of Landmark Newspapers and citizens Corey and Harriet Beatty, Zak Yates, Danny Holcomb, Phyllis Smith and Dale Mahoney.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

Jeff Woods of Raisor, Zapp & Woods presented the 18/19 fiscal year audit.

Deputy Jamiel submitted the report for the month of August. 72 hours were logged for the City.

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. Attorney Clubb will have the amendment ready for first reading at the October meeting.

Commissioner Thurman made the motion to have second reading of ORDINANCE #19-04, ORDINANCE AMENDING EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN AND PERSONNEL COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTCKY. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

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

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adopt Ordinance #19-04. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Regarding annexation, Surveyor Joseph Miler needs to obtain information from the PVA and from the city. A bid is to be secured from him for further action at the October meeting.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to set the 2019 real and personal property tax rate at .195 cents per \$100 of assessed value and have first reading of Ordinance #19-05, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #19-05.

There will be a special meeting of the Commission held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 11am to have 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance #19-05.

The Mayor reported that the fire department would like to partner with the City in conducting a toy drive this year for toys to be distributed by Santa as part of light up New Castle. Toys will be dropped off at the FD and City Hall. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts. The Commission was in favor of this activity.

The Mayor advised that Charter/Spectrum will be raising rates beginning in October.

Mayor King announced his resignation, due to health reasons, effective 9/9/19.

Attorney Clubb reported that per KRS, once the Commission holds its next regular or special meeting the resignation becomes immediately effective and the Commission has 30 days from that date to appoint an individual to serve as Mayor. His or Her term will end December 31, 2020.

Tommie Tingle stated that the City has purchased 3 of the 4 music licenses needed. The remaining license costs \$450.00 and approval is needed as this amount will exceed the total allotted for this expenditure.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion that the City purchase the license from Global Music Rights at a cost of \$450.00. Commissioner Thompson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The car cruise in is to be held this Friday, the 13th. There has been tremendous response to the event on Facebook.

The Berry Center would like to borrow the chairs at the locker for an event at their location. Tommie requested Commission approval for this. Approval was given, provided that they replace the, if indeed any are broken.

The locker has been rented 20 times since January of this year and currently we have 12 rentals scheduled between now and December 31st.

A "zombie walk" and "ghost tour" are also in the works as events in the very near future. East Cross Main will be closed on Halloween so the churches can co-host hold trunk or treat.

Light up New Castle will be held on the 6th of December.

Joe Durbin advised that one case has been completed in court to the City's satisfaction/favor. 3 cases still remain. He has filed 4 new criminal complaints with the Co. Atty and in addition they have sent out 6 non-compliance letters, which if not remedied will turn into criminal complaints.

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

We adjourned at 7:50pm.