

September 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the New Castle City Commission was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00pm at New Castle City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Benham and Commissioners Mitchell, Gatewood and Kurtz. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Director Scot Treece, Attorney Josh Clubb, CEO Joe Durbin, Magistrate Terri Cummings, Tammy Shaw of Landmark Newspapers, Deputy Josh Jamiel and Citizens Sein Davis and Bobby King.

Mayor Benham called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Gatewood made the motion to accept all the minutes from the month of August and also approve all the disbursements. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Deputy Jamiel presented the activity report for the month of August. There were no questions.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to have second reading of Ordinance #18-08, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AS A NUISANCE. Commissioner Mitchel seconded the motion which did carry unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave second reading of Ordinance #18-08.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adopt Ordinance #18-08. The Mayor seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Regarding the four-plex at the corner of North Property and Cedar Streets, Deputy Jamiel advised that there has been no activity of any kind at that location. Joe Durbin advised that regarding code violations, legal action has begun with the County Attorney.

Prior to this meeting, the Commission held a public hearing regarding the 2018 tax rate for real and personal property. The two rates allowed this year are .188 or .195.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to set the 2018 real and personal property tax rate at .195 cents per \$100 of assessed value .The Mayor seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Gatewood made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #18-09, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #18-09.

There will be a special meeting on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 2:30pm at city hall in order to have second reading and adoption of ordinance #18-09.

There was discussion of the City sponsoring a dumpster again this fall in order to give the residents of New Castle an easily accessible option to get rid of some of their "junk".

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion that the City sponsor a dumpster for the 13th of October from the hours of 8am to 3pm. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Scot

is to contact Rumpke and the Commission would like a sign advertising the opportunity placed at the 4-way stop and ads placed in the local.

The Mayor advised that the fire department did receive the \$80,000 grant to purchase new air packs and related equipment. He also advised that Lorry and Denise Hansen have "retired" from the department due to many family obligations. He does not know about the tires that were needed but will check with the Chief and advise the Commission at the October meeting.

Joe Durbin stated that he is working a lot of dog complaints, specifically about several constantly running loose and some walking their dogs leaving behind "waste products". He continues to work grass issues but the most pressing one has been taken care of by the City and a lien placed against the property. The first case to go all the way thru the court system has just been completed. They were found guilty and fined \$6,000. If they have not complied fully by the 31st of October the \$6,000 will be due in full and if not paid jail time will be mandated. If fully compliant by that date no fine will be due. There are several other properties he will be taking to the County Attorney tomorrow.

Scot advised that there are a few minor items to be done by the contractor before the rehab project can be completed closed out. These items should be taken care of within the month.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gatewood seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

We adjourned at 7:34pm.