

September 13, 2021

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6pm. Present was Mayor Kurtz and Commissioners Mitchell, Thompson, Sevier and Hay. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, City Attorney Josh Clubb, Public Works Director Joey Bramblett, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ellis and from the Fire Department Sabrina Doll.

Mayor Kurtz called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes from all August meetings as presented. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. The motion did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to approve all disbursements, deposits and transfers for the month of August. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioners Thompson and Sevier reviewed all balances in city held accounts using the online banking service.

Jeff Woods of Raisor, Zapp & Woods presented the completed 2021 fiscal audit and it was reviewed.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to accept and approve the 2021 fiscal audit as presented. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Joey advised that the repair to the locker was complete with the exception of the installation of the new gutters.

The Mayor advised that KIPDA is offering assistance in managing and reporting as it pertains to the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, at a cost of 1% of the City's allotment. Which would consist of two payments, the first one due upon execution of the agreement (\$1215.81) and the second payment in the amount of \$1215.81 upon receipt of the 2nd disbursement of ARPA funds. There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion that the City of New Castle contract with KIPDA at a total cost of \$2431.62 for their services as it relates to the ARPA funds and to authorize Mayor Kurtz to execute all documents necessary. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb advised that he has spoken with Amanda Ricketts of P&Z and the 911 Board. She advised that the City could elect to add a second name to the section of Carter Street between S. Main Street and Center Street and no legal action would be necessary for that.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to add a second name to that portion of Carter Street and to name it "Joe Yates Lane". Commissioner Hay seconded the motion and it carried

unanimously. Joey is to order signs. Lynn or Commissioner Hay will contact Joe Wright of the Odd Fellows Lodge to inform them of this decision and see if they wish to hold a ceremony.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to set the 2022 motor vehicle and watercraft tax rate at 17.100 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The Mayor seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

The 2021 ad valorem and tangible tax rate was discussed.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to set the 2021 ad valorem and tangible tax rate at 19.100 cents per \$100 of assessed value and to have first reading of Ordinance #21-06, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave first reading of Ordinance #21-06.

Mayor Kurtz advised that Holli Hunt has volunteered to serve as the City's representative on the HC Economic Development Board and the Commission needed to formally approve her appointment.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to appoint Ms. Hollie Hunt as the City's representative to the HC Economic Development Board. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Michael verbally presented his monthly report.

Joey advised that in order to proceed with water/sewer projects using the ARPA funds, the City needs to advertise for RFQ for engineering services. There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to advertise for the RFQ for engineering services. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Joey and Lynn will compile the ad and the hope is to have the opening in time to allow a contract award at the November meeting.

Sabrina gave the monthly report for the Fire Department.

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

We adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.