

July 7, 2025

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6pm. Present was Mayor Phoebe Thompson, Commissioners Cheryl Hay, Tony Kurtz and Charlie Sevier. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, (City Attorney Josh Clubb attended by phone) and citizen Todd Thompson and Joe Durbin of the HC Local.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to accept the minutes from all June meetings as presented. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The motion did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Hay made the motion to approve all financial activity for June of 2025. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sevier checked online balances of all city held accounts.

54 hours were logged for the City by three deputies for the month of June with 19 traffic stops, 9 citations, 1 arrest, 7 attempts to serve, 21 complaints investigated and 14 other incidences handled.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to approve the deputy contracts for the fiscal year 25/26. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion to possibly payoff the 2006 sewer Rural Development note. The current balance is approximately \$100,000 and the maturity date is 2044. The interest rate is 4.25%.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to direct the City Clerk to contact Rural Development for the dollar amount and payoff instructions and to complete the payoff transaction using the funds in the Sewer 2006 Sinking Fund account along with the funds in the Sewer Sinking account (the note attached to this account has already been paid off). Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

The stop signs have been installed at the Center/Church Street intersection.

The property on Center Street that has mostly fallen down continues to be ignored by the property owner. Attorney Clubb previously sent the owner a letter and there has not been a reply or any action taken to correct the issue. The Commission directed Attorney Clubb to take the next step in the process to get the matter properly taken care of.

It has been reported that there has been complaints received of dangerous driving by someone in a white SUV that belongs to the Fire Dept. Mayor Thompson will address this issue with Chief Benham.

As there was no further business to be addressed tonight, Commissioner Sevier made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.