

June 2, 2025

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6pm. Present was Mayor Phoebe Thompson, Commissioners Cheryl Hay, Tony Kurtz, Charlie Sevier and Jennifer Delling. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, City Attorney Josh Clubb and citizens Akacia Kurtz, William & Kimberly Branch and Dale Mahoney 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 May meetings as presented. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion. The motion did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Delling made the motion to approve all financial activity for May of 2025. Commissioner Hay 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 May with 19 traffic stops, 5 citations, 1 arrest, 10 attempts to serve, 1 case opened, 13 complaints investigated and 8 other incidences handled.

Commissioner Hay made the motion to have 2nd reading of Ordinance #25-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, CLASSIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave 2nd reading of Ordinance #25-01.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adopt Ordinance #25-01. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sevier made the motion to have 2nd reading of Ordinance #25-02, FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Delling seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave second reading of Ordinance #25-02.

Commissioner Hay made the motion to adopt Ordinance #25-02. Commissioner Kurtz seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to have 2nd reading of Ordinance #25-03, FISCAL YEAR 25-26 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave second reading of Ordinance #25-03.

Commissioner Delling made the motion to adopt Ordinance #25-03. Commissioner Sevier seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Thompson presented a COA that had been turned in from the Berry Center regarding the log cabin that houses their bookstore. They were having foundation issues, which upon repair, caused further repairs and eventually the building had to undergo extensive restoration in order to preserve it. Nothing was changed or added.

Commissioner Delling made the motion to approve the COA from the Berry Center regarding the log cabin. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Mayor Thompson advised that options were investigated regarding Church/Center streets. It has been decided that a three-way stop will be created at the intersection of Church Street-Center Street-Osage Drive. This will be done in time for citizens to get used to the new traffic pattern well before the start of the new school year.

Mayor Thomspn also advised that after speaking with the USPS and other authorities, allowing street parking outside of designated parking areas is not an option at this time.

As there was no further business to be conducted, Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Delling did second the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.