October 5, 2026

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6pm. Present was Mayor Phoebe Thompson, Commissioners Tony Kurtz, Cheryl Hay and Jennifer Delling. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, Public Works Dir. Joey Bramblett, City Attorney Josh Clubb, Fire Chief Steve Judy and his wife, Amy Foree owner of “The Henry”, Joe Durbin of the Local and citizen Todd Thompson.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to approve all financial activity for September of 2026. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Mayor Thompson checked online balances in city held accounts.

The monthly deputy activity report will be submitted to the City Clerk tomorrow as neither Deputy was available this evening and will be added to these minutes.*

Attorney Clubb presented an ordinance draft pertaining to nuisances and unsafe property that would replace those currently on the books. The state laws governing this changed in April of 2026. The ordinance was reviewed.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to have first reading of Ordinance #26-04, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY, REPLEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 132 AND AMENDING SECTION 92.04 OF THE NEW CASTLE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR NUISANCE AND UNSAFE PROPERTY ABATEMENT, NOTICE, HEARINGS, DEMOLITION, COST RECOVERY AND LIENS. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave 1st reading of Ordinance #26-04.

Amy Foree addressed the Commission concerning a slight change from the previous submitted and approved COA regarding the garage door at 10 Court St.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to approve the change as presented. Commissioner Delling seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Commissioner Delling advised that there is now a festival committee of 5 working on trunk or treat to be held on October 31st on East Cross Main Street.

Commissioner Hay made the motion that the City of New Castle hold city-wide trick or treat from 6pm to 8pm on Saturday, October 31, 2026. Commissioner Delling seconded the motion which did carry unanimously.

Commissioner Kurtz advised that the FD has adopted a new set of by-laws that were drawn up by Attorney Alan Zaring. These bylaws set up a board consisting of the Commissioner in charge of public safety, two citizen members and two FD members. The individuals named as citizen members were Danny Holcomb and Ben Farris and the two FD members were Jodie Judy and Zack Neil. .

Chief Judy presented the monthly financial and activity reports. They have $87,561.38 in funds.

As there was no further business to be addressed at tonights meeting, Commissioner Delling made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

*The deputy report for the month of September consisted of a total of 64 hours between the two deputies. There were 14 traffic stops, 6 citations issued, 2 arrests made, 1 accident investigated, 14 complaints covered and 13 other incidents handled. *