

September 14, 2026

The New Castle City Commission meeting was held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6pm. Present was Mayor Phoebe Thompson, Commissioners Tony Kurtz, Cheryl Hay, Sarah Golden and Jennifer Delling. Also present was City Clerk Lynn Adams, City Attorney Josh Clubb, Fire Chief Steve Judy, Amy Foree owner of "The Henry", Lorry Hansen and Jeff Woods of Raisor, Zapp & Woods.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

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

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

Mayor Thompson checked online balances in city held accounts.

Jeff Woods presented and reviewed the audit for year ending June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Golden made the motion to approve and accept the audit as presented. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion which did carry unanimously.

There was no deputy able to report in person tonight. The monthly report for August was given to the City Clerk prior to the meeting. 64 hours were logged for the City by Deputy Jamiel and Napier for the month of August. There were 15 traffic stops, 5 citations issued, 1 arrest made, 14 complaints addressed, 5 cases opened, 17 other incidences handled.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to have second reading of Ordinance #26-03, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion and it did carry unanimously.

Attorney Clubb gave second reading of Ordinance #26-03.

Commissioner Kurtz made the motion to adopt Ordinance #26-03, setting the real and personal property tax rate for 2026 at 13.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value and the motor vehicle and watercraft tax rate for 2027 at 17.1 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Commissioner Delling seconded the motion. It did carry unanimously.

Mayor Thompson presented the COA submitted by Amy Foree, owner of "The Henry" and Mrs. Foree did give an update on the property. The COA was reviewed.

Commissioner Delling made the motion to approve the COA (certificate of appropriateness). Commissioner Golden seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The hiring of a Code Enforcement/Citation Office was discussed along with the creation of a Code Enforcement Board.

Commissioner Hay made the motion directing the City Clerk to place an ad for this position in the HC Local. Commissioner Delling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Attorney Clubb will have all the information needed at the October meeting to address the Code Enforcement Board creation and appointments.

Fire Chief Judy stated that the current balance in fire department accounts total \$87,115.00.

Commissioner Delling made the motion that the City form a festival committee. She will lead the committee as this is her assigned business unit. Commissioner Golden seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to be discussed, Commissioner Delling made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Golden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.