

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
MASONIC HALL – 1406 WILMINGTON ROAD – NEW CASTLE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2000 – 7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Councilman DiAngelo
Councilman Marinelli
Councilman Reese

Councilman Davis
President Blest

Also, present Mayor Houben, Mr. Robert Martin, City Administrator, Herb Swanson, Housing Enforcement Official, Rick Harrison, Director of Public Works, Jeff Bergstrom, Building Official, Lt. Patrick Cannon, Officer in charge of New Castle City Police, Gerald Kavanaugh, City Solicitor and attached list of audience.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Martin read the committee reports and announced they are available at the City Administration Building.

<u>Police Department Report</u>	-	<u>December 1999</u>
<u>Building Official's Report</u>	-	<u>December 1999</u>
<u>Public Works Report</u>	-	<u>December 1999</u>
<u>Health and Housing Report</u>	-	<u>December 1999</u>
<u>Finance Report</u>	-	<u>December 1999</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Janet Carlin, City Treasurer read the report for the month ending December 1999. Mr. DiAngelo motioned that all reports be accepted as read. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES BY DATE:

President Blest asked if council had read the minutes and if anyone had any changes or corrections. Council had no changes. Mr. Reese motioned that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Marinelli seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Blest read a letter from the Arasapha Garden Club in which they applied for a grant of \$1,000 from the city to help pay for expenses incurred in the beautification and improvement of New Castle. The Christmas decorating cost the club over \$2000. The trustees gave the club \$750. Mr. Reese made a motion for the city to give the Arasapha Garden Club a grant in the amount of \$1000. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Mayor Houben read a letter from Mr. Meddleson of the Visitors Bureau informing council that they will take advantage of the \$7,000 grant from the Main Street Program USA.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Mr. Ned Hutchinson spoke regarding the beautification of the city. He felt there was a lot of garbage littering New Castle City that should be removed. Mr. Martin stated that the work release inmates would soon be helping with cleaning up the litter in the city.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Houben stated he had no business to discuss at this time.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

President Blest read a letter from Mayor Houben to council regarding a proposed recreational park to be built by Greggo and Ferrara on Route 9. The park will even have a track for all terrain vehicles. Mayor Houben is worried about the increase of traffic through our city.

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8. Mrs. Russell of Washington Park reminded council about the stop sign between 12th and Juniper needed to be replaced.

Mr. Reese made a motion that council adjourn the regular public meeting and go into executive session. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Council convened into executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss with the city solicitor the terms of proposed leasing of Bull Hill Boat Yard.

After much discussion regarding the land leasing issue, Councilman Marinelli made a motion to return to open session. Councilman DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon return to open session, being no further business the council meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia K. Fuller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Patricia K. Fuller
City Clerk