

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE
TUESDAY – MARCH 13, 2001 – 6:30 PM**

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the proposed Parade/Assembly Ordinance.

President Blest opened the meeting to the public for discussion. Comments from the floor consisted of questions regarding rain dates, the consumption of alcohol and insurance issues. Mr. Martin stated the city has an alcohol beverage ordinance. Mr. Reese explained when the wharf dance is held we have to submit to the State Alcohol Beverage Commission for a permit. Council explained that individuals interested in holding a parade or assembly must submit a written request 30 days in advance to council. Council decided that a few minor changes needed to be made to the ordinance prior to the first and second reading.

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REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE
TUESDAY – March 13, 2001 – 7:00 PM**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT	Councilman DiAngelo	Councilman Davis
	Councilman Marinelli	Councilman Reese
	President Blest	

Also, present Mayor Houben, Mr. Robert Martin, City Administrator, Mrs. Jean Williamson, Council Secretary, Mr. Jeff Bergstrom, Building Official and attached list of audience.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Martin read the following reports:

Police Department Report	-	February 2001
Building Official's Report	-	February 2001
Public Works Report	-	February 2001
Finance and Human Resource Report	-	February 2001

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Janet Carlin, City Treasurer read the treasurer's report for the month ending February 2001.

Mr. Reese made a motion that all committee reports and the treasurer's report be accepted as read. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BY DATE:

President Blest asked if council had read the minutes and if there were any questions or changes. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications from the Mayor and Council this evening.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. John DiMondi stated council should reconsider the Deemer property – council is giving the property away. He feels it should be part of a settlement negotiation.
2. Paul Flannigan wants council to wait until they get report from EPA. Council President Blest said that DNREC had been working on it.
3. Dominic Balascio was concerned about whether or not the contaminated portion of the land would effect the clean part. Mr. Robert Dick, owner of Deemer Steel, tried to assure the audience that DNREC would not approve any one part of the property unless it is all clean.

All of council explained to the audience that this was merely a request from the property owners to sub-divide their property. There was no reason that council should refuse the request.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Houben had no business to discuss at this time.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

President Blest had no business to discuss at this time.

BUSINESS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Martin read several items of interest to the audience at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **1st and 2nd reading of Parade/Assembly Ordinance No. 398.** Mr. Reese read the Parade/Assembly Ordinance No. 398 by title only. The 3rd and final reading will be in April after Mr. Kavanaugh makes a few adjustments to the wording.

2. **3rd and final reading of Ordinance No. 397, Amending the code of New Castle, Section #156-5, Business License Fees.** Mr. Davis read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the ordinance as read. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS;

1. **Resolution No. 2001-06 amending the code of the City of New Castle, Chapter 156 thereof, entitled Licenses, to change Fees for Licenses from time to time.** Mr. Davis read the resolution in its entirety. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consideration of Resolution #2001-08 approving a Minor Subdivision for property located on West 9th Street (Deemer Steel.)** Mr. DiAngelo read the resolution in its entirety. Mr. Marinelli made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Presentation of audit for FY 1999-2000.** Mr. Davis asked that this item be tabled at this time due to glitches in the accountant's computer system. Item tabled.
4. **Consideration of Resolution No. 2001-07 approving a minor subdivision for property located on West 3rd Street.** President Blest stated that he was making a motion to table this resolution at this time. He stated he had just received the letter from the planning commission approving the minor subdivision with 6 stipulations on the approval. Mr. DiAngelo stated he saw no reason to table the motion unless the city solicitor recommended to. Mr. Kavanaugh was in the audience and strongly recommended tabling the resolution until the validity of the conditions of the recommendation can be reviewed. Mr. Marinelli seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Cindy Natale from 705 W. 11th Street told of the Municipal Services cutting off her water for non-payment. She feels that the Municipal Services should send certified letters before cutting off services. However they had turned the water back on as Mrs. Natale has a handicapped child.
2. Charles Cobb (of the Planning Commission) could not understand why it took 3 weeks to get a letter from the Planning Commission to City Council.

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3. John DiMondi said he found it ironic that council could pass the Deemer Resolution and not the West 3rd Street Resolution.
4. Gene Petty (of Buttonwood) said that the Marmon Keystone gate was supposed to be unlocked for emergency use only. However, he said that it is being used for general traffic, trucks going in and out. Council stated Mr. Martin will check it out in the morning as they did have an agreement to keep the gate locked.

President Blest then entertained a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

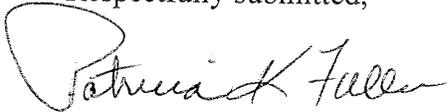
Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Patricia K. Fuller*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2001 AS DICTATED BY
MR. ROBERT MARTIN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 9:10 p.m. The meeting included Gerald Kavanaugh, city solicitor and Chief Kevin McDerby. A personnel issue within the city police department was discussed. Mr. Reese made a motion to adjourn the executive session and being no further business to discuss adjourn the public meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia K. Fuller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Patricia K. Fuller
City Clerk