

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE
TUESDAY – APRIL 10, 2001 – 7:00 PM**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Councilman DiAngelo
Councilman Marinelli
President Blest

Councilman Davis
Councilman Reese

Also, present Mayor Houben, Mr. Robert Martin, City Administrator, Chief Kevin McDerby, of the New Castle Police Department, Mrs. Jean Williamson, Council Secretary, and attached list of audience.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Martin read the following reports:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mayor Houben stated he sent letters to local organizations regarding the parking problem within New Castle on special event days. Mayor Houben stated he spoke to Mr. Joseph Durham, Business Agent for the Carpenters Local 626 Union who agreed to let the city use the parking lot at Carpenters Hall 4 times a year for special events. The mayor proposed to close off the city to non-residents on those days and provide free buses to shuttle individuals into the city.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Jack Klingmeyer spoke against the Parade and Assembly Ordinance.
2. John DiMondi asked that council reconsider Ordinance No. 399, a parking ordinance.
3. Ned Hutchinson spoke about section 13-604A of the Parade/Assembly Ordinance.
4. Stanley Taylor stated he had a copy of the agreement with Lukens Steel at the time they were annexed into the city. He stated money collected by the city from this company was to be reinvested into the Buttonwood area, and he asked council to make good on that agreement.
5. Paul Flannigan stated he thought the parking ordinance was too broad an ordinance. He questioned if the resident did not have paved parking where are they supposed to park.
6. Corky Viola stated he sent a letter to council on the 29th of March regarding agenda item #3 approving a minor subdivision. He stated the city's zoning ordinance has big holes in it and urged council to enact a moratorium on new building until the city's zoning code can be updated.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Houben had no other business to discuss at this time.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

1. President Blest read a letter from a Ms. Emory soliciting money for the group named "Helping Kids Say No To Drugs".
2. President Blest read a letter signed by 6 individuals regarding the city's plans to move the city administration building and police station to the old Deemer Steel property. They urged council to have a public meeting in order to explain their intentions to the residents.

BUSINESS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **3rd and final reading of Parade/Assembly Ordinance No. 398.** Mr. Reese explained that this ordinance was done mainly because of the problems that arose in our town with parking when the tall ships came down the Delaware River to New Castle. The town ended up in gridlock with cars not being able to exit or enter the city. He stated the part that pertained to private groups was taken out and this ordinance will protect the city. Mr. Kavanagh wrote the ordinance and it was mirrored after other municipalities. Mr. Reese read Ordinance No. 398 by section titles only. A public hearing was held before the March 2001 council meeting. Mr. Reese made a motion that the ordinance be accepted as read. President Blest asked for a roll call. Mr. DiAngelo, yes, Mr. Marinelli, yes, Mr. Reese, yes, Mr. Davis, yes, President Blest, yes. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **3rd and final reading of Ordinance No. 399 amending the City Code of the City of New Castle to prohibit the parking of vehicles on lawns or on any other surface except a surface treated and hardened to accommodate vehicles.** President Blest asked for this item to be tabled as no public hearing has been held. All of council was in favor. Motion tabled.
3. **Consideration of Resolution No. 2001-07 approving a minor subdivision for property located on West 3rd Street.** President Blest read the ordinance in its entirety. Mr. DiAngelo made a motion that the resolution be accepted as read. Mr. Marinelli seconded the motion. President Blest asked for a roll call. Mr. DiAngelo, yes, Mr. Marinelli, yes, Mr. Reese, no, Mr. Davis, yes, President Blest, yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution No. 2001-09 approving a Minor Subdivision for property located at 100 and 108 Baldt Ave.** President Blest read Resolution No. 2001-09 in its entirety. Mr. Reese made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution No. 2001-10 authorizing Michael Parkowski, Esq. to commence negotiations to obtain a purchase option for parcel identified as 21-014.00-183 (Deemer Steel property.)** President Blest read the resolution in its entirety. Mr. Reese made a motion that the resolution be accepted as read. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. President Blest asked for a roll call. Mr. DiAngelo, yes, Mr. Marinelli, yes, Mr. Reese, yes, Mr. Davis, abstained, President Blest, abstained. Motion passed.
3. **Authorization for Mayor to sign State Summer Youth Employment Grant Program application.** Mr. Marinelli made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the application. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Consideration of request from New Castle United Methodist Church for placement of Handicap Parking Signs in front of church on Delaware Street for Sunday morning services.** Mr. Marinelli explained these 2 handicapped spots would be just for Sunday morning services. Mr. Marinelli made a motion to approve the New Castle United Methodist Church's request. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Consideration of street paving requests to Senator Connor and Representative Mulrooney.** Mr. Marinelli read the list of streets that will be submitted to Senator Connor and Representative Mulrooney for resurfacing this year. Mr. Marinelli asked that council review the list and get back to him by next week with their approval. The city is asking for \$80,000 in state money.

Comments from the Floor.

1. Charlotte Beauparlant talked about a civil problem she has been having with a neighbor.
2. Mary Nepi talked about the curbs and streets in her area of town.
3. John DiMondi stated the city should have a referendum regarding Deemer Steel.
4. Janet Kozack stated the homeowners on W. 11th Street in Washington Square were concerned that whoever purchases the Deemer Steel property will infringe on their property lines.
5. Laureen McDevitt wanted the city to reimburse her the \$322 towing bill she received when her car was towed from Delaware Street. She was on vacation when the notices were given out that construction was going to be done on Delaware Street.

(Comments from the floor continued)

6. Julie Manetti spoke about the parking on Clayton Street.
7. Stanley Taylor spoke about the streets on the East side of Buttonwood
8. William Moorehead talked about the poor job the city did when it took down buildings in Dobbinsville. He stated they did not complete the job.

President Blest stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn the public council meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia K. Fuller
City Clerk