

**City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle**  
**Special Meeting – Budget Workshop – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle**  
**Tuesday – June 9, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Council President William Barthel  
Councilperson John Cochran  
Councilperson John Gaworski  
Councilperson Ted Megginson  
Councilperson Teel Petty

**Also present:**

City Treasurer Janet Carlin, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas, Finance Director Marian Delaney,  
Police Chief Kevin McDerby

**Police Department Budget**

Chief McDerby said he met the goal of a 5 percent reduction exclusive of personnel services. The budget contains reductions in the proposed budget for fuel costs, lowered by \$3,000.

The budget reflects the City foregoing the purchase of a new police vehicle. That decision reflects a savings in the proposed budget of \$27,500. The City replaced a server last year, which does not need to be replaced again.

Chief McDerby said the items that he has control over—which does not include salaries—are down 15 percent in the proposed budget. Funding is being reduced from the state level.

The department received \$36,000 from the federal stimulus funding.

Administrator Thomas pointed out the 15 percent reduction were on expense items—excluding salaries and benefits.

Chief McDerby said the last time he calculated it 90 percent of the budget was salary and benefits. Nearly two-thirds of the money in the overtime category is contractual for holiday pay. Officers working on holidays, like Christmas, when other people have off are paid double-time and a half.

Chief McDerby said he would like to keep professional development at current levels because of the importance of getting advanced training.

Administrator Thomas said she fully supported the chief's efforts on the training and development. Every insurance quote requires information about procedures and training, the City gets more professionally trained officers and also it affects the insurance quotes. It is money well-invested. Similarly accreditation has an impact on insurance.

Seasonal officers is a shared cost among the Trustees of the New Castle Common. The budgeted amount for salaries is \$17,000.

Councilperson Cochran said the seasonal officers were one of the reason members went to the Trustees a couple weeks earlier to see if they would contribute \$13,000. They did not but the City has already

committed to the officers. Without the funding next year, the City may not be able to provide the current staffing level of the bike patrol.

**Trustees of the New Castle Common**

Administrator Thomas said President Barthel had asked for some information regarding the Trustees of the New Castle Common, which was compiled by Finance Director Delaney.

The Trustees contributed \$20,000 which the City passes through to the Tree Commission; \$85,000 which is a pass-through to Good Will Fire Co.; \$30,200 for a police car; and \$6,250 (half of the request) for police vehicle docking stations. In addition, the Trustees contribute \$10,000 for the police bike patrol.

The workshop meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dickinson  
New Castle City Clerk