

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE, DE
TUESDAY – JUNE 12, 2001 – 7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Castagno
Councilman Balascio
Councilman DiAngelo
Councilman Reese
Councilwoman Dr. G. Miller

Also Present: Mayor John Klingmeyer, Robert Martin, City Administrator, Chief Kevin McDerby, and attached list of audience.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORT

Question on police report answered by Chief McDerby.

Police Department Report May 2001
Street Department Report May 2001
Building Officials Report May 2001

Mr. Reese moved the reports be accepted as submitted. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Janet Carlin, Treasurer, read the treasurer's report ending May 31, 2001. Mr. Reese moved that the report be accepted as read. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BY DATE

Regular Council Meeting – May 15, 2001 – Mr. Reese moved that the report be accepted as read. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Minutes approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Castagno read the following letters:

- A. Letter from Ms. Latavitz about a good experience with Debbie Pullian. She was a very courteous and helpful.
- B. Tom Gordon has extended an invitation to a ribbon cutting ceremony at Rockwood Mansion on June 20, 2001 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- C. Ned Hutchinson has written a letter to state why he is opposed to Ordinance #399:
 - 1. infringements of personal rights
 - 2. questions ability to enforce
 - 3. no alternative for property owner except ticket
 - 4. homeowner must pave yards

- D. Hannilore Sundy writes as a resident and business owner concerning parking problems on special event days. Suggest an area behind Wilmington Trust Company on green space. Issue decals to all residents and business owners for validation to these parking spaces.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Sigmund requested clarification on the Vendors permit to roam city limits. Open ended.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President wants to keep public abreast of all ongoing council projects:

1. Deemer Steel site reported by Mr. Balascio, site has been cleaned up and waiting to hear from DNREC.
2. Police Building site reported by Mr. Reese, have 11 sites available. Would like to advertise for an architect and assess need then transfer it into square footage to determine our size needed then determine which site would be best.
3. Senior Center report by Dr. Miller, have met with representative of County. We have a very Good opportunity to get a Senior Center. We will have a meeting on June 27, 2001.
4. Drainage problems presented by Mr. DiAngelo. He has been working with Public Works. Have identified problems in Boothhurst, Washington Park, Washington Square, Van Dyke. Also, new construction, Center Point, River Bridge, Construction Park, CEI (DuPont Site). Are working with DNREC to get aide and also see what can be done by Public Works.
5. Main Street Program are waiting for reports. What is required from business and what people want.
6. Trust annexation present by Mr. DiAngelo. The committee has met and recommended to proceed with annexation. Next will be presenting it to Council.
7. Evaluation of Charter – Dr. Miller and Mayor Klingmeyer are looking to find whatever is no longer pertinent.
8. Revisit Ordinance #399 – Mr. Balascio plans to discuss with Chief McDerby to see if this Ordinance is enforceable. Then open to the public for discussion. Postponed until July 2001.
9. Professional Planner to revisit the ordinances Planning Committee, Trustees, and Municipal Services. Waiting to hear before Council proceeds.
10. Parkway Annexation reported by Dr. Miller. Committee is formed. No action yet. Action will start end of the month.
11. 9th Street Railroad Project has been handled by Mr. Balascio with the cooperation of Senator Dori Connor. Will be a Del Dot project in the fall.
12. Cable Project, according to Dr. Miller, waiting for Municipal Service to hire on a new person to handle project as soon as personnel is in place. Council is ready to go.

13. Working on budget due by July. Council is working arduously toward a balanced budget. Council President also noted the change in Council Chambers.

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Martin read the following letters:

- A. Notification from Comcast of intent to raise rates.
- B. Minutes from Beautification Committees were received. They are placing six urns on the wharf to enhance the area. Mr. Martin commented that they are doing a fantastic job.
- C. The city is being advised by Mr. William DiMondi that they have a parcel of land, 4.7 acres, that may be suitable for city use.
- D. Correspondence from State Senator Dori Connor that 9th Street tracks would be removed in the fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Third and final reading of Ordinance #399. Noted to table until July meeting by Mr. Balascio and Mr. Reese. Mr. Balascio states a new Ordinance will be presented in July.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for a vendor permit to roam the city limits. Council has had bad situation with a roaming vendor. Tabled until Council has more information. Dr. Miller/Mr. Balascio.
2. Request from the Historic New Castle Visitors Bureau to hold their Annual Antique Show. Wants two year approval. Permission granted for two year. Motion to approve by Mr. DiAngelo/Mr. Reese. Request passed unanimously.
3. Resolution #2001-11 approving minor subdivision for property location on Frenchtown Road. Approved by Planning Commission. Motion to approve Dr. Miller/Mr. Reese. Resolution passed unanimously.
4. Resolution #2001-12 approving minor subdivision for property located on Steel Drive. Planning Commission has approved with conditions. After discussion to make sure conditions are met. Motion to approve by Mr. Reese/Mr. Balascio. Resolution passed unanimously.
5. Advertising for architectural bids for City Police Facility Committee. Chairperson needs more input from Chief McDerby and Mr. Martin. To advertise for architect will take six weeks to two months. Motion to approve by Mr. Reese/Mr. DiAngelo. Passed unanimously.
6. Discussion on the request from the Tree Commission to have ordinance #1499 revised. Revisions are necessary. Agreement was reached for working on a new draft for the August meeting. Mr. Martin commented that the State Department of Agriculture is interested in our trees. They may be helpful.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Margaret Davis wants a vehicle counter for Dobbinsville. Intersection is dangerous, people have been hit. Police are working with bridge to get the speed watch sign.

Dan Moorehead feels police are not doing their job.

Victor Brysan is concerned about annexation, lost wildlife preserve. Questioned development of area south of Dobbinsville.

Emma Wipf is worried about the deplorable condition at 1203 Wilm Road. Follow-up action will be taken by Mayor Klingmeyer and Mr. Swanson.

Gene Petty voiced his position on drainage problem in Buttonwood and wants to see something done. Additional reflection needed on Greggo and Ferraro site.

Teel Petty said warehouse will take away their privacy. Public meeting should be held for all of Buttonwood. Also wants Council to help with school restoration project.

Joe Anderson complained the ordinance that prohibited abandon vehicle on property and is annoyed over citation. States all the other ordinances are being violated in his neighborhood. Grass is to high. Vegetation brought into Council Chambers. Boats parked on street. Noisy and violent neighbors.

Vera Worthy presents concern of Boothhurst. Children play basketball in the street, swimming in the drainage pond. Need speed signs and wants to address mosquito problem. Mr. Martin responded about signs. They are available and will be in by the end of month. He will also notify wildlife to spray.

Pam Anderson is a concerned resident who cares about her street and is worried about safety of elderly and young. One individual can cause so much trouble with guns and violence. Chief McDerby responded that police have answered every call. Have made multiple arrest and they understand the problem.

Victor Bryson worries about the advisability of taking basketball away from children. They also need things to do.

Respectively submitted,

Kate Toner

Kate Toner, City Clerk
June 12, 2001