

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Councilman DiAngelo  
Councilman Marinelli  
President Blest

Councilman Davis  
Councilman Reese

Also, present Mayor Houben, Mr. Robert Martin, City Administrator, Mr. Herb Swanson, Housing Enforcement Official, Mr. Jeff Bergstrom, Building Official, Chief Kevin McDerby, New Castle Police Department, Ms. Marian Delaney, Director of Finance and Human Relations, Mrs. Jean Williamson, Council Secretary and attached list of audience.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Swanson read the Health and Housing Report	-	June 2000
Mr. Bergstrom read the Building Official's Report	-	June 2000
Chief McDerby gave the Police Department Report	-	June 2000
Ms. Delaney gave the Finance and Human Resources Report	-	June 2000

Mr. Reese made a motion that all committee reports be accepted as read. Mr. Marinelli seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Janet Carlin, City Treasurer, read the treasurer's report for the month ending June 2000.

Mr. Reese made a motion to accept the report as read. Mr. Davis 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 corrections.

Mr. DiAngelo made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 13, 2000 meeting. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Houben read a letter from Mrs. Debby Pullan in which she resigned from the Board of Elections. Mrs. Pullan was Mr. DiAngelo's appointment.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

1. Mr. Charles Cobb from Washington Park who serves on the Planning Commission expressed his support of a professional planner being hired for the city of New Castle to help with the update of zoning codes and parking problems.
2. Flo Russell from Washington Park spoke about individuals parking cars on their lawns and blocking public sidewalks.
3. Dave June stated he attended the June meeting held by Del Dot held concerning the planned work on Route 9 from the railroad to 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and that he was concerned about the sidewalk issues along Route 9.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

President Blest read a memo Mr. Martin stating that city council could begin using Town Hall for monthly council meetings beginning with our September 12, 2000 meeting.

**BUSINESS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

Mr. Martin read several pieces of correspondence that were of interest to the citizens of the city.

**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Houben swore in Mr. Herb Swanson as the Code Enforcement Officer of the city of New Castle. Mr. Swanson will now have the power to issue summons to tow away vehicles the same as police officers.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Patrick Castagno who spoke about the upcoming Old New Castle Run; Mayor's Historic Walk and the Kid's Colonial Miler that will be held in New Castle on August 10, 2000 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution No. 2000-10 re-naming 6<sup>th</sup> Street Extension to Glebe Lane.** President Blest asked that this item be tabled, as the process to complete this resolution is not completed at this time.
2. **1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 395 re-zoning the Buttonwood School property.** President Blest stated that the Trustees of the New Castle Commons bought this property and have asked that it be rezoned Open Space and Recreation. President Blest then read the ordinance in its entirety.
3. **Discussion regarding up-dating the existing City Zoning Code.** President Blest stated there would be no action on this item tonight and that it will be tabled. He also stated he just wants to keep the public informed of the progress of updating the city's zoning codes

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Discussion on holding a Wharf Dance on September 9, 2000 with a rain date of September 16<sup>th</sup>.** Councilman Reese asked for council's approval to hold the annual wharf dance. He stated that it is usually held in August but was moved to September this year. He stated it will be held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. and that there would be live music this year. Mr. Marinelli made a motion to allow the Wharf Dance to be held. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Discussion regarding forthcoming major events and traffic.** Councilman Reese stated that we need to address the traffic problems in the city during major events. Recently during the Tall Ships Event if there was an emergency no vehicle could have gotten out of the town. Traffic was at a complete standstill. Mr. Reese recommended a small Special Events Committee comprised of Chief McDerby, Mr. DiAngelo, Mr. Reese, a representative of the Fire Company, a representative of the Trustees and Mr. Marinelli. Mr. Reese also stated our park is now becoming a public park and the county should help fund the maintenance of the park. Mr. Reese made a motion that the Mayor write a letter to the county asking them for financial help with the expense in the upkeep of the park. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Comments from the floor.**

1. Earl Carpenter suggested that someone represent the individuals who do all the setting up for major events on the new Special Events Committee.
2. Henry Patchak questioned new yellowing curbing on 4<sup>th</sup> Street near his home. Now there is even less parking on a street already overcrowded with cars.
3. Jim Berman spoke about the parking lot on Cherry Street. It seems cars are parked there with out of state tags and have been parked there for about 4 years. There are also cars that are being stored there and not being moved for weeks at a time. Mr. Berman made the suggestion that 1 permit be issued per family. Make 3 rows in the Cherry Street parking lot for Cherry Street residents only. The 4<sup>th</sup> row could be for visitors. He suggested a pilot program for about 6 months to see how it works.
4. Ned Hutchinson stated he was very happy about the studies that are going to be done on zoning laws. He felt the traffic patterns and parking in the town should also be studied.
5. Senator Dori Connor asked if the city had spoken to Larry Irlean regarding the Buttonwood Project yet. She was told that the city is now ready to hold the meeting with Mr. Irlean, Senator Connor and Representative Mulrooney. Senator Connor then informed City Council of many items of interest passed by the legislature that would affect the city.
6. Chris Alabrudzinski asked about getting the speed limit reduced in the city from 25 to 15 mph in the residential sections of the historic area. Mr. Alabuzzi also asked about the house that is boarded up at 110 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
7. Barbara Minshull asked what the city will relinquish when we ask the county for assistance with the park. If the county is giving funds what jurisdiction will they then have? Mrs. Minshull urged council not to give up anything.

Mr. Reese then made a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Public meeting adjourned.

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Executive session minutes as dictated by Mr. Martin.

Executive session convened at 9:15 P.M. with city solicitor Gerald Kavanaugh in attendance to discuss with council the possible site acquisition for a new municipal complex. After much discussion Councilman Davis made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Returning to open session Councilman Reese made a motion to have city council president write a letter to Deemer Steel Casting Company, Inc. stating the city's position regarding the Deemer Steel site. Councilman DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia K. Fuller  
City Clerk