

**City Council of the City of New Castle
Regular Council Meeting at Town Hall
201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Tuesday – July 9, 2013 – 7 p.m.**

Called to order: 7:01 pm

Roll call:

Councilperson Megginson
Councilperson Cochran
Council President Barthel
Councilperson Vanucci

Councilperson Petty arrived at 7:05 pm

Also present:

Department of Public Safety – Lt. Brahm
City Treasurer – Janet Carlin

Approval of Minutes by Date: 4/30; 6/17; 6/18; 6/19; 6/25; 6/26

Councilperson Cochran motioned to approve and Councilperson Vanucci seconded. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Janet Carlson reviewed the balances in the accounts as of June 30th and reported the total cash in all accounts as \$1,466,842.02.

Councilperson Cochran motioned to approve, Councilperson Megginson seconded and council unanimously approved.

Approval of Staff Reports

Lt. Brahm reported weekend burglaries due to unlocked doors or windows. He reminded everyone that leaving doors and windows unlocked leaves their homes vulnerable. He reported an arrest at BJs due to a domestic disturbance at BJs. Councilperson Vanucci asked Lt. Brahm about a disturbance at a party at the Senior Center. Lt. Brahm acknowledged that the police were called and were able to address the situation quickly. Councilperson Cochran asked the lieutenant if security was required at events and asked about recommendations to decrease the disturbances at Senior Center parties.

Councilperson Cochran reviewed the current status of the grants and receipts of funds from grants.

Business from the Floor

Council President Barthel asked if anyone had comments regarding items on the published agenda. There were none.

Communications from the Council President

Council President Barthel announced that the FY14 budget passed without a tax increase and thanked everyone involved for their efforts. He followed with an update on the repair of the dikes. The bids for the work on Buttonwood and Gambacorta went out on Monday, the 8th and work is to begin in mid-August. Broadmarsh will follow shortly thereafter. Expectation is for the Buttonwood and Gambacorta Dikes will be completed by year-end. Broadmarsh work is to be completed by January of 2014.

The new City Administrator, Ron Morris was introduced. He will start on August 1st.

Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2013-18 recognizing Paula “Mikki” DiEmidio.

The Motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-18 was made by Councilperson Petty and seconded by Councilperson Cochran.

President Barthel read the resolution.

Councilperson Cochran commented on how pleasant Ms. DiEmidio made it to come into the city office. Councilperson Megginson commended how much she has helped the city and him in his position as a city council person. Councilperson Petty congratulated Mikki and expressed her appreciation. Councilperson Vanucci also added his thanks and said that she will be missed. Council President added his appreciation.

Resolution No. 2013-18 passed unanimously.

New Business

Introduction of Summer Recreation staff –

Councilperson Petty explained that the summer recreation staff work two jobs and were unable to attend the meeting. Councilperson Petty is very pleased with how the summer program is going. She intends to introduce them at a future meeting.

Resolution No. 2013-19 Approval of the FY 11 Audit, Finalize the FY 12 Audit and Proceed with the FY 13 Audit.

Councilperson Megginson motioned to accept Resolution No. 2013-19 and Councilperson Petty seconded.

President Barthel read the resolution.

Resolution No. 2013-19 passed unanimously.

Schedule Insurance and Audit review workshop.

The council president will email council with possible dates to schedule a workshop on understanding the budget and the audit process. Council President Barthel will send an email with some to dates to schedule the workshop in August.

Bank Resolution for checking account 1019-8704

The bank resolution for general fund checking account 1019-8704 is to pay the sum of \$29,692.42 to TCF Finance as the 4th installment for the trash truck.

Councilperson Petty motioned to approve the bank resolution and it was seconded by Councilperson Petty.

President Barthel read the resolution.

The bank resolution passed unanimously.

Comments from the floor.

Mr. David Baldini of South Street spoke regarding the problems on South Street at the Senior Center. He reported that parties are scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings. They have talked to the Senior Center about loudness and profanity in the parking lot. The Senior Center has said they will address the problem but it continues. There were 150 kids at a party on Saturday with three cars shuttling kids to the Senior Center. Mr. Baldini called the police on Saturday because the kids were in the parking lot, on the street and in the Baldini's driveway. The police responded and got the kids back in the center. The party got loud outside again and the police arrived again and broke up the party. Mr. Baldini requests enforcement of noise ordinance and asks that council work with the Senior Center.

Councilperson Vanucci reported that he saw the problem and he received phone calls about it. He commended the police department response.

President Barthel recommended that he meet with Lt. Brahm and City Solicitor Losco to further discuss the problem and identify a resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm

Council met in Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Wurtzel
New Castle City Clerk