

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

**Present:**

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

**Also present:** Mayor Donald Reese, Treasurer Janet Carlin, Finance Director Marian Delaney, Police Chief Kevin McDerby, City Solicitor Daniel Losco, Building Official Jeff Bergstrom

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilperson Petty made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, February 12, February 26 and March 12, 2013. Councilperson Megginson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Carlin presented the report. As of March 31, 2013: Petty cash on hand, \$1,100; total monthly deposits, \$236,457.75; total cash on hand in the M&T accounts, \$470,107.02; total certificates of deposit, money market and Delaware Government Investment Pool was \$2,001,169.59. Total cash on hand, \$2,471,276.61.

A motion was made by Councilperson Cochran to approve the Treasurer's Report. Councilperson Petty seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

**Report from the City Administrator**

President Barthel said the City does not currently have a City Administrator. What the Council has in its meeting packets are the final reports former Administrator Cathryn Thomas presented to Council. The report was accepted as presented.

**Staff reports**

President Barthel said the staff reports were accepted as presented.

**Grant Review**

Councilperson Cochran provided the review. Grant income: MSC, March appropriation, \$125,000. Grant expenses: ammo, \$6,598.76; training, \$6,598.76; weapon racks, \$1,647; and camera recording system, \$784.

**Communications**

Councilperson Megginson gave an update on the concerns about truck traffic on Washington Street. They saw State Representative James Johnson and State Senator Nicole Poore and both were in favor of having a public hearing. Sen. Poore's office sent a letter to DelDOT about it. Mr. Megginson read the letter and the response from DelDOT that because it is an active

construction site, a hearing would not serve its usual purpose. As stated in a meeting, DelDOT cannot stop truck traffic as it is a public road. The project manager on site is aware of the issues of truck traffic and the agency will repair damage to the road by truck traffic.

Councilperson Megginson said the City still needs to set up a public hearing.

### **Business from the Floor**

No comments from the floor.

### **Business from the Mayor**

Mayor Reese said he had been involved with two Board of Adjustment matters. On May 6, the gentleman from the National Park would like to be in New Castle. Former State Senator Dori Connor has accepted the invitation to be Grand Marshal of the Separation Day Parade.

Karly Nesson, the public relations director of the New Castle Jaycees, provided an update on Separation Day. The items included effort to increase the participation in the parade. The 5k run/walk will benefit Faithful Friends. It will start at 8:30 a.m. and due to the Sandy erosion on the walkway will have to take place on the streets. New Castle Jaycees will play host to the pageant for 2- to 18-year olds. The Separation Day website is live, [www.sepdayde.com](http://www.sepdayde.com).

### **Business from the Council President**

President Barthel said he received a letter from Kerstin Almquist when he arrived at this meeting. It encourages the City Council to hire a person or contract out for the upkeep of the gardens as it has in years past.

The item to recognize Master Corporal Richard P. McCabe was tabled until next month.

### **New Business**

1. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution No. 2013-12, for the placement request of Bayberry Farms as a vendor operating within the City limits.

Toby Hagerott, owner and operator, of Bayberry Farms said the last two years he has had a farm stand set up on Market and Delaware on Saturday evenings. He would like to do that again this year, starting earlier.

Councilperson Megginson made a motion to approve the location. Councilperson Petty seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

2. Comments from the floor.

Sally Denton of Second Street thanked the Mayor and Council for the great job it has done.

A resident who did not identify herself asked if any candidate running for Council, who was not on Council already, is at the meeting. There were not. She also asked a question to Councilperson Megginson related to the \$62,000 that was written off for Total Solutions.

Councilperson Megginson said he was not familiar with it.

It was determined that it was related to Municipal Services Commission and President Barthel said the City can help her get an answer, but it is something that will go to MSC.

President Barthel said as a reminder there is a City Election on Saturday and the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

President Barthel also recognized City Clerk Mike Dickinson for his service to the City for the past four years. This is Mr. Dickinson's final regular meeting as City Clerk, as he is not seeking reelection.

A motion was made by Councilperson Petty to adjourn the meeting to an Executive Session to 1) To discuss a personnel matter and 2) To hold a strategy session relating to potential litigation.

Councilperson Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dickinson  
New Castle City Clerk