

City Council of the City of New Castle
Public Hearing
Town Hall, 201 Delaware Street, New Castle
Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to order: 6:30 pm

Roll Call:

Councilperson Megginson
Councilperson Cochran
Council President Ratchford
Councilperson Petty
Councilperson Vannucci

Also present:

Donald Reese, Mayor
William Barthel, City Administrator
Janet Carlin, City Treasurer
Daniel Losco, City Solicitor

Approval of the 2016 Separation Day Grant-In-Aid local service application.

City Administrator Barthel advised that the City must approve the financing for Separation Day through the State's Grant-In-Aid program. The most recent request was for \$35,000 and was approved at \$32,000. The request for 2016 is for \$37,000.

The Motion to consider the application for 2016 Separation Day Grant-In-Aid was made by Councilperson Cochran and seconded by Councilperson Vannucci. The application to the State for Grant-In-Aid support of Separation Day was approved unanimously.

Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution No. 2014-55, to deem a certain portion of the East side of School Street from 9th Street as a no parking zone.

Councilperson Megginson reported that there is a driveway off of School Street near 9th Street that provides access to three homes that is difficult for emergency vehicles to turn into.

Council President Ratchford asked if the Police and Fire Department agree that they need parking restricted for their access and Councilperson Megginson replied that they do.

The Motion to consider Resolution No. 2014-55 was made by Councilperson Petty and seconded by Councilperson Vannucci.

President Ratchford read the resolution.

Resolution No. 2014-55 passed unanimously.

Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution No. 2014-56, to extend the cell tower lease between Crown Castle and the City of New Castle.

City Administrator Barthel was approached by Crown Castle to extend their current lease for 10 years for a one-time payment of \$10,000. Mr. Barthel responded that he did not believe that the amount is satisfactory. Crown Castle made a second offer for a one-time payment of \$15,000 and a 10% increase in lease rate in 2018 plus 3% per year thereafter for the remainder of the lease. The City also receives a revenue share. Another company has offered \$21,600 to build another tower next to the existing one. Mr. Barthel proposed that he conduct further research and negotiations.

President Ratchford stated that she believes that the tower is an asset and Mr. Barthel should continue his research and negotiations.

Councilperson Cochran called a contact in Newark to gather comparative information regarding their cell tower leases and will be receiving the name and contact information for the person responsible for the leases with the City of Newark.

Councilperson Vannucci stated that he is pleased with the results of the City Administrator's work in other similar matters and supports Mr. Barthel's continued research and negotiations.

The vote on this matter will be delayed until the City Administrator completes his research and negotiations.

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Megginson, seconded by Councilperson Vannucci and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Wurtzel
Clerk of the City of New Castle