

**City Council of the City of New Castle,
Public Hearing
Town Hall, 201 Delaware Street, New Castle
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Megginson
Council President Ratchford
Councilperson Vannucci
Councilperson Cochran arrived at 6:40 pm

Also present:

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

Public Hearing concerning Ordinance 500, an Ordinance to revise and restate Chapter 74: The Tree Commission and Chapter 210: Street Trees, of the City Code.

President Ratchford explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to get input from the public regarding Ordinance 500 and to take comment on changes that more accurately reflect the actual operation and approach of the tree commission.

President Ratchford noted that the city is very committed to trees and maintaining the tree canopy both through planting and maintenance. The proposed changes to the code were highlighted. The President announced that there would not be a vote on the new code this evening to allow the public more time to provide comment.

President Ratchford asked for comments from the Public.

Mr. Robert Appleby representing the Municipal Services Commission commented that an appointee under consideration is concerned that the commission is advisory only.

Mr. Daniel Losco, City Solicitor suggested that the definition of the City be clarified beyond the City Administrator to include any employee designated by the City.

President Ratchford asked for comments from Council.

No comments from Council

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Vannucci, seconded by Councilperson Megginson and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Wurtzel
Clerk of the City of New Castle