

City of New Castle Delaware
City Council Public Hearing
New Castle Senior Center – 400 South Street
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Council President, Suzanne M. Souder
Councilperson Brian M. Mattaway
Councilperson Andrew Zeltt
Councilperson Nermin Zubaca
Councilperson Joseph F. Day

Also present: Antonina Tantillo, City Administrator
Mayor Valarie Leary
Michael Hoffman, Esq., City Solicitor
James Whisman, City Treasurer
Jeffrey Bergstrom, City Building Official

Council President Souder called the September 9, 2025, City Council Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum to conduct business was declared.

Ordinance No. 558 – An ordinance to amend the City of New Castle municipal code regarding the Good Will Firefighter and Ladies Auxiliary real property tax exemption

Public Comment:

Bill Emory

Mr. Emory thanked Council for Ordinance 558. He stated that there are approximately a dozen members who will benefit from the Ordinance. He hoped that this will encourage other members of the community to become volunteers as well.

Phil Gross

Mr. Gross opined that there has to be some benefits for the firemen and the auxiliary because they are a big asset to the city to keep us safe.

There being no further public comment, Council President Souder called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Day and seconded by Councilperson Zeltt. The motion passed unanimously and the Hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen R. Weirich
City Stenographer

Next Regular Meeting Date: October 14, 2025