

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, September 17, 2019, 6:30 PM

Council Member Budreau called the General Meeting to order at 6:35 PM with Council Member Kauffman, Council Member Rush and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present. President Carter and Vice President Vermillion were absent.

Also in attendance were John Mrozinski, Jared Huss, Andrea Halpin, Jill Doll, Dave Doll, Cal Dittmar, Sandy Raabe, Melinda, Kathy VanLue, Josh Szuba, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook and Dan Caruso.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2019 General Meeting was made by Council Member Kauffman and seconded by Council Member Rush. Motion passed 3-0.

Visitor Comments

- Melinda Antell with Waste Management

Melinda was in attendance to check in with the Council to see how everything is going with their service and if there are any issues. Melinda also briefed the Council on new changes in the industry expected in the next few years.

Resident Kathy VanLue asked about her dad's electric bill which she stated is quite high and it is only him by himself. Sue stated that she would be happy to look at his account tomorrow and would call her.

Employee Reports

- Chief Cal Dittmar

No report.

- Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea reports that regarding 221 Zigler Street, there was not enough time after demolition to place a lien before it went up for tax sale but the house did not sell and we are now able to place a lien.

The Fair Housing Ordinance is complete and has been sent to everyone involved with code enforcement for review.

- Public Works Director John Mrozinski

The electric project on South Bray is going well and should be complete in 2-3 weeks.

John informed the Council that Roger had surgery last week and will be out for a few weeks. We continue to replace hydrants as needed during projects.

We recently had a water leak on Zigler Street when the people doing work for the South Shore hit the flush hydrant between the tracks. This created a bit of a problem but we were able to fix it temporarily on our own and he will be in touch with the South Shore again.

John, Marcy and Sue will be attending the AIM Roundtable in Middlebury Thursday.

He has been looking into changing parking on both north and south Filbert Street to one side only, with no parking on the east side, to help with snow plowing. He spoke with Josh and found it would be better for emergency vehicles to limit parking to one side as well. This would be South Filbert from Michigan to Chestnut and North Filbert from Michigan to Front.

Cemetery clean-up is scheduled for Monday, September 23rd with a rain date of the 24th. Sunday the 21st is Civil War Ceremony at the cemetery.

John has reached out to INDOT regarding dead trees they found around the viaduct. He feels this is a major issue that needs to be taken care of before painting the wall so they will schedule that for the spring to give INDOT time to address the trees.

- Engineer Jared Huss

Jared was contacted by Tyler from Steve Cooreman's office recently. They are looking to re-engage in conversation regarding further development of Wintergreen Meadows. They are working on redesign and would like to meet with Jared and John to review due to issues following their previous submittal to Area Plan.

Jared reports that, as the Council is aware, there was a public meeting on the train station between the American Legion and the County. There were some reports of people being evicted because of this but Jared clarified that the evictions reported were between the property owner and tenants and were not related to this meeting.

John and Jared will be meeting with Donohue regarding updated options on rehab of the existing water treatment plant as well as the Town's system.

The Town did not receive funding for the Wastewater Planning Grant that we had applied for but Shannon McLeod is currently trying to set up a meeting with officials from OCRA and we will reapply.

Arch Street and Front Street are torn up for the CCG and sidewalk projects and Jared reports that everything is going well and is well coordinated. We will move to Rigg and Dunn for mill and overlay and curb ramps.

Old Business

- Resident request for credit/adjustment due to leak

John reported that he has reviewed the leak reported by the homeowner on Elm Street and found additional information. He recommends that we collect the shut-off and turn-on fees of \$60 and the homeowners then be credited the remaining difference of their average because the leak was between the meter and house so it did not go into the sewer.

Council Member Kauffman moved to credit account 4023140 for \$94.78. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 3-0.

New Business

- Resident request for credit/adjustment due to leak

John recommended that the adjustment to the average as presented for this leak be approved. Council Member Kauffman moved to credit acct 5021000 a total of \$102.59 after the \$60 shut-off and turn-on fees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 3-0.

- Marshal's Department request for 2 car leases

Chief Dittmar stated that there are a couple packets with one marked laptops and one marked vehicles if the Council wants to take a minute to look it over. He reported that one current sedan will go to be a spare vehicle and one will remain in circulation. He stated that he is replacing the K-9 vehicle and giving that to Bob and with him having that there is a cage for loose animals. He will put the Durango and two vehicles to auction. Andrea explained that he will need to determine the value and request that they be declared surplus by the Council. Chief Dittmar replied that he is just asking for new vehicles and that will come down the road.

The Council began to review the information and Council Member Budreau asked several questions. Sue stated that each vehicle and the associated equipment should be approved separately. Andrea clarified that each lease should be approved with the total individual cost of each including the vehicle, equipment and K-9 required cage.

Council Member Kauffman moved to accept the request for two car leases. The paperwork presented did not summarize the proposed lease/purchases and equipment individually. Council Member Kauffman withdrew her motion. Council Member Rush suggested that Cal do something similar to what John does for the Council when he requests approval for purchases. She stated that perhaps John could give him a sample sheet of what he presents which is something like a summary sheet to the Council so that Cal could do the same. This was tabled until the next meeting.

- Marshal's Department request for new computers

Chief Dittmar requested approval for the purchase of eight new laptop computers to replace the desktop and car computers. He stated that John and the water plant want old ones. Council Member Budreau asked if they come with Windows 10 and Cal replied yes. Resident Kathy VanLue asked how many quotes were obtained and if we were using the local company. There were three quotes presented and Chief Dittmar stated that these are Toughbooks. Kathy asked if Henry Timm was able to get those.

Council Member Kauffman moved to accept the Marshal's Department request for eight new computers from Dell that include Windows 10 for a cost not to exceed the quote of \$20,852.56. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 3-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1383 – An ordinance amending the electric tracking factor

Council Member Budreau read Ordinance #1383 by caption only for third and final reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #1383 as written was made by Council Member Kauffman and seconded by Council Member Rush. Motion passed 3-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Budreau

Council Member Budreau thanked Assistant Fire Chief Bob Middlebrook for his amazing speech at the 9/11 ceremony.

Council Member Budreau reported that he has been appointed to the Solid Waste Board. The next meeting will be October 19th at 10 AM in the main council chambers at the County City Building.

Council Member Kauffman

Council Member Kauffman thanked Council Member Budreau for doing such a great job of creating the 9/11 program at Memorial Park. She felt it was a lovely, simple ceremony and will become a great community tradition.

The Comprehensive Plan committee met last week to work on revisions of the first three chapters and continue to work towards finalizing that plan.

Council Member Kauffman attended the SJC Redevelopment and the County Commissioner's meetings this morning. At the RDC meeting she found via Bill Schalliol's report that they are applying for a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program grant through the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation, that would encompass two projects being applied for in one application. The two projects are 1) replacing the

NICTD M/L bridge over Hwy 20, at our viaduct, to allow 286K capacity railcars to move between Michigan City and New Carlisle and 2) installation of track infrastructure on CSS property in New Carlisle to support rail service needs of a future steel warehouse that will support rail shipments produced out of the I/N Tek facility. The projected total cost of this application is \$4M. The minimum CRISI private match percentage to pair with federal money is 35%. CSS is projecting \$2M for both parts of this project. CSS is willing to partner with SJC to split the 35% private match on the \$4M by providing \$700,000 if the County is awarded the CRISI grant. In the even the desired bridge improvements to the New Carlisle bridge exceeds \$2M to incorporate bridge widening for sidewalk improvements, CSS would consider the extra cost something for the county to fund. Council Member Kauffman stated that we must start giving input if we want sidewalks.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Sue expressed thanks to Council Member Budreau for planning and organizing the 9/11 Ceremony that brought the community together much the same as the days following 9/11/2001.

Bills to be paid

Council Member Kauffman moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 3-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Kauffman and second by Council Member Rush the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Jordon Budreau, President Pro-Tem

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer