

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, October 20, 2020, 6:30 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Kauffman called the General Meeting to order with Vice President Budreau, Council Member Rush, Council Member Doll, Council Member Colanese and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, John Mrozinski, Jill Doll, Carol Middlebrook, Bob Middlebrook and Dan Caruso.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 6 Public Hearing, General Meeting, Executive Session and Special Meeting and the October 10 Executive Session, as written, was made by Council Member Doll and seconded by Council Member Colanese. Motion passed 4-0. Council Member Rush abstained.

Employee Reports

- Marshal Combs

Marshal Combs reported that signage is in for a couple of the vehicles to get them marked but they are still talking about pricing. He should have inventory done by the end of next week and the background investigation should be finished on the 26th. He plans to have extra guys out on Halloween.

- Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea reported that she is working on the fire hydrant tampering ordinance and has sent it out for everyone to review. She has also prepared a resolution to allow employees to sell back all remaining vacation time this year instead of the 50% allowed per employee policy. Due to the staffing shortage and the pandemic many employees have not been able to take personal and vacation days and the Council felt it was unfair to not allow the buyback this year.

- Public Works Director John Mrozinski

John reported that Jason is ordering for the third phase of electric projects this year with the cost approximately \$53,000. John announced that the Town of New Carlisle was awarded the 2020 Small Utility Safety of Excellence Award and gave kudos to the electric department for that. The paperwork for the survey done on the recently approved property purchase should be complete soon.

- Engineer Jared Huss

Jared suggested that the Council hold a work session to look at appropriate speed limits on some of the side streets with changes to be made in the spring. He attended a walk through with the contractor last week and with Council Member Doll today and those projects are in good shape. He reported that it appears we will end up below bid. We are still waiting on a response from I/N Tek and Kote and feels that could take some time given the recent changes in ownership.

- Dan Caruso, Council Appointee to the APC

Dan informed the Council that the Waters/Phillips and Kaminski properties received favorable votes and were rezoned at today's APC meeting. Abby Wiles, the new director of Area Plan, is putting together a packet with explanations of rezonings, plats, comprehensive plans, etc. for all members of Area Plan. Council Member Doll asked if she has begun work on the comprehensive plan yet. Dan said that she has been busy meeting with towns.

- Bob Middlebrook, Code Enforcement

Bob reported that the house on Michigan Street that was damaged severely in the accident had been scheduled for demo today but there was a delay due to an issue with the gas company line being in the right-of-way. Andrea asked if anyone is in the house and Bob responded that there is. Andrea suggested that everyone work with the chief to avoid any problems.

New Business

- Fencing Discussion

John presented a proposal for fencing in the wells at the water treatment plant. He feels that this should have been done years ago per IDEM.

Vice President Budreau moved to accept the proposal as presented for fencing of the water plant at a cost not to exceed \$19,362. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed unanimously.

- Approval of plow purchase

John presented the quote for a plow for the recently purchased truck.

Vice President Budreau moved to approve the quote from Dale's Service Center for \$4,865.80 for a snow plow for the new pick-up. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed unanimously.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1398 – An ordinance adopting the 2021 Budget

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1398 by caption only for the third and final reading.

A motion to approve Ordinance #1398, adopting the 2021 Budget, was made by Vice President Budreau and seconded by Council Member Doll. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Rush

Council Member Rush reported that the Park Board will meet on October 29th at 5:30 and hold the public hearing on the five year master plan at 6:00.

The Cemetery Board met yesterday to get back on track and are good to go now.

Council Member Doll

Council Member Doll reported that he attended the walk through today on project. He gave kudos to the town employees for all of the work they did cleaning up on both Zigler and Filbert Streets that wasn't included in the project originally.

Council Member Colanese

Council Member Colanese reported that, in the world of utilities, we are looking for someone to fill the vacancy at the SJEC Plant. In regards to the fire territory, they are two months away from approval of the renovation loan. They have reduced much of the proposed renovation and feel that the cost will be reduced from the \$1.2 million originally projected to \$750K. Old School Tile at Hudson Lake has very generously donated tile at no cost and several of them went and picked out many nice things.

President Kauffman

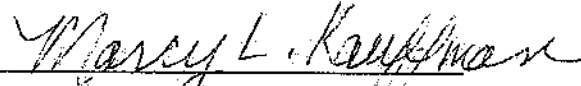
We will need to change the next council meeting from Tuesday, November 3 to Wednesday, November 4 due to the election.

Bills to be Paid

Vice President Budreau moved to pay all bills as presented on the Claim Docket. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed unanimously.

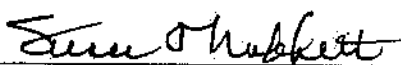
Adjournment

Upon a motion by Vice President Budreau and second by Council Member Doll, the meeting adjourned at 6:48



Marcy L. Kauffman, Council President

Attest:



Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer