

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
Public Hearing, March 14, 2017, 5:00 PM

President Carter called the meeting to order with Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Vermillion, Council Member Budreau and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Council Member Rypma was absent.

Also in attendance were Eric Walsh, Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Larry Magliozzi, Josh Schweizer, Jason Quirk, Tonya McKee, Jill Doll, Bob Middlebrook, Cal Dittmar, Mary Ann Swope, Marcy Kauffman, Sandy Raabe and Matt Wood.

Eric Walsh of Umbaugh briefly summarized the cost of service study done to analyze each customer class for electric. With the new rates, the average residential customer will see an approximate 4% increase. This will include a lower kwh charge but a higher fixed charge which will help recover fixed charges from all customers including those with lower usage.

President Carter opened the floor to public comment.

Carolyn Higgins, Cherry Street, asked how this will balance out and actually help the town. Eric responded that you would pay the fixed rate and the kwh so in months where kwh usage is very low the fixed charge will still be in place to cover the fixed costs of providing the electric.

Vice President Vojtko stated that he knows we need to do this rate increase but in looking at other towns he believes that we are fifty percent higher. He feels that with the higher electric costs and the need for approximately a million dollars in infrastructure needed for the electric department we need to seriously look at whether we want to continue to have an electric utility.

Council Member Vermillion stated that this is one of the reasons we belong to IMMUDA and are trying to shop for a better rate by leaving I&M. He feels that with this group we have an opportunity to shop for a better rate and he is confident that this is a step in the right direction.

Vice President Vojtko stated that, in talking with Jason, there is so much infrastructure we need to modernize it would take years to accomplish.

Eric stated that these new rates will provide us about \$100,000 per year for capital projects.

Jason reported that a capital project plan is step one. This is a slow process but we can fix the eminent problems by fixing our system and hopefully negotiating a better rate. We are doing the best we can right now and if revenue had been collected historically we would be in a much better place. We are entertaining conversations with other groups trying to negotiate the best power price we can.

There were no further comments.

Council Member Vermillion moved to waive the rules and read Ordinance #1343 by caption only for the second reading with copies available for those in attendance and also available in the Clerk's Office.

The motion was seconded by Vice President Vojtko and passed 4-0.

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President Carter read Ordinance #1343, An Ordinance of Electric Rates and Charges, by caption only for the second reading.

President Carter again opened the floor to public comment and questions.

There were no further questions or public comment.

Upon a motion by Vice President Vojtko and second by Council Member Budreau the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM

Ken Carter, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer