

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, April 25, 2017 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance were Chuck Leone, Jared Huss, Josh Schweizer, Jeff Roseboom, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Bob Middlebrook, Marcy Kauffman, Sandy Raabe, Perry Hinton and John Gelow.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2017 General Meeting were tabled.

Council Member Rypma moved to accept the April 19, 2017 Work Session Memorandum as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed 3-0.

Employee Reports

Chief Schweizer

Chief Schweizer reports that the rescue truck has been listed for sale and also that they expect to have Advanced Certification within a month. EMS is currently fifty calls ahead of this time last year even with the reduction of calls they are receiving from LaPorte County.

Council Member Rypma asked if the reduction of calls coming from LaPorte County is an issue with revenue. Josh responded that we are contracted but LaPorte County does receive tax dollars to do it. Josh is looking into this because they are residents of our community who have contracted for our services.

Council Member Vermillion questioned whether or not our firefighters are trained in fighting fires from solar panels. Josh stated that there are emerging classes on solar panels but there has not been a lot of training offered up to now.

Council Member Rypma stated that several meetings ago he brought up a recall on Ford Explorers due to exhaust issues. Both Chief Schweizer and Chief Roseboom report no recalls on any vehicles from their departments for exhaust issues to date.

Dave Doll entered the meeting.

Council Member Budreau entered the meeting.

Electric Superintendent Jason Quirk

Jason is working on the lighting analysis and reports that the Miller's Merry Manor project is a few weeks out.

Building Inspector Bob Middlebrook

Bob asked if the park board had discussed the sign being placed in Memorial Park that was discussed at the last meeting. Council Member Budreau replied that the park board will meet tomorrow and discuss it at that time.

Attorney Chuck Leone

They continue work on the SJEC agreement as well as review of the ordinance. He found that some of the proposed language in the agreement is not included in the ordinance so he has prepared a draft ordinance to include the new language. Some of the proposed language is not actually in the SJEC Water Rate Ordinance so he has prepared a draft, which would take place in January 2017,

He had not heard from Surf Air Wireless prior to the meeting so he will review the response just received and report the details at a later time. He stated that Surf Air reports fewer than 30 customers in town.

Jared stated that they desire to serve the industrial park so while there may be on 30 currently, that number may increase.

Chuck did speak briefly with the president in Elkhart and he said one of the things they were planning to do is tie into South Bend's metro net when available.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared reports that he has been working with Chuck on the SJEC agreement with a number of exhibits and attachments to be included.

Jared also reported the following:

- Pavement markings on Bray Street are still planned
- We will have a discussion on the OCRA Project funding tonight
- Construction on the new water treatment plant is ahead of schedule and they will be turning pumps and wells in the next week
- The St. Joseph County water and sewer project continues to move forward.
- He met with Chuck Lehman regarding updating of the comprehensive master plan and is waiting for him to get back with us. He feels a work session in May will be needed.
- We have responded back to St. Joseph County regarding the Donohue contract for updating the current water treatment plant and will need to have a discussion with them to discuss our portion and the partnership with the county.
- The INDOT project is going well.
- A draft set of plans for the 2017 Sidewalk Project is available in the Clerk's Office. An on-site walkthrough is scheduled for this Friday the 28th at 8:00 AM. We will need to determine when we want to advertise for bids. John would like to complete work on some of the water services first so we will need to coordinate that with the project.
- In reviewing information about the TIF district, it appears that the lime drying beds at the water treatment plant are not on town property and Jared will look into this.
- He spoke with Rob today regarding the testing for oil/fats.

Old Business

- Ambulance Bid Acceptance

Both Chief Schweizer and Chuck have reviewed the bid/contract. Chuck found that the Comprehensive Compliance Form is missing but because there was only one bid received he feels that we can request that piece and the Council may accept the bid and authorize the purchase subject to its receipt and legal review. Josh reports that he spoke with them today and expects to have the form here within a couple of days.

Council Member Rypma moved to accept Horton Emergency Vehicle bid of \$224,534.00 subject to receipt and legal review of the Comprehensive Compliance Form. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed 4-0.

New Business

- Flooding/Drainage on Marvel Lane

Tabled for discussion at the work session following this meeting.

Council Reports

Council Member Rypma

In discussion about the A/V installation, the bid was originally higher and it was decided to cut some things to reduce cost. He feels there is need for addition of a television screen for training purposes for police, fire and public works. These departments have the funding and Jason will install it flat mounted to swivel for council or public view depending on circumstance.

Council Member Rypma asked about the upcoming Little League Parade. Chief Roseboom reports that it is a walking parade escorted by police, fire and EMS. Lineup of the expected 350 kids will begin at 7:30 on Arch Street and they will walk down Chestnut Street to Bray Street and on to the ball diamonds for Opening Day.

Council Member Rypma feels that, regarding assistance with funding and talking with SJEC and Kiewit about a "wish list", liaisons should discuss with their departments and boards about preparation of a prioritized list. We should then hold a work session for discussion and prioritize as a group. Lists should include prices.

Council Member Vermillion

Council Member Vermillion met with President Carter and Pat this week to continue work on the water superintendent job description.

President Carter

He and Dan attended the MACOG meeting in Elkhart today. Discussion on alternative energy and becoming a green community were the main topics. There was information provided about solar energy that President Carter would like to look into. Also discussed was converting vehicles to natural gas but not a lot of information was provided.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Sue added a thank you to Gregg Kowalski of INDOT who was instrumental in working with Norfolk Southern to postpone the work at the County Line Road crossing scheduled at the same time as the viaduct phase of the INDOT project.

Bills to be Paid

A motion to pay all bills as presented was made by Council Member Vermillion and seconded Council Member Rypma. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Rypma and second by Council Member Budreau the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Ken Carter, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer