

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, April 28, 2015 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Carter, Council Member Rypma and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, John Mrozinski, Dave Doll, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Perry Hinton, Josh Schweizer, Cal Dittmar, Tim Kaminski, Mike Shilts, Marcy Kauffman, Mary Ann Swope, Amanda Nally, Jessica Hughes and Brian Countryman.

Minutes

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2015 General Meeting and Executive Session as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the memoranda of the April 14, 2015 Work Session as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Chief Jeff Roseboom

- The radar trailer has been placed on W. Michigan Street and will be moved to E. Michigan Street and then Bray Street later in the month.

Electric Superintendent Jason Quirk

- He has been working with Eric from Umbaugh on the electric rate study.
- Jason reports that Perry successfully completed climbing school and has received commendations from the instructors.

Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Tim Kaminski

- Has been working on the Annual IURC Water Report and expects to have it completed tomorrow.
- Will be starting preparation of the Annual CCR report for delivery no later than June 30th

Team Leader John Mrozinski

- The cemetery looks good and has been mowed twice so far this year.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

- They received draft utility ordinances prepared by Umbaugh and are in the process of reviewing and reworking those.

Cemetery Board Member Dave Doll

- Dave reports that Mary Ann Swope is the newest member of the Cemetery Board.
- The cost estimated for the new cremation section of the cemetery, approved by the Council in 2014, has increased by \$300.00. The project, which will require an additional appropriation, will begin soon.

Engineer Jared Huss

- He and Vice President Vojtko met recently with Supt. Jim Dermody and Greg Dudeck, Building and Grounds Director for NPUSC, to review parking and pedestrian travel on College Street near Memorial Park and the Little League fields. There were some concerns expressed but they will look at different scenarios regarding parking options and possibly meet with the little league as well.
- Jared and Dana Groves of HNC are working on the Main Street Grant and it has been processed and is moving forward.
- The Cherry Street project approved last fall is moving forward under the direction of John Mrozinski.
- The drainage issue on North Bray Street is squared away with completion expected in the next two weeks.
- Jared has received INDOT field check meeting minutes with some information pertaining to promises made to the town included. These will be forwarded to the council for review.
- Jared reports that he met with the two customers responsible for recent sewer surcharges and they will be addressing the issue. Updated surcharge rates have also been submitted to Umbaugh for inclusion in the new rate ordinances.
- Spoke with Tim Kaminski tonight regarding the proper contacts for I/N Tek.
- He and John Mrozinski are working together for resolution of the water issue on Bellevue.

As Bob Middlebrook was unable to attend tonight, he asked that Jared relayed the following:

- The Front Street retaining wall is being taken care of.
- The sump pump water being discharged into the sanitary sewer on Marvel Lane is being addressed
- Has met with Moser's regarding resolution of the drainage pipe issue at Arch St. and the alley.
- Met this week with Nicholas Machine and they are working toward correcting the sink hole.

- Post office paving should be done soon but a larger discussion on the existing drywell will be necessary.

Vice President Vojtko questioned paving around the drywell without addressing the drainage issue. Jared feels that repairs to the parking lot are absolutely necessary but we will need much more conversation on how drainage improvement will need to be executed.

Vice President Vojtko asked that there be discussion with the property owners regarding replacement of the retaining wall on Front Street and the impact of the future sidewalk project. Jared will look at our right-of-way and have a conversation with them.

Council Member Rypma asked for an update on whether or not repairs at the intersection of Bray and Michigan will be handled by the state. Jared reports that repaving will be done back to the cross walk as part of the INDOT repaving project slated to begin in 2016.

New Business

- Sidewalk Project Bid Approval

A motion to accept the Sidewalk Project Bid Approval as submitted was made by Council Member Carter and seconded by Council Member Rypma. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Gelow moved to approve and sign the Sidewalk Project Title Sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance#1308-an ordinance to amend parking in the town parks (1st reading)

President Higgins read Ordinance #1308 in entirety for the second reading.

Council Member Gelow asked that Ordinance #1308 be amended to include campers and trailers not be allowed between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM.

There was further discussion regarding Ordinance #1308.

Andrea will send a revision of Ordinance #1308 encompassing the expressed concerns for Council review no later than Thursday to allow time for response.

Vice President Vojtko moved to table Ordinances #1309, #1310 and #1311. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Vice President Vojtko

- He feels that although the recent addition of a drop off box near Kate O'Connor's Irish Pub is for a good cause, he is concerned that it may restrict visibility. Jared expressed concern that

this may be in the highway right-of-way and generally would not be allowed without a permit from INDOT. He suggests that Code Enforcement check to see if a permit has been obtained from INDOT and if not, further action may be necessary.

- Attended the recent Area Plan meeting with nothing from town to report.
- Vice President Vojtko informed the Council that the Library is currently investigating pricing, etc of iPads for the library board and some of the staff. Because the Council discussed getting these in the past due to the large amount of paper used for council reports and information, he suggests that we could possibly work together with the Library Board if the Council is interested in getting them for the council members.

Council Member Rypma feels that iPads are unnecessary and would like a comparison of the cost of paper used in a year and the cost of purchasing iPads. He has a laptop and an iPhone and sees no need to spend town money on iPads for the council.

President Higgins

- President Higgins reports that the Clerk's office will be closed on May 12th so they may attend training in Indianapolis. She requested that the meeting date be changed to Thursday, May 14th.

Vice President Vojtko moved to change the day of the next general meeting to Thursday, May 14th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

- On May 26th we will recognize three businesses that have been in the same family here in town for over fifty years. The recognition and presentation will be held at 4:30 with the public hearing for utility ordinances at 5 PM and then the general meeting immediately following.
- President Higgins feels that the unused NC News bins should be removed as they are no longer used.

Council Member Rypma

- At the last meeting there was public comment and a request to review the "gauntlet" due to the curb/planters on the sidewalk. Council Member Rypma feels that there is a concern and asked what we could do to change this.

Council Member Gelow and President Higgins both stated that they feel that these were in the plan and will stay there as the cost to change them is too much for the town to absorb.

Vice President Vojtko explained that these were originally going to contain trees but then several of the business owners objected to those as well.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Gelow moved to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Council Member Carter the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Carter and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer