

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, June 28, 2016 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance were Jared Huss, John Mrozinski, Josh Schweizer, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Sen. Jim Arnold, Lauren Arnold, Carolyn Higgins, John Gelow, Mary Ann Swope and Sandy Raabe.

President Carter introduced Sen. Jim Arnold who was in attendance to update the community on the most recent Legislative Session.

Major issues discussed included:

- House Bill 1001/Road Funding Bill which was sponsored by Sen. Arnold to provide more funding for local roads and streets.
- Sen. Arnold has contacted INDOT regarding the possibility of a walkway under the viaduct and suggests that we stay in contact with whoever replaces him next year to stay on top of this.
- SB 290 states that, effective July 1, anyone convicted of a second offense of dealing drugs must do a minimum of ten years incarceration. This bill also addresses requirements for conviction of dealing.
- SB 80 gives pharmacists the ability to deny the sale of pseudoephedrine without a prescription.
- The ISTEP program ends in 2017 with an alternative program to be researched and considered.

Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook and Dave Doll entered the meeting.

Minutes

Council Member Vermillion moved to accept the minutes of the May 24 General Meeting and Work Session and the June 8th Work Session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma. Motion passed 4-0.

Visitor Comments

- Carolyn Higgins, Chestnut Street, New Carlisle

Mrs. Higgins stated that she first needed to make it very clear that she fully supports the Council's appointment of Josh Schweizer as EMS Chief and feels that we will do an excellent job. She also needs to voice her concern regarding the issuance of a take home vehicle for that position and the amount of money that will be spent to purchase it. She is also concerned that it may set precedence for the future.

Carolyn stated that she trusts the judgment of the Council but she previously served on the Council as well and at that time they worked very hard to be fiscally responsible.

She stated that, again, she has the greatest respect in the world for Josh and knows that he will do an outstanding job but needed to express her concerns regarding the proposed vehicle purchase as a taxpayer.

- John Gelow, Michigan Street, New Carlisle

Mr. Gelow expressed his agreement with Mrs. Higgins and also feels that Josh does a fine job. He stated that his thought is that the fire department has two vehicles with one being used to transport members to classes, etc. and the other to transport manpower to a scene. He feels one of these could be used as a vehicle for Josh. He stated that, again, he feels Josh does a good job and it is nothing against him at all.

- Dave Doll, Ben Street, New Carlisle

Dave announced that John Gelow has been appointed as the newest member of the Cemetery Board. He also asked that the ordinance adopting pricing for the new cremation section at the cemetery be written and adopted as there have been several inquiries about this.

Employee Reports

Josh Schweizer

- Fleet analysis is complete and he will be sending information to everyone following review of the information provided.

Town Crew Supervisor John Mrozinski

- H&G has completed all water services on Ben Street. Everything went phenomenally and they were great to work with. During the work, they did find taps that were straight up out of the main which would explain the issue with freezing.

Bob Middlebrook

- Bob requested a work session regarding zoning issues.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

- Working on several things including code enforcement, St. Joseph Energy and personnel issues.

Andrea apologized for the issue with the ordinance for the cremation plot but is working on it and should have it ready for the next meeting.

Engineer Jared Huss

- The Ben and Bray Intersection project has been delayed due to a NIPSCO issue and there is now a revised plan to deal with these and work should begin next week.

- The Sidewalk Project has also started with a letter being delivered to residents today which included Geyer Construction's contact information.
- Newly replaced water services on Ben Street have been backfilled with insulating foam placed over each for additional protection.
- The Pavement Project is being advertised with bid openings to be held on July 12th with the Notice to Proceed issued on August 9th.
- A meeting to discuss an Income Survey with Kathleen Weisenberger will be held on Thursday, June 30th at Lawson Fisher.
- INDOT will let bids for the paving project through Town in December 2016.
- The South Bend Ordinance reference compact fees passed in limited form last night. This will not be done to collect fees retroactively but we need to find out if these will be placed on the Town.

New Business

- Discussion on EMS Chief Vehicle

Council Member Vermillion moved to table the discussion until a work session can be scheduled. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

There was discussion regarding fines assessed to the property on Front Street and the possibility of using Mr. Keigley's tree removal service to help satisfy those fines.

Andrea stated that she and Sue had discussed this and a simple agreement is all that would be necessary.

Following some discussion, Andrea clarified that Mr. Keigley would have to quote any tree trimming job that might arise. Should he have the most responsible and responsive quote and the job be awarded to him, a simple agreement would be necessary so that we can assure that payment made to him would immediately be paid to the Town toward his outstanding fines. A check would need to be issued to Mr. Keigley for work completed as it is taxable income and a 1099 must be issued to him by the Clerk's Office.

Vice President Vojtko moved to have the attorney prepare an agreement containing terms and conditions which would include length of time to complete the job. Council Member Vermillion seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

Andrea will put together an agreement for review and input.

Jason stated that the electric department has easements and rights-of-way that need to be cleared. Sue explained that any work done would have to be paid by the department requesting the work and Mr. Keigley would be issued a check. Per an agreement that would be in place, he would then pay that money towards fines issued by the Town and that money would be receipted into the General Fund.

Council Member Vermillion moved that, if the need for tree services arises and an acceptable quote is placed by Mr. Keigley, we accept an agreement for assignment of pay. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1324 – an Ordinance Amending the Town Code by Amending Title 14 Chapter 150 Regulating Code Enforcement of Unsafe Buildings

President Carter read Ordinance #1324 by caption only for the third reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #1324 was made by Vice President Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Rypma. Motion passed 4-0.

- Ordinance #1325 – an Ordinance Amending Sidewalk and Alley Parking and Adopting a No Parking Zone

President Carter read Ordinance #1325 by caption only for the third reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #1325 as written was made by Vice President Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Rypma. Motion passed 4-0.

- Ordinance #1328 – Amending the 2016 Salary Ordinance

President Carter read ordinance #1328 by caption only for the first reading

A motion to waive the rules to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1328 on the day of introduction was made by Vice President Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Rypma. The motion passed 4-0.

President Carter read Ordinance #1328 in entirety for the second reading.

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Council Member Rypma moved to adopt Ordinance #1328 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Rypma

Reports that he spoke with Chief Roseboom reference the potential hiring of a part-time detective as there have been several situations recently that have needed much follow-up. Chief has reached out to someone who has much experience in crime scene tech/investigation. Council Member Rypma feels that this could help alleviate Chief's current handling of all investigations as he could assign some cases to the detective who would be available on an as needed basis .

- Council Member Rypma reports that Josh is doing a great job moving the EMS Department forward and that although it had been previously reported that they were getting no good applicants, he has recently hired two new full-time EMTs.

Vice President Vojtko

- The Solid Waste Board met Monday and they are planning a household hazardous waste pick up for the west end of the county sometime in August. He hopes to be able to provide more information soon.

Council Member Vermillion

- The new swings for Memorial park have arrived and will be installed soon
- Council Member Vermillion will begin holding meetings with utility department heads at 10 AM on council meeting days.

President Carter

- The Annual Taste of New Carlisle went very well. President Carter thanked the town employees and everyone who set up as well as all who attended for making it a success. He reports that this was his fifth and final year organizing and running the event and that Discover New Carlisle will be taking it over.
- Reports that Bob Middlebrook has been nominated by the Governor to be a torch-bearer for the Indiana Bicentennial.

President Carter inquired about the status of the railing and ramp installation in the council room. Sue reported that Ancon scheduled the work as soon as the council made the decision to move forward with the installation and they have been in to take additional measurements.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Vermillion moved to pay all bills from the June 14 and June 28 dockets as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Vojtko and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Vermillion and second by Council Member Rypma the meeting was adjourned at 6:24PM.

Ken Carter, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer