

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, July 11, 2017 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 Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Josh Schweizer, Jill Doll, Jeff Roseboom, Bob Middlebrook, Perry Hinton, Carol Middlebrook, Sandy Raabe, Marcy Kauffman, Mary Ann Swope and Dave Doll.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Vermillion moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 General Meeting, Work Session and Executive Session as written. The motion was seconded by Vice President Vojtko and passed 3-0. Council Member Rypma abstained.

Employee Reports

Chief Josh Schweizer

Additional issues have been identified with the framework and injection system on Engine 91. Although he is not asking for anything at this time, Chief Schweizer would like to form a truck committee to look into replacement of Engine 91.

Council Member Rypma stated that the truck looks fine visually except for some surface rust but through the inspections performed by the fire department they were able to identify these issues.

The Council expressed agreement with Chief Schweizer's suggestion to form a truck committee.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea reports that they are working on completion of the agreement for the transition of ownership of the SJEC water plant and they are trying to get confirmation from SJEC to add the date. Jared stated that the ordinance will be signed tonight and they have a contract in place for oversight of the transition. Andrea asked for copies of the appendices.

There is still some additional follow-up needed regarding the Surf-Air agreement. Perry met with them and they completed the building check together.

Leone Halpin received a discovery request they are currently working on as well as several public information requests.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared reports that Donahue has completed the HVAC evaluation at the existing water treatment plant.

The Earth Exploration Report is complete and following brief review it does not indicate a clay layer as was suspected. Piezometers are now in place and Jared will speak with the company following further review of their report.

Jared also reported the following:

- Work session as related to Lehman and Lehman needed.
- SJEC water plant training is taking place this week.
- The completion walk-through for the water plant is scheduled for Thursday.
- MACOG is completing the Community Crossings Grant and Jared would like to get projects ready should we be awarded this grant.
- The sanitary water and sewer extension continues to move forward with concrete paving on Walnut Road today and a final walk through scheduled after completion.
- The evaluation of the existing water treatment plant will take place somewhere near the end of July.
- There was a meeting with Norfolk Southern today which was positive and resulted in an open line of communication. Although they will not participate financially, they would support a pedestrian tunnel should the Town decide to pursue one.
- We will have the bid openings for the 2017 Sidewalk Project at the next meeting.
- Would like to schedule a work session for 2018 projects that would include some that are shovel ready.

Old Business

There was some discussion regarding the Monumental Choices quote for repair of the 'Welcome to New Carlisle' signs at each entrance to town. This was tabled so that Council Member Vermillion can review the quote with John Mrozinski.

New Business

- Charge-off uncollected accounts for 2016

A list of finaled accounts that remain unpaid for six months was presented to the Council to be removed from the books and forwarded to collections or charged off as uncollectable. Those to be charged off include deaths and bankruptcy and total \$286.05. Accounts to be removed from the books and forwarded to the collection agency total \$2,183.02.

Council Member Rypma moved to charge off and remove from the books the death and bankruptcy accounts presented totaling \$286.05 and to remove from the books and forward to the collection agency the remaining unpaid accounts totaling \$2,183.02. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed 4-0.

- Ordinance#1344 -an Ordinance for Industrial Water Users

President Carter read Ordinance #1344 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Council Member Vermillion moved to adopt Ordinance #1344 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

- Ordinance #1345

Sue requested that this ordinance be tabled until further information from the DLGF and State Board of Accounts is received. Vice President Vojtko moved to table Ordinance #1345. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Rypma

Everything is going well in the public safety departments. Council Member Rypma mentioned that at Bray and Ben there was some standing water following the last rains.

Council Member Rypma has heard that the golf course may be reopening this year and feels it will be good for bringing people into town.

Council Member Rypma questioned whether there had been discussion of opening the railroad crossing at Race or Arch Street for times when the viaduct must be closed. Jared reports that those were closed for safety issues. Council Member Vermillion stated that the rep they met with today stated that Norfolk Southern will not spend a dime on opening either crossing.

Vice President Vojtko

Vice President Vojtko reports that Lisa Baiz is leaving our library to accept a new position in California.

Council Member Vermillion

Council Member Vermillion attended the Discover New Carlisle and Home Town Days meetings yesterday. He reports also that he was approached by the owner of the home at the west end of Zigler Street who would like to sell the house to the Town. Council Member Vermillion feels that this is something we should look into.

Discover New Carlisle has some good ideas coming including a “Grand Re-Opening” of Town when the viaduct is reopened to coincide with the Beer and Wine Walk. The South Bend Tribune has donated a ½ page ad to promote the “grand re-opening”.

Although DNC was looking at improvements to the alley next to Miller’s Home Café they have decided that they want to hold off to see what happens with that building as it is for sale and instead do something with the alley next to town hall that belongs to the Town.

Bills to be Paid

A motion to pay all bills as presented was made by Council Rypma and seconded Council Member Vermillion. The motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

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

Ken Carter, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer