

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – January 26, 2010

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Mell, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Candie Drake, Jason Quirk, Jim Ford, Steve Cooreman, Bob Palm, Mary Ann Swope, Tim Kaminski, Brian Woodcox, Andrea Halpin, Carol Middlebrook, Bob Middlebrook, Tom Baker, Bill Gumm and Nada Worrell.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Groves motioned to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Tom Baker

- Distributed the Police Department 2009 End of Year Report to the Council.

Roger Nawrot

- Has been working with Pat on the subdivision ordinance and sidewalks.

Pat Cummings

- Met with Roger on subdivisions and sidewalks. He has put together numbers and would like to set up a workshop one hour prior to the next meeting for discussion and Council direction.

Attorney Charles Leone stated that there was a recent Indiana Supreme Court case that addresses sidewalk maintenance. Roger asked that this information be brought to the Feb. 9th work session.

- Asked for volunteers to go through the subdivision ordinance as we did previously with the zoning ordinance. Council Members Mell and Gelow volunteered to assist with this project.
- Has an INDOT meeting Feb. 1 at 9 AM in LaPorte for information on the next round of stimulus.
- Had 84 applications for the open position at the Water Treatment Plant. Mark Scott, a New Prairie grad, has been hired to fill the position.

Charles Leone

- Has begun review of the Employee Handbook and the Police Department SOP and will have feedback and an idea of the direction we will need to go for the Council in the next few weeks.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1221 – An Ordinance Amending Zoning

Vice President Colpitts motioned to waive the rules for the second reading of Ordinance #1221. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1221 by caption only for the second and third readings.

Council Member Mell moved to adopt Ordinance #1221. Motion seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Mr. Leone stated that this is a very unusual type of ordinance and Indiana Statute has very specific rules. Area Plan will publish the adoption of the ordinance and it will become effective the date of passage with penalties to take effect 14 days following adoption.

Pat will notify Area Plan in writing of the passage of Ordinance #1221.

Council Reports

President Higgins

- As the Council President she sets the agenda as this is the time set for the Council to required business. Others who wish to address the Council may do so under public comment.
- We must promote the upcoming 2010 Census as participation in 2000 was approximately 72%. She stressed that this census is much shorter than in the past and is held strictly confidential.

Mary Ann Swope is preparing an article on the 2010 Census for the New Carlisle News with the assistance of Larry Magliozzi of Area Plan.

- Attended her first library board meeting as a member of the board.

Vice President Colpitts

- The Intergovernmental Meeting on January 24th went very well. There were no large requests but the Fire Department will need to look at the replacement of some equipment in the near future.

- The attorneys have reviewed the Fire and Ambulance Contracts.

Vice President Colpitts motioned to accept the 2010 Fire and Ambulance Agreements. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

- He and Carolyn attended the IACT Legislative Conference and both felt it was very informative.
- He and Carolyn attended the Statewide Roundtable with Charlie Pride of State Board of Accounts as a featured speaker. He stressed that we still do not know where we will end up with the tax caps.
- Tax Caps becoming part of the Indiana Constitution will be up for referendum in November and he encourages everyone to research this so that there is a good understanding before voting. He feels this places the burden on the smaller municipalities although the state may be able to balance their budget. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact their state representatives.
- Will meet soon with Council Member Groves to set up a Green Committee.

Public Comment

Steve Cooreman

- Distributed copies of his new plan for The Farms at Wintergreen Meadows to the Council and requested their feedback.

Included in the plan were ten “strip lots” along Wintergreen Road and a future right-of-way for a through street. He stated that this street would not be installed for the next 5+ years.

Bob Palm stated that the future roadway would be dedicated.

To provide water he proposes using the existing high pressure water main with individual houses to have individual pressure reducing valves.

For the sanitary sewer individual homes would have grinder pumps and connect to the sewer main. Required maintenance of these pumps would be homeowner responsibility.

President Higgins referred this new plan to Roger and Pat for review and report at the next meeting.

Pat questioned smaller lots he is showing not being included on the plan being submitted. Mr. Cooreman replied that they are not part of the existing plan but would be in the future.

Nada Worrell

- Thanked Council Member Groves and Pat for their effort in getting the school buses re-routed from Ben Street in the hope of taking care of the freezing water lines.
- Expressed concern that the bus route change is only a band-aid and asked if this is being looked at.

Pat reports that this is on the list of proposed streets projects for this year and Ben Street will include moving the water line down to eliminate the freezing problem.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Mell moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Council Member Mell motion to adjourned the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:
Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer