

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – July 26, 2011

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Council Member Vojtko was absent. Also in attendance were Chuck Leone, Pat Cummings, Roger Nawrot, Jack Mell, Doug Glon, Kenny Davis, Tim Kaminski, Jason Quirk, Mike Shilts, Ken Huston, Augie Mauer, Mary Countryman, Tom Baker, Chris Antonucci, Missy Ryder, Jeff Roseboom, Davy Doll, Jill Doll, Cal Dittmar, Candie Drake and Carol Middlebrook.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Council Member Groves moved to accept the minutes of the July 12th General Meeting and July 18th Executive Session as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

Employee Reports

Chuck Leone

- Continued consulting on employee issues previously discussed.

Roger Nawrot

- He and Chief Tom Baker met recently at the intersection of Bray and Chestnut Streets to review the existing traffic control conditions along Bray Street. Following are his recommendations to the Council:
 - Bray Street from Chestnut to Dunn be established by ordinance as a school zone speed limit of 20 mph when children are present. The existing advance school zone warning sign needs to be moved to north of Chestnut Street intersection for the south bound on Bray St. Once the school zone speed limit has been established the signs marking it need to be installed according to the MUTCD with school area signs S4-3P, R2-1 and S4-2P on both ends of the zone.
 - The centerline of Bray Street be marked with a double yellow line for no passing zone from Michigan Street to Dunn Road and the corresponding no passing zone sign be erected in the proper locations.
 - That the stop bar pavement markings be installed at all stop conditions at the Bray Street intersections with Chestnut Street, Ada Street and Ben Street.

Chuck will research the necessity of school zone designation by the Council.

Council Member Groves asked if no parking on one side would be possible. Roger replied that it is already marked odd-even parking and he feels it is an undue hardship to post no parking on one side as there have been no incidents here. Vice President Colpitts asked if we should then we let it go until there is an incident. He stated that he drives this every day, feels it is a safety issue and expressed his

desire to have no parking on one side of the street along Bray. Council Member Groves feels that it should be at least a small area where no parking is allowed on Bray for sight issues. The Council asked that all recommendations from Roger be followed through on and were assured that Pat is aware of everything.

Roger was asked to further research parking on Bray Street.

Pat Cummings

- Reports that August 15th is the Notice to Proceed date for the sidewalk project.
- The viaduct project should be complete tomorrow. The pumps will work automatically.
- Working on the TE Project with the committee and business owners to come up with the final plan to present to the Council.

New Business

President Higgins reports that four bids were received for the 1988 Chevy Suburban. She asked Chief Chris Antonucci to open the four bids received.

Chris Antonucci opened the bids and they were read by President Higgins as follows:

Dan Mender	\$1505.00
Buck Wallis	\$3,500.00
Steven Pusko	\$1,252.50
Greg Smith	\$1,001.00

The bids were taken under advisement.

- President Higgins stated that with regrets, the Council accepts the resignation of Tom Baker as our Police Chief. Tom's letter of resignation was read. He is leaving the Town to become the new head of the Domestic Violence Unit for St. Joseph County.

Vice President Colpitts moved to accept the resignation of Tom Baker. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and passed 4-0. President Higgins stated that he has done an outstanding job and we are very sorry to lose him. He will most certainly do an excellent job for St. Joseph County as he has done for us.

- Vice President Colpitts motioned that Jeff Roseboom be appointed as the new Chief. Seconded by Council Member Groves the motion passed 4-0. President Higgins asked that Jeff continue Tom's practice of being at the elementary school each morning.

Jeff thanked the Council and stated that we are losing a good leader who is leaving big shoes to fill.

Jeff reports that Tom's resignation leaves an extra position open. He has been able to secure an opportunity for one of our reserve officer to attend the academy at no cost due to the relationship we have with them. He would begin in September and finished and ready to patrol in December.

His recommendation is that Josh Szuba be hired to fill the vacant position. Josh is a local resident, currently a reserve officer with the department who volunteers on the fire department as well and comes from a family dedicated to public service. In speaking with Josh, if he is confirmed, he would have no problem dedicating at least 5 years to this agency.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1247 – A Salary Ordinance for Employees of the Town of New Carlisle.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1247 in its entirety for the second reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to waive the rules to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1247 at its second reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0

Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt ordinance #1247. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Vice President Colpitts

- Attended the Area Plan Commission meeting and reports that there was nothing pertaining to the town. Meeting paperwork has been filed in the Clerk's office.
- The not-for-profit that had expressed interest in rehabbing the house on Zigler Street is no longer interested. We now need to decide how to move forward. Council Member Groves asked if the house could be sold for \$1 and Chuck replied that it could.

Vice President Colpitts would like to put it out for bid with restrictions that it is taken care of in a timely manner.

Chuck stated that we can certainly do that and he will review the necessary requirements.

Vice President Colpitts moves that 125 Zigler Street be put out for bid. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and passed 4-0

Sue suggested that we hold the house viewing for all interested parties on one day so that it can remain secured.

Council Member Groves

- Thanked Delta Theta Tau Sorority for putting the hanging baskets and bunting up at the gazebo.
- We have received the banners for Memorial Park that Augie will assist in hanging this week.
- The Cemetery Board recommends to the Council that John Michalski be appointed to fill the opening on the board left by the resignation of long-time member, Harry Tolmen.

Vice President Colpitts moved to appoint John Michalski to fill the vacancy on the Cemetery Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

Public Comments

Jack Mell

- Thanked whoever was responsible for setting up the PA system for use at the meeting tonight.
- Expressed his congratulations to Jeff Roseboom on his appointment to Chief.

Doug Glon

- Asked if we have heard anything more about power plant possibly coming?

Pat reports that they are still in the permitting stages with air permitting being a 6-12 month process.

Doug asked if the Town will provide anything for the power plant. Pat replied that we will supply water.

Bills to be Paid

Vice President Colpitts moved to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Council Member Groves the motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Council Member Groves motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Colpitts and the meeting was adjourned at 5:36.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer

