

New Carlisle Town Council

124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana

General Meeting-June 26, 2012

President Colpitts called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Carter, Council Member Vojtko, Council Member Gelow and Deputy Clerk Jill Doll present. Clerk Treasurer Susan Moffitt was absent. Also in attendance: Andrea Halpin, Roger Nawrot, Pat Cummings, Jason Quirk, Jack Mell, Mike McClaran, Dale Woodcox, Brian Woodcox, Mark Woodcox, Mary Countryman, Dawn Krueger, Kim Vandry, Kenny Davis, Ray Wade, Tim Kaminski, Carol Middlebrook, Mike Shilts, Brian May, Cal Dittmar, and Malory Pearce.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Vice President Higgins moved to accept the minutes of June 12, 2012 General Meeting as written. The motion seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0. Council Member Vojtko abstained.

Employee Reports

Andrea Halpin

- Wanted to make sure the Council understood that the Nepotism Ordinance needed to be passed or the Town would not get any funding from the State. She also said that it needs to be added to the hand book. The Nepotism Ordinance will go into effect on July 1, 2012 and that any employee employed on July 1, 2012 is not subject to the nepotism policy unless there is a break in employment with the Town. That she would go through the disclosure forms needed for employees and companies that we would hire. She also explained what the definition of "Direct Line of Supervision" meant in the policy.
Much discussion followed.

Roger Nawrot

- Advised the Council that the paperwork for the TE Grant Project is close to being done.

Pat Cummings

- 2012 Sidewalk Project part "A" is all done and cleaned up.

General Meeting-June 25, 2012

- Following up on the appointment of John Mrozinski from last meeting-Pat gave a new position job description of "Utility III Team Leader" and ask that it be approved and added to our employee handbook. Andrea Halpin advised that it can be passed with a motion.

After some discussion Council Member Vojtko made a motion to create the new position of "Utility III Team Leader". Council Member Gelow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Higgins asks Mr. Cummings if it would be possible to review our "20 year Sidewalk Plan" and look at some of the worst problems and possibly move them to a sooner year. It was decided that in the next couple of months the plan would be looked over for possible changes.

Visitor Comments

Dawn Krueger

- Hometown Days-ask for the closure of Bray St. again this year for some of the events at Memorial Park. It would be closed Friday July 27th from Michigan St. to Chestnut St. for "Water Wars".

Ms. Krueger also informed the Council that the Parade is at noon Saturday July 28th and the Navy Band will be in it and also play at the gazebo in the afternoon, there will be fireworks on Friday night provided that burn ban allows it (due to the dry weather). She also advised that they had been working with Chief Roseboom and the Fire Dept. on the details for all of the events.

Vice President Higgins made a motion to allow the street closure for Home Town Day Activities. Council Member Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Brian May

- Mr. May had many concerns about the trees that were and will be removed with the sidewalk projects each year. He had several questions about the process.

President Colpitts advised that the Town needs to comply with the ADA guidelines and that the new sidewalks have to be 5 ft. wide. This means that some of the trees would have to be removed due to size and placement, he also advised that we did have an Arborist help in the decisions. President Colpitts also let Mr. May know that the Council was committed to putting back trees as we can afford and that we are applying for a grant to have the DNR do a study on our trees for their health and utility. President Colpitts thanked Mr. May for his comments.

Roger Nawrot recommended the Mr. Cummings put together a list of trees that would be suitable to be used in the tree lawns.

New Business

- The Clerk-Treasurer's Office asks to have outstanding debts be charged off. Bankruptcies and deaths written off and past due accounts then sent on to a collection agency.

After discussion Council Member Gelow made a motion to charge off the accounts. Council Member Vojtko seconded the motion and all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance#1258-An ordinance to adopt a policy to comply with HEA 1005 requiring implementation and adoption of a nepotism policy (1st reading).

Council Member Vojtko made a motion to waive the rules to allow passage on the first reading, Vice President Higgins seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Then Council Member Gelow made a motion to have the ordinance read by caption only, Vice President Higgins seconded the motion and the motion passed again 5-0.

President Colpitts then read the ordinance by caption. Vice President Higgins made a motion to pass Ordinance #1258 and Council Member Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Ordinance#1259-A salary ordinance for an employee of the Town of New Carlisle (1st reading).

Council Member Vojtko made a motion to wave the rules to allow passage on the first reading and to read by caption only. Vice President Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1259 by caption.

Council Member Vojtko made a motion to pass the ordinance and Council Member Carter seconded the motion. The Council voted and the ordinance passed 5-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Carter

- Wanted to invite everyone to the “Taste of New Carlisle”, under the tent (weather permitting) next to the Fire Station. This Saturday June 30th, from 1 p.m. to 5p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 and then can be used on samples at the different vendors costing one to five tickets per item. There will be eleven area establishments participating in this event. There will be a 50/50 Raffle with the proceeds going the Community Food Pantry.

Council Member Vojtko

- Stated that he thought that the sidewalks look good and is excited to see how the sidewalk at the West End will look.

President Colpitts

- Thinks the sidewalks look great, but it is sad to see the trees gone. He thinks the work crews are doing a good job.
- Area Plan meeting this month had nothing for New Carlisle on their docket.

Bills to be Paid

- Vice President Higgins made a motion for the bills to be paid, Council Member Carter seconded to motion. The vote passed 5-0 for the bills to be paid.

Adjournment

- Vice President Higgins made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Vojtko seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

Jill A. Doll, Deputy Clerk