

**New Carlisle Town Council****124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana 46552****General Meeting, November 21, 2019**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Carter called the meeting to order with Council Member Kauffman, Council Member Rush and Deputy Clerk Doll present. Council Vice President Vermillion, Council Member Budreau and Clerk-Treasurer Moffitt were absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, John Mrozinski, Cal Dittmar, Jess Fisher, Deborah Dural, Jimmy Garis, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Humbarger, Jerry Colanese, Bob & Carol Middlebrook, Tom & Jan Roesner and Dan Caruso.

**Minutes**

Council Member Rush moved to accept the minutes from the November 4, 2019 general meeting as written. Council Member Kauffman seconded to motion and passed unanimously.

**Visitor Comments**

- Debra Dural

-We have had several important meetings with some of the County Commissioners regarding the IEC  
-October 29<sup>th</sup> we met with Bill Schalliol and the Economic development team  
-October 25<sup>th</sup> we met with Commissioner Andy Kostielney  
-This coming Tuesday night will be an Open Space and Agricultural Alliance response to what we have heard so far. The meeting is not for public speaking, it is a committee meeting at 5:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and you are all invited, and we are at the tail end of the agenda.

**Employee Reports**

- Chief Dittmar

Reported now that Officer Szuba resigned we are now in the hiring process.

- Attorney Halpin

-She has been working on ordinances for the burning in Town and the No Parking in the 100 blocks of Filbert St.  
-Title research and ordered the title  
-Lastly spent a week sick

- Engineer Huss

- We are substantially completed with the Sidewalk Project and the Community Crossing Projects. We should be getting the final pay out for the projects and the Sidewalk Project was \$ 500 under budget on the bid amount and the Community Crossing project also was under budget by \$44,000.00.
- Working to have all info ready for January 6<sup>th</sup> call for next year Community Crossing Grant funding.
- St. Joe County is working on getting water Infrastructure documents together for water transfer to the Town.
- Would like to have an executive session after first of the year to transfer information with the old council to the new council and bring them up to date, with discussion particularly on the Water Capital Improvement plan and some of those pieces.

Davey Doll entered to meeting at this time.

- Had a back and forth correspondence with the Cooreman Group as it relates to the Wintergreen Development and discussion on several letters that were sent to them on deficiencies at that development that needed to be addressed and they will be contacting Andrea concerning those letters
- We are in a good place for Community Crossing Grant with having had our road asset management plan and we got it to L-Tap to be approved by December 6<sup>th</sup> and we did get that approved.
- Lastly I will not be at the next Council Meeting due to a conference.

- John Mrozinski

The Crew is continuing to pick up leaves as long as the weather holds out and will be starting to hang the Christmas lighting this week.

### **Old Business**

- 494 E. Michigan Street adjustment

Due to a leak in the water line, the property owner had asked if it would be possible to have an adjustment on his sewer portion of his utility bill and that the water had not gone into the sewer. After some discussion John Mrozinski asks that the adjustment be for a credit of \$754.07 in the sewer utility. Council Member Kauffman than made a motion to credit \$754.07 in sewer due to a water leak. Council Member Rush than seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

- 2020 Building Inspector Contract

Due to a new State Statue based of inspection fees, the pay structure needed to be updated to a set fee

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and with that said the amount agreed upon was \$6,000.00 annually. That no taxes are to be withheld and that Bob is responsible for those taxes. Also that either party can end the contract at anytime with proper notice. Council President Carter said he felt to this is a fair compensation for this job. After some discussion, Council Member Kauffman made a motion to accept to new contract as written with Council Member Rush seconding the motion and the motion passed.

- K-9 Dog discussion

Chief Dittmar presented a letter to the Council before the meeting asking that the K-9 dog "Mo" to be retired and declared surplus so that she can be rotated out of service and given to her handler to live out her retirement.

With the letter the Council had received at the last meeting, from the K-9 trainer stating that she had several medical issues and her age and trainability he had recommended the same. With all of that being said, Attorney Halpin stated that with the two letters that state that the K-9 dog is no longer of value to the Town as a working dog, that the Town can then value her as surplus and retire her from service. She then stated to this means that this dog cannot work for any other department anywhere and cannot be used as a K-9 dog. After much discussion Council Member Kauffman then made a motion that "Mo", K-9 unit, as surplus, of no value for the Town any longer and to donate her to her handler, Josh Szuba and that she cannot be used as a K-9 unit to work anywhere else. Council Member Rush seconded to motion and the motion passed.

- Discussion of Sick pay

Council President Carter moved to table this discussion until January 2020 for the new Council to discuss.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance #1385-an ordinance for guidelines for outdoor burning in the Town of New Carlisle. Council President Carter did the first reading by caption only.

- Ordinance#1386-an ordinance for No Parking on the east side of the 100 block of Filbert St.- North & South of US 20.

Council President Carter ask if the inlet parking in front of the two businesses was part of the ordinance and Public Works Director Mrozinski advised that that was private property and not part of the ordinance. He then read the first reading by caption only.

### Council Reports

- Council Member Rush

She asks that after the first of the year that the Park Board would like to have an executive Session with the Council.

- Council Member Kauffman

Thanked the Town Crew for hanging the wreaths, it's starting to look like Christmas and for removing the large flower pots. It's all appreciated.

- Council President Carter

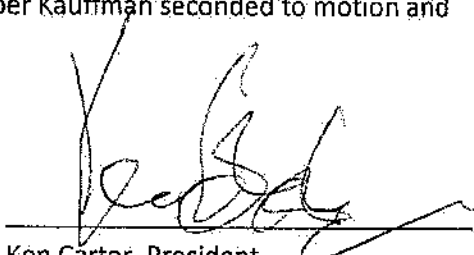
Wished everyone a "Warm & Friendly & Safe" Thanksgiving and to show some kindness to your fellow man.

### Bills to be Paid

Council Member Rush made a motion to pay the bills, Council Member Kauffman seconded to motion and the motion passed 3-0.

### Adjournment

Council Member Rush made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Kauffman seconded to motion and the motion passed 3-0. The meeting was closed at 6:51 p.m.

  
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Ken Carter, President.

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Jill A. Doll, Deputy Clerk

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