

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, July 7, 2021, 6:30 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Rush called the meeting to order with Vice President Kauffman, Council Member Colanese, Council Member Doll and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present. Council Member Budreau was absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Perry Hinton, Jill Doll, Jason Quirk, Stephanie Murphy, Tom Baker and Dan Caruso

Bid Recommendation for the Ada Street Project

The Letter of Recommendation from LFA for the Ada Street reconstruction project was received with the recommendation to award the project to HRP who provided the lowest bid at \$449,675.00.

A motion to accept the HRP Construction Company bid of \$449,675 was made by Council Member Doll and 2nd by Council Member Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 15 General Meeting and June 23 Executive Session and Special Meeting was made by Vice President Kauffman. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

Visitor Comments

- Dan Caruso

Dan stated that he is sure everyone is aware there was unfavorable or no recommendation on property that the County wanted appraised at 2 and Larrison. He hopes that the RDC and the rest of the County have figured out that this is a big mess and we need to stay out of it. He feels that the County wants to own all of the land since they already own land down to Snowberry. The RDC gave a 3-2 vote against and then the County Council made no recommendation. There will be debate on July 13 on whether that land gets rezoned as the County wants to have it zoned industrial. Dan asked why industrial if it is going to just be a retention plan? He said that Abby Wiles indicated they cannot split zone. Dan asks that the Council make another statement to the County stating we gave them all of these other areas and to leave this alone. He stated that north of US 20 will be another TIF, going all of the way up to Auten Road Between Spruce and Tamarack. 1900 acres off the tax roles. Dan asked that the Council remonstrate against anything outside the resolution and all of these things are outside of that. The RDC has realized that and the County Council is starting to come to that realization and the County Redevelopment Plan is on the way out.

Employee Reports

- Chief Tom Baker

They will be testing for the department on Friday. Two of the four candidates have picked up the study guides so far. One person has asked for an alternate date due to a scheduling conflict and that will be scheduled at a later time. A full inventory of all equipment is also underway.

- Perry Hinton

Reported the sewer cleaning project started today. It was not a bad start but they did pull out some clay tile from the clay tile and he will have more information when complete. They are also working on a few water services along sidewalk project. Perry spoke with Dave of Chisel Chest and with the \$10,000 set aside for repair of monuments and foundations he feels they will be able to complete 15 to 17 that have been flagged including repair, foundations and straightening.

- Jason Quirk

He has been working with Andrea on the bucket truck purchase and will reach out to President Rush when he has info and may request a special meeting. Jason also reported that the Town had minimal storm damage.

- Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea has worked primarily on personnel issues.

- Engineer Jared Huss

He and Perry will meet with MACOG tomorrow to work on the Annual PASR Ratings. With the bid acceptance of the Ada Street project tonight, contracts will be ready for the next meeting and the precon meeting will be scheduled. The water portion of the project will require an additional quote. The sidewalk project cover sheet will go out for advertisement on July 15 with the bid opening in August. Work continues on quotes on other water related items including the pressure reducing station.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1412 – An Ordinance Amending Pet License Fees

President Rush read Ordinance #1412 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Council Member Doll moved to adopt Ordinance #1412, an ordinance amending pet license fees, as written. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kauffman and passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Colanese

Council Member Colanese questioned the rate the Town is paying for sewer treatment and whether it is the same rate as others. Jared explained that this is what we are currently exploring. I/N Tek and Notre Dame have agreements with the City separately and the Town doesn't have a bulk or wholesale rate. Regarding the fire territory, Council Member Colanese explained that fifty years ago the volunteer fire department voted to put a retirement fund for volunteers in place. The concern now is that there may be no volunteer department down the road and this retirement fund may not be funded for those who have served. The cost to fully fund the retirement for the volunteers would be \$150,000 and the fire territory board has voted to pay that amount in full with three annual installments.

President Rush

President Rush asked if there was anything from the NCBCA meeting earlier today to report. Vice President Kauffman said that the police chief and fire chief updated everyone in attendance on departmental things.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Doll moved to pay all bills as presented on the Claim Docket. The motion was seconded by Council Member Colanese and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Vice President Kauffman and second by Council Member Doll, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Samantha Rush, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer