

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, September 20, 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 Doll, Council Member Colanese and the Clerk-Treasurer present. Council Member Budreau was absent.

Also in attendance: Jared Huss, Andrea Halpin, Jill Doll, Jason Quirk, Dana Groves

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 7 General Meeting and September 17, 2021 Special Meeting was made by Council Member Doll and seconded by Vice President Kauffman. Motion carried 4-0.

Employee Reports

- Engineer Jared Huss

Will check in with Chris Janak tomorrow morning regarding our previous conversation.

The Ada Street construction continues with good progress.

Sidewalk pre-con meeting is scheduled for this Thursday with Milestone.

Meridian and Bray Street reconstruction, next year's CCMG application, is on the agenda tonight.

Has been made aware that the fire department feels there is a pressure issue downtown. He, with Sam and Perry, have scheduled a meeting with them to hear those concerns.

Met with Donohue and Ramboll, who went through plant on August 31 to get an understanding of some of the things contained in the Donohue Report. They found the plant in much better shape than they expected and will finalize their findings in a report. Ramboll felt it was a very productive process and will be identifying some next steps and bringing in Robert and Perry for that.

- Jason Quirk, Electric Department

Working with IMEA on studies, pole agreements and wrapped up capital projects from beginning of the year. Also has inventory coming in.

New Business

- 2022 CCMG Prof. Services Fees

Jared explained that this contract is for the Meridian Street project and is the first step based on study with Donohue and the capital improvement plan addressing water pressure on the west side of town. This will increase the loop and address the old sanitary main installed in 1953 that is close enough that it will be replaced as well. This is one of the more complex projects to date and the first project to include storm, water and sanitary. The project will also require the rebuilding of the pervious paver approaches that were installed by INDOT several years ago. Full reconstructed

pavement and curb ramps will be included. One of the remaining stub streets is Bray, going north from Michigan to Front Street. This stub street needs curb and sidewalk and we will do that and some stormwater improvements in conjunction with the Meridian Street project. Jared has reviewed estimates and included 15% inflation cost with the project estimate for CCMG application at 1.2 million with an estimate of 250K for utilities. The Professional Services Fee Contract on the agenda is for a not to exceed amount of \$121,200.

Council Member Doll moved to approve the Lawson Fisher Contract for an amount not to exceed \$121,200. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kauffman and passed 4-0.

- Christmas in New Carlisle

Dana Groves explained that Discover took over Christmas in New Carlisle several years ago and she was here to discuss some changes they are considering this year. Dana reported that the lighted parade is a go for sure, but due to the construction at the fire station, they are thinking this might be a good year to start something new. They are considering something similar to the ChristKindlmarket in Chicago with booths downtown, Santa, kids activities during the day as well as vendors outside some of the buildings that aren't typically open on Sundays and possibly food trucks. Possibly keeping booths open between the craft show and parade and letting vendors decide if they want to stay up until after the parade are all being considered.

- Account fee request

A letter received from a resident requesting an adjustment to remove penalties was reviewed. No action was taken.

- 2022 Fire Territory Budget

Tabled.

Council Reports

Vice President Kauffman

Reported that resident Matt Schuster has volunteered to serve on the park board.

On Sept. 13th Vice President Kauffman, Council Member Doll, Will Miller and Derek Dieter met with Omni Source at their facility and expressed concerns including environmental and safety of emergency personnel. They were very receptive of concerns and the outcome is that there will be on-going communication with them.

On Sept. 14th Vice President Kauffman met with Dave Millar, Jared, President Rush and DLZ regarding the spray pad and DLZ is putting together a fee proposal and put together a couple of estimates in a more compatible format that they will send for review. Council Member Colanese reminded all that there is a donor that needs to make a donation prior to December 31.

Jared has shared that information with DLZ and asked for a conceptual estimate to be able to share. Council Member Colanese stated that naming rights would be included with their donation and they would like to attend a meeting when the proposal is all put together and they can announce their support.

Yesterday there was a huge branch that fell on Race Street by the Old/New Republic and Vice President Kauffman called Perry and she reported that he came out and took care of it very well. She expressed her appreciation for Perry and wanted also to recognize all of the guys.

Council Member Doll

Cemetery clean-up was today and it went well. Council Member Doll also asked about the recognition being planned for 30 years.

Council Member Colanese

The utility side is all good and moving right along.

On the fire side, demo started today and will finish up next week. He asked Josh to send pictures of the process to President Rush. Council Member Colanese reported they did find black tape which is a sign there has been asbestos possibly and they are investigating that.

Was approached by Jason Wykoff and his cousin and they had requested to put up a storage unit in the farm land near Ambrosia approximately 12 years ago. They are now interested in moving forward with this project in the spring. Andrea if the zoning change took place prior to our new zoning ordinance and comp plan adoption? Jared said that if we didn't action the zoning components and it is still an allowable use in our zoning then we would have to follow our current zoning

President Rush

Reported that Tom is not here but she spoke with him earlier and he let her know that he is talking with SJC and other smaller agencies in the county to see what kind of changes there will be with Metro Homicide disbanding

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Sue reported that Perry prepared a billing for Omnisource for water used outside the metered water usage at their facility, manpower, and equipment used for their recent fire. The bill has been paid in full.

The Clerk's Office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday to attend training in Westfield.

Bills to be Paid

A motion to pay all bills as presented on the claim docket was made by Council Member Doll and seconded by Vice President Kauffman. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Colanese and second by Council Member Doll the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Samantha Rush, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer