

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, October 13, 2009

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Groves, Council Member Mell, Council Member Colpitts, Council Member Gelow and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Bill Herrbach, Larry Magliozzi, Bob Middlebrook, Michael Hollcraft, Gene Baughman, Mary Ann Swope, Jason Quirk, Tom Baker, Carol Olson and John Clark.

Minutes

Vice President Groves moved to accept the minutes of the September 29, 2009 General Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Bill Herrbach

- Has contacted County Commissioner Dave Thomas in reference to abandoned property. He was referred to the County Auditor who referred him to County Attorney Mitch Heppenheimer. Mr. Heppenheimer was able to describe the process involved in taking care of abandoned homes.

Bill feels the best solution in dealing with the Zigler Street property is for St. Joseph County to take title to the property, waiving most or all of the back taxes and selling it to an adjoining property owner.

Council Member Colpitts motioned to have Bill Herrbach send a letter to the County Commissioners requesting that the property at 125 Zigler Street be appraised and sold to an adjoining property owner or third party. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed with four ayes. President Higgins abstained.

Roger Nawrot

- Received a fax from Bob Palm regarding another change to the proposed Farms at Wintergreen Meadows subdivision. The newest change includes a layout for a future extension of Wintergreen Drive to the east. Wintergreen Drive was platted as a cul-de-sac in the last proposed change and not accepted as it was not in compliance with the Comprehensive Master Plan.

In Rogers opinion this future road will not be built by the developer and he asks that the Council give direction to Bill so that he may prepare a response to this proposal.

Council Member Colpitts expressed concern about continuing to review and respond to these plans although we have said no and this continues to cost money.

President Higgins stated that we are obligated to review plan changes submitted. Roger will continue to review plans submitted and make a recommendation to the Council. The Council will vote and then ask Bill to make the appropriate response.

Pat Cummings

- Review of the new zoning ordinance is complete and a Town Center District has been added.

Bob Middlebrook

- Asked the status of the Landlord Registration Ordinance. Bill will have this prepared for the next meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

Larry Magliozzi – 2010 Census Update

- Larry distributed 2010 Census information to the Council. He reports that they are preparing to wrap up Phase 1. Phase II will focus more on advertisement on the radio and television.

He plans to have a Census booth at the Fire Station during Christmas in New Carlisle.

It is important to stress that Census responses are confidential information and locked away for 73 years.

Mike Hollcraft – Farmers Market in Memorial Park

- Asked Council permission to launch a Farmers Market at Memorial Park. He is president of Michiana Organic Growers Co-Op and stresses importance of locally grown food.

There was much discussion about what would be allowed at a farmers market. Bill Herrbach stated that his wife participates in a farmers market that allows anything “grown on the farm”.

Saturdays from June through October were suggested.

The Council expressed support for a farmers market and referred this to the Park Board for development of regulations, fees and requirements. Vice President Groves and Pat will work with the Park Board.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #1218 – An Ordinance regulating Golf Carts.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1218 in its entirety for the second reading.

Council Reports

Council Member Colpitts

- Attended the IACT Conference in French Lick last week. He attended a seminar on how to deal with difficult people. He brought back information and would like the Council to consider sponsoring a seminar for town employees.

South Bend was recognized as being a “Green Community”. He would like the Town to look into this. Vice President Groves would like to work with Council Member Colpitts on this.

The 2010 IACT Conference is in Fort Wayne.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Mell motioned to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Vice President Groves, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Carol Olson:

- Asks Council permission to hold the annual Christmas in New Carlisle Parade. The parade will begin one half hour earlier this year at 5:30.

Council Member Colpitts moved to allow Christmas in New Carlisle to hold the annual parade on November 29th at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Council Member Colpitts moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:
Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer