

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, April 28, 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, Pat Cummings, Ken Davis, Tom Baker, Bill Gumm, Doug Glon, Deb Adnson, Mark Adnson, Mary Ann Swope, Bob Middlebrook, Larry Hooten, Willie Hooten, Chris Moffitt, Jason Quirk, Candie Drake and Augie Mauer.

Minutes:

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Executive Session as written. Motion seconded by Council Member Colpitts and passed. Vice President Groves abstained.

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2009 General Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed. Vice President Groves abstained.

Vice President Groves moved to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2009 Budget Meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed. Council Member Colpitts abstained.

Employee Reports:

Bill Herrbach:

- Received and reviewed Airgas documents regarding their compliance with Statement of Benefits Personal Property and presented them for Council signature.
- Received a letter from Mr. Cooreman stating that he will reinstate the Surety Bonds immediately.
- In researching hearing officers for code enforcement spoke with Walkerton Town Clerk and found that they have a retired judge who serves in this position part-time handling town court for eight agencies. He currently works M-W-F at a salary of \$27,000.00 They would be able to serve as the court for Town as well.

Another avenue available is the Ordinance Violations Bureau already established by Town Code. President Higgins stressed that the major concerns are issues that Bob Middlebrook deals with. Bill will continue investigation.

Roger Nawrot:

- He and Pat have been working together on numerous projects and defers to Pat for explanation.

Pat Cummings

- Stimulus Projects including designation sidewalks and downtown and west end beautification are wants and more important is the Group IV Project for storm drainage as this is a need not just a want.

Pat asks for approval for Roger to proceed with the engineering study discussed previously at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. This study is necessary prior to application for the Group IV Project.

If approved this will be an 80/20 match and will include the Town taking over the viaduct pumps and drainage system.

Council Member Mell moved to allow Roger to proceed with the Engineering Study at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion seconded by Vice President Groves and passed unanimously.

- The Fuel Purchasing Program through St. Joseph County is now in place and being used by all town employees.
- Will be applying for a grant to replace the street lighting with LED lighting through the Department of Energy.

Bill Gumm:

- The pump that runs the jaws of life suffered extensive damage on a recent call. Bill spoke with Tom Thode of 5 Alarm and if cost for repairs exceeds \$1,500 he has one he will sell the Fire Department for that same price.
- Has been overwhelmed with burn permit requests and is unsure of how to handle requests for the Town.

Sue stated that a procedure was established in the last two years for burn permits. The property owner makes application to the Fire Chief who then reviews the permit and makes his recommendation to the Town Council.

Ken Davis:

- Has everything in place for using the fueling program through St. Joseph County but will need to get quotes to adapt the ambulances to support the high-capacity pumps.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- Following discussion, the Council decided to move forward with preparation of an ordinance similar to the one in place in South Bend regarding rental properties and responsibility of property owners.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance #1211 – An Ordinance Amending the Marshal's Department Clothing Allowance.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1211 in its entirety for the second reading.

Ordinance #1212 – An Ordinance Amending Zoning

Tabled until recommendation from Area Plan is received.

Ordinance #1213 – An Ordinance Amending the Employee Handbook to Include "Employee Cell Phone Policy".

Council Member Mell moved to waive the rules and read Ordinance #1213 by caption only for the second reading due to length. Motion seconded by Council Member Colpitts and passed unanimously.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1213 by caption only for the second reading.

Council Reports:

Council Member Colpitts:

- The viaduct wall was primed on Saturday and everything went very well. A very big thank you to the New Carlisle Business and Community Association for donating painting supplies; the Wesleyan Church for the outstanding turnout of volunteers for painting; the NCFD for traffic control; Bob and Carol Middlebrook for traffic control as well as preserving the existing lettering and to the Town Crew for preparation, especially to George Bladecki who went above and beyond that day. Painting is scheduled for May 17th and volunteers are still needed.

President Higgins:

- Thanked Vice President Groves and Council Member Colpitts for organizing the wall painting project.

Vice-President Groves

- The Park Board is putting everything on hold, including the summer parks program due to the delay in receiving tax money.

Public Comments:

Chris Moffitt:

- Was here to support the ordinance discussed earlier regarding rental properties and the responsibility of property owners. He stated that he can not stress enough how much of a problem this has been in his neighborhood.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Mell moved to pay all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Groves and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer