

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, July 14, 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, Jamie Middlebrook, Jason Quirk, Mark Adnson, Deb Adnson, Mary Ann Swope, Carol Middlebrook, Bob Middlebrook, Augie Mauer, Marcy Kauffman and Bill Gumm.

Council Member Mell moved to accept the June 22, 2009 Special Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Vice President Groves and passed. Council Member Colpitts abstained.

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2009 General Meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Vice President Groves moved to accept the minutes of the June 30, 2009 Budget Workshop. Motion was seconded by Council Member Colpitts and passed. Council Member Mell abstained.

Employee Reports:

Ken Davis

- Distributed information regarding paid staffing salary adjustments. He had originally asked for funding for two additional full time paid EMTs. He has reevaluated and hired one full time with additional part-time. There is only a one hour difference in coverage.

Because Jamie Middlebrook and Ken are both salaried employees and work a 24/7 schedule including holidays as scheduled with no holiday compensation, Ken asked that the additional pay for 8 hours for each of the 13 holidays be added to their salary.

Would also like to give a small increase to the third EMT hourly pay as well as increase the part-time pay by \$1 per hour. There has been no increase in part-time pay in three years and none in two years for the two salaried full-time employees.

There are sufficient funds budgeted to cover the recommended salary changes in addition to making the requested reduction in the 2010 budget of \$16,285.

Council Member Colpitts motioned to move forward with the recommendations made for EMT salaries. Seconded by Council Member Mell, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Gumm

- The Fire Department is working on a future plan for demolition and rebuilding of the Kelley Building which is in disrepair. This building is used as a workout, training and storage facility. They will also consider expansion of the fire station with two additional bays and bringing the station up to meet ADA regulations. They would like to make the building compatible with the historic integrity of the rest of the downtown and will ask for Dana's input. They have formed a committee to begin looking into both the new facility and the station expansion.

Bill Herrbach

- Has reviewed the fence ordinances from various communities and sent a draft for Council review.

The Council requested that Bill put this in ordinance form.

- Did not receive the written commitments for the requested rezoning on Marvel Lane in time to meet with the committee and Roger has not received them at all. A special meeting was requested to review the written commitments and take action on the rezoning request no later than 7/20.

A Special Meeting was scheduled for Friday, July 17th at 9:30 a.m.

Roger Nawrot

- Sent the requested letter regarding the street in the proposed The Forest at New Carlisle subdivision to Mr. Cooreman.

The Plat Committee meets Thursday at 8:30 and Roger will attend and request that this subdivision be tabled.

Pat Cummings

- Is preparing the TE Grant Application for review by MACOG prior to submittal to INDOT.
- Will be doing a presentation of the Group 4 Project next week with MACOG assistance.
- Would like to set a date to work on the Zoning Ordinance with the appointed committee.

New Business

- Council Member Gelow inquired about ordinances governing fireworks. He expressed concern about them being used as well as being stored properly in town.

Bill Herrbach stated that the Town could adopt an ordinance prohibiting fireworks. Bill Gumm suggested that we prohibit aerial type fireworks. Other suggestions included limiting types of fireworks allowable and limiting days they may be used in Town.

Council Reports

Council Member Colpitts:

- Complimented the Fire and Ambulance Departments on their continued efforts to watch budgets and cut unnecessary spending.
- Asked about raises for other town employees.

Pat and Sue both reported that there is no money available for raises in any utility department at this time.

- Addressed the concerns expressed about landscaping around the Marshal's Department Garage.

The town employees will be putting gravel down as a temporary fix.

Public Comments

- Bill Gumm: Suggested that the town adopt an ordinance requiring that all new businesses install a Knox Box.

Bill explained that Knox Boxes are highly secured and allow the fire department access to the buildings in case of a fire.

The Council asked Bill to get the language used in ordinances from other towns.

- Mary Ann Swope: Feels that a fireworks ordinance is an excellent idea.

Bill stated that such ordinances can become very hard to impossible to enforce. He will review ordinances for other Towns and present that information for Council review.

- Marcy Kauffman: Asked about status of the house at 417 W. Michigan Street that appears to be abandoned.

Bob Middlebrook did get inside the house to inspect it and found that the roof is beginning to leak but that it is not in too bad of shape.

The previous owner remains the only one listed on the property at the County. Sue did send a letter to him requesting that the lawn and property be cleaned up and taken care of but it was returned undeliverable. At that time the town crew went to the home and mowed, trimmed and cleaned up the property. The bill for services will be placed as a lien on the property.

We will continue to address this issue and research further who has foreclosed on the property.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Mell motioned to pay all bills as presented. Vice President Groves seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer