

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting - July 27, 2010**

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Mell, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt Present. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Chuck Leone, Pat Cummings, Tom Baker, Ken Davis, Jason Quirk, Candie Drake, Bill Gumm, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Brian Thompson, Cal Dittmar, Chris Coil, Norris Emmons, Gary Spraker, Randy J, Rob Krieg, Keith Werwas, Todd Gose, Jim Ziola, Dick Jankowski and Randy Golden.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Higgins presented bids received to Roger Nawrot to be opened.

**Minutes**

Council Member Mell moved to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2010 Public Hearing and General Meeting as written. Seconded by Council Member Groves, the motion passed unanimously.

**Employee Reports**

Tom Baker

- Received paperwork from ILEA in reference to donating the Chevy Caprice. The department would receive 87.5 credit hours at the academy for the donation. This could be done in place of selling the car outright and the hours would be banked for future department use.

Vice President Colpitts moved to donate the 1995 Chevrolet Caprice to ILEA in return for 87.5 credit hours. Council Member Mell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Reports that his new squad car was backed into at the park during Hometown Days.
- Presented a proposal to promote Officers Cal Dittmar, Randy Rodriguez and Shayne Landry from Deputy 3<sup>rd</sup> Class to Deputy 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

Bill Gumm

- Reports that he and his officers met with Sue to go over the budget and it was a very informative meeting. He thanked everyone for attending.
- Reports that the Fire Department is not continuing the pursuit of 800 mhz radios until they hear more from the County. They did research available grants without any success.

**Chestnut Street Bids**

President Higgins read the bids received for the Chestnut Street Project as follows:

Walsh & Kelly Construction	\$44,797.38
Reith-Riley	\$39,514.80

**2010 Sidewalk Project Bids**

President Higgins read the bids received for the 2010 Sidewalk Project as follows:

	<u>Base</u>	<u>Alt</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Kaser-Spraker Construction	\$118,232.80	\$ 6,499.98	\$124,732.78
Ritchard Brothers	\$105,010.28	\$ 4,248.00	\$109,258.28
Walsh & Kelly Construction	\$111,603.20	\$ 2,400.00	\$114,003.20
Northern Construction Co.	\$ 99,680.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$105,680.00
L.L. Geans	\$ 95,682.66	\$ 4,881.72	\$100,364.38
Miller & Lehman Construction	\$142,400.00	\$11,664.00	\$154,064.00
Selge Construction	\$ 93,698.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 97,898.00
Reith Riley	\$104,599.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$108,499.00

Roger Nawrot recommended that the Council take the bids under advisement to be awarded at the August 10, 2010 meeting.

**Employee Reports Continued**

Chuck Leone

- Met with Pat to review the Consulting Contract for the TE Project. He will work with INDOT and MACOG to put together an agreement.

Pat Cummings

- Reports that Augie was called out at approximately 10 PM Monday evening on a report of water bubbling out of the ground on Edison Road. At that time, the water was not bad and they called in emergency locates and notified the WTP that they would return at 4. Within one hour, the cross blew off and drained 60,000 gallons of water from the tower. Flows from the WTP were at 5,000 gallons per minute from the 16" main with 100 psi. Following the fix of the initial break and repair, at approximately 4 PM today John was on his way home at noticed water bubbling out on the opposite side of the road in that same area. The valve failed and in ten minutes the level in the water tower dropped 8 feet (approx. 40,000 gallons). The leak was immediately isolated and parts are on the way for this fix. Pat expects to have everything back up by 7 PM.

Vice President Colpitts asked if the tower could have been isolated during the original leak to prevent loss of water from the tower and the water plant. Pat replied no because it didn't seem to be that bad at the time.

Vice President Colpitts asked if there are other Ts remaining that we should be concerned about. Pat stated that there is only one other and it is at the corner of Walnut & Edison.

President Higgins asked if we could have had the proper parts on hand in case of this kind of issue. Pat explained that this was an unusual circumstance.

Council Member Gelow expressed thanks to the town crew for the job they did this morning.

Vice President Colpitts expressed sympathy to everyone for the loss of service and especially to the businesses that lost revenue because of the water issue.

Vice President Colpitts asked if there was anything that could have been done differently. Pat replied that he was asked that earlier today and had to research. He stated that it is not unusual to call in a locate and then wait.

Pat reports that chlorine residuals were found at each test site today but the boil order will remain in effect until we have two clear tests.

**Old Business**

- Apprentice Agreement

President Higgins would like to postpone this issue until Nick is able to be in attendance.

Council Member Gelow stated that we should be glad that they are not unionized and he does not want to postpone this issue.

Vice President Colpitts suggested that the Council authorize President Higgins and Council Member Gelow to review and approve the agreement with Nick tomorrow.

Council Member Gelow stated that he would not agree to this.

Council Member Mell questioned the four year term instead of five. Chuck Leone explained that this was the term Pat suggested but that the term is be at the Council's discretion.

President Higgins stated that she would agree but wants Nick to be in attendance soon as the Town is making a significant investment in him.

Council Member Gelow motioned to accept the Apprenticeship Agreement with Nick Cody. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell. Council Member Gelow requested an individual vote.

Council Member Gelow	Aye	Vice President Colpitts	Aye
Council Member Mell	Aye	President Higgins	Aye
Council Member Groves	Aye		

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Gelow asked that this be made retroactive but the agreement states that it is effective upon signing. Chuck reports that the salary ordinance for this position could be multi-year and include all amounts agreed upon.

Vice President Colpitts reports that three officers currently qualify for promotion from Deputy 3<sup>rd</sup> Class to Deputy 2<sup>nd</sup> Class that would include a salary increase from \$35,694 to \$36,248 per year. The salary increase was incorporated in the 2010 budget.

Vice President Colpitts moved to approve the promotion of Cal Dittmar, Randy Rodriguez and Shayne Landry from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution 10-07-27-01, a resolution for the disposal of unfit and/or obsolete property, was read by President Higgins.

Council Member Mell moved to adopt Resolution 10-07-27-01. Seconded by Vice President Colpitts, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Council Reports**

Council Member Gelow

- Stated that the Town Crew did a good job getting everything fixed today.

Council Member Mell

- Questioned the status of the house at 417 W. Michigan Street.

Sue replied that the town crew did secure the house last week.

President Higgins

- Acknowledged the Marshal's Department as well as Nick and Jason for work at Home Town Days.

Council Member Groves

- Expressed thanks to everyone for the extra work during Home Town Days.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

- Wanted to thank the water treatment plant employees for all of their extra work during the water leak and the handling of emergency calls during that time as well.

### **Public Comment**

Bill Gumm asked that he be kept informed of future issues involving water.

**Bills to be Paid**

Vice President Colpitts moved to pay all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Colpitts and the meeting was adjourned.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer