

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – April 26, 2011

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Pat Cummings, Ken Davis, Dawn Ebersole, Mary Countryman, Ken Carter, Augie Mauer, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Mrs. Dodd, Jack Mell, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Mike Shilts entered during employee reports.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2011 General Meeting was made by Council Member Gelow and seconded by Council Member Groves. Motion passed 4-0.

Employee Reports

President Higgins asked Jeff Roseboom for clarification of the cost of the hummer. Jeff stated that the Hummer was obtained through DRMO, which allows police agencies to obtain surplus equipment. Vehicles come with the stipulations that the agency must pick up the vehicle. The cost to pick up the hummer was approximately \$1500 but there was no cost to obtain it. It is to be shared with EMS and Fire Department for emergency situations and bad weather. Walkerton has two hummers and Lakeville is obtaining one. Carolyn reports that the hummer has 20,000 miles as it was located at an airbase.

Kenny Davis

- He is working on obtaining helmets for entering areas where head protection is required that will be issued to each employee as part of their gear.
- Is obtaining quotes for long spine boards. Ken reports that In 1991 or 1992 the county went to an exchange program on backboards and all in the county are identical. This allows one service to leave a backboard at the ER with a patient and take another with them. Our service has not put any in circulation for many years but they currently carry eight. He will also need backboard straps and will obtain quotes for those as well.

President Higgins asked how the new hydraulic cots are working out. Kenny reports that they are excellent.

- Is working on going to CTV to revamp their Vial of Life Form as part of EMS Week. Kenny will be there on May 16, 18 and 20th. He will prepare a flyer advertising. They will also offer to make a home visit for those that are unable to attend one of the meetings.
- State Provider and Truck Certifications were recently received.

Chuck

- He is working on employee procedures.

Carolyn asked Augie about the situation with the viaduct flooding last night. Augie reports that the WTP received no calls regarding flooding at the viaduct and he is unaware of who contacted the state.

Roger

- Pat has reviewed preliminary sidewalk program documents he prepared. Roger hopes to have everything prepared for council approval at the next meeting and go out for bids.

President Higgins asked about the large pothole on newly surfaced part of Chestnut Street. Pat reports that this will be repaired as soon as the asphalt plants open.

Pat

- He, Council Member Gelow and Council Member Groves had reviewed the plans for this year's sidewalk project.
- We are approximately 3-4 weeks out on the viaduct pump control panel with installation expected to take less than two weeks.
- Met with Council Members Gelow and Groves for input on ideas for the TE Project and gave some direction to Roger as to what we are looking for.

Old Business

- Consideration of Waiving of Fines for Jayna Keigley.

Council Member Gelow motioned that the fines and costs be paid in the order that they were issued for a total of \$902.90 and that arrangements be made with the Town Clerk for payment. The motion was seconded by Vice President Colpitts and passed 4-0. Council Member Vojtko was not in attendance for the vote.

New Business

- Phone Maintenance Service Contract.

President Higgins reports that we received a quote from a new company for phone maintenance. H & G was the original installer of the current system and has had the service contract since 2003.

Quotes received were:

H&G	\$1,174.40
Converged Communication Partners	\$1,200.00

Council Member Vojtko entered the meeting at this time.

Council Member Groves moved to approve the contract with H&G for \$1,174.40.
Council Member Gelow seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1238 – An Ordinance Amending Mileage Reimbursement

President Higgins read Ordinance #1238 in its entirety for the third and final reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt Ordinance #1238. Council Member Groves seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Ordinance #1240 – An Ordinance amending a schedule of rates and charges to be collected by the Town for services rendered by the municipal water utility.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1240 by caption only for the third reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt Ordinance #1240. Seconded by Council Member Vojtko, the motion passed unanimously.

- Ordinance #1241- An Ordinance amending the Sewage Rate Ordinance.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1241 by caption only for third reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt Ordinance #1241. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

- Ordinance #1242 – An Ordinance amending the New Carlisle Municipal Electric Utility Rates.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1242 by caption only for the third reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt Ordinance #1242. Second by Council Member Vojtko passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Groves

- The Town Logo Contest Entries are on display in the Town Hall with voting open until May 6th. The winner will be announced at the May 10th meeting.

Vice President Colpitts

- Attended the APC meeting and the paperwork is on file in the Clerk's Office.
- Would like to create some type of forum for residents to report on employees when there is an issue or for commendation.

Chuck feels that this is a good idea as employee matters cannot be discussed publicly but any type of mechanism that would allow citizens to express issues would be good.

President Higgins does not feel that the Council should be involved in this although she agrees with the idea of a form for people to comment on but there must be a proper procedure that is maintained. These should go only to the supervisor of the employee involved and should not include the Council unless the supervisor would choose to do so.

The Council asked Chuck to put something fairly simple and factual together.

Council Member Vojtko

- Met with Dawn Krueger from the Home Town Days Committee and Bill Gumm from Night Magic for fireworks

Council Member Gelow

- Has researched different towns and cities that allow backyard chickens. There are many restrictions such as a limit of 4-5 chickens, no roosters, etc.

Council Member Gelow motions that we move forward to amend our current animal ordinance to allow chickens on less than 2 acres. He would like to have an ordinance put together with Sue's help for the next meeting. Council Member Groves seconded the motion which passed 4-1. Vice President Colpitts voted nay.

- Has information from the DNR regarding bicycle paths and would like the Council to review the information and investigate possibly setting up a committee to look into this.

Steve Vojtko

- Reports the Library is looking at putting photocells on their building to produce electricity and he asked if we have anything in place to sell back any excess electricity.

Pat stated that this is probably something we should look at. We do have wind generation in our Code Book. President Higgins feels that we need to do a lot of discussion on this. Vice President Colpitts cautions that back feeding holds an inherent danger.

Council Member Gelow asked to clarify that the chicken ordinance would be only for eggs.

Public Comments

Bob Middlebrook

- Stated that as a resident he feels that allowing chickens is a bad idea as everyone would not take good care of them in regards to clean up, etc. He questions who would make them clean up if they don't take good care of it.

Karen Dodd 509 Race Street

- She stated that she is in attendance to again ask for a fence variance as her husband did a few years ago.

President Higgins asked why she thought the answer would be approved this time. Mrs. Dodd stated that she is requesting to fence in a smaller area that would better allow view for motorists.

Roger stated that they would need to apply to the BZA for a variance.

President Higgins asked Mrs. Dodd to put together information and bring it back to the Council.

Mary Ann Swope

- Gene Baughman approached the Council a few years ago about having a farmer's market at the park a few days a week but never got an answer.

Dana reports that the Park Board did agree to allow a farmer's market and also came up with information and a form but they never heard back from Mr. Baughman. Mary Ann will speak with Mr. Baughman.

Bills to be Paid

Vice President Colpitts moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Groves. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer