

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – July 12, 2011

Vice President Colpitts called the meeting to order with Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. President Higgins was absent. Also in attendance were Doug Glon, Jill Doll, Davy Doll, Tim Kaminski, Tom Baker, Mary Countryman, Mike Shilts, John Mrozinski, Kenny Davis, Jason Quirk, Jack Mell, Jeff Roseboom and Mary Ann Swope.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Approval of the June 28, 2011 minutes was tabled until the July 26th meeting as Vice President Colpitts and Council Member Groves were both absent June 28th.

Employee Reports

Augie Mauer

- They will complete painting parking stripes on Michigan Street soon.

Andrea Halpin

- They are awaiting Council input on the complaint form previously distributed.

Council Member Gelow moved to approve the form as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed 4-0.

Council Member Vojtko asked about the letter to the State Fire Marshal discussed at the last meeting. Sue stated that she did not relay this request to Andrea until Friday and was unsure of exactly what the Council would like to be included. Council Member Vojtko would like to know why blanket acceptance was given by the Fire Marshal and zoning, etc. were not looked into. Andrea would like to have the Fire Chief review the letter when it is completed to be sure that it is technically correct and is okay with him as well.

Pat Cummings

- The TE Project schedule has been moved up to start in June of 2012. It had been scheduled later but has been pushed forward to get it completed.
- Control panel installation is scheduled to begin on Thursday at the viaduct. Pat estimates it will be complete in the next couple of weeks.
- Met with Roger and an INDOT representative who expressed that INDOT might like to work with the Town and St. Joseph County on the drainage issues. They will be meeting again the first week of August to further discuss this. Roger stated that it is just an idea being kicked around right now. Council Member Vojtko stated that this was an unfortunate time to decide to look into this after we will have the pumps, etc. torn up.

Old Business

- Satellite Dish Regulations

Andrea reports that Indiana Statute says that if we want to pass any sort of ordinance it cannot prohibit the installation of a receiver that is less than 2' in diameter.

Vice President Colpitts thought the idea was to prohibit the installation of all receivers in the front yard. Andrea stated that you can address aesthetic issues by saying "try to be in an area that is inconspicuous if possible" but cannot prohibit dishes under a certain size specifically. She will look into this further to see if we can write the ordinance to address the issues of concern.

- Twinrix (Hep A/B) Policy

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the Vaccination Policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and passed 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1247 – A salary ordinance for employees of the Town of New Carlisle.

Council Member Gelow moved to waive the rules to allow Ordinance #1247 to be adopted on the day of its introduction. Council Member Gelow seconded the motion. Council Member Vojtko voted nay and the motion failed due to lack of a unanimous vote.

Vice President Colpitts read Ordinance #1247 by caption only for the first reading.

Council Reports

Council Member Gelow

- Reports that five complaints written by tenants were received by Bob Middlebrook. One complaint included no heat and toilets that didn't flush. Council Member Gelow asks to have a work session scheduled before the next meeting to discuss rental property inspections as he feels no one should have to live like this.

Vice President Colpitts stated that there is a fine line about being a governing body and the ramifications to this. He would like to have Andrea or Chuck in attendance at the work session.

Andrea will email her schedule and a work session will be set up possibly next Thursday or Friday.

- Bray Street – Council Member Gelow would like to make Bray Street to Dunn Road 20 MPH speed limit instead of the current 25 mph. Roger reports that a speed study and justification would be necessary.

Council Member Gelow suggests no parking on the east side of Bray Street could be an option if changing the speed limit is not.

Roger and Tom will get together and report back at the next meeting.

Council Member Groves

- The Farmers Market started Saturday and was held again today.

Mary Ann Swope reports it was wonderful.

Council Member Vojtko

- Just reviewed the budget with the Fire Department and will be sitting down with Tom soon.
- The Intergovernmental meeting was held a few weeks ago and held no surprises. The Fire Department presented a 10 year plan of major expenses.

Vice President Colpitts

- Reports that Bob Middlebrook was contacted by the man who recently purchased 417 W. Michigan Street. He has asked for Bob's input on things that need to be addressed.
- Attended the Area Plan Commission meeting and reports there was nothing concerning New Carlisle.
- Would like to sit down with the Council at the work session and look at restructuring Code Enforcement. He would like to have something to present at the work session for consideration.
- Regarding pay raises, many employees have gone three years or slightly longer without raises. The supervisors spent a lot of time calculating what could be done and have put a lot of work and effort into their recommendations. He really encourages the board members to read the ordinance thoroughly and contact the supervisors prior to the next meeting if they have any questions.

Public Comments

Jack Mell

- Feels that we need microphones in front of all Council Members.

Vice President Colpitts reports that we did check into this but the estimated \$8,000 cost to mic the entire room was prohibitive.

Use of the PA System for meetings was discussed.

- Feels that the speed limit is a joke as he sees people going over the speed limit.

Doug Glon

- Asked if the Town has a fireworks ordinance. Sue stated that we adopted an ordinance last year and it is available on line for review.
- Volunteered to set up the PA system for every meeting.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Vojtko moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Gelow and seconded by Council Member Vojtko. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer