

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting- November 22, 2011

President Carolyn Higgins called the meeting to order with Council Member Gelow, Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Vojtko, Council Member Groves and Deputy Clerk Jill Doll. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Pat Cummings, Andrea Halpin, Ken Carter, Mary Countryman, Augie Mauer, Mike Shilts, Jack Mell, Mary Ann Swope, Kevin Macias, Tim Kaminski, Kenny Davis, Carol Middlebrook, Jason Quirk and Jack Daley.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of November 7, 2011 General Meeting as written was made by Council Member Vojtko and seconded by Vice President Colpitts. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the minutes of November 15, 2011 Executive Session as written was made by Council Member Groves and seconded by Council Member Vojtko. The motion passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Andrea Halpin

- Have had requests for public records.
- Was asked to look into Chicken Ordinance information

Pat Cummings

- Council Member Gelow brought to Mr. Cummings attention that there is a need for a pedestrian walkway from Thunderbird Dr. to County Line Road on the south side of U.S. 20. Mr. Cummings advised that he checked into the financing and that we have money available from our C.E.D.I.T. funds.

Vice President Colpitts then stated that the funding is from money we already have and that there are no grants, loans or other funding required to do this project.

President Higgins asks if this would change the sidewalk project already planned for next year. Mr. Cummings advised that this would be done at the same time as the planned project for next year.

Council Member Vojtko ask about the possibility of lights along the pedestrian path and also that the path be 8' wide for golf carts, because golf carts cannot be on the Highway.

Roger Nawrot advised that it would have to be 8' to allow golf carts

Pat Cummings would like to see this all bid out at the same time as the planned sidewalk project the help save money on costs of the bidding process. He also advised that more details would be discussed at a later date.

Vice President Colpitts made a motion to proceed with the engineering for the sidewalk extension from Thunderbird to County Line Road and not to exceed \$8,900.00. Council Member Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- St. Joseph County is moving forward with water details and permits for the power plant with projected start of construction the 4th quarter of 2012.

Old Business

- Discussion of proposed ordinance to allow chickens

Council Member Gelow advised that he would like to see the Council move ahead with an ordinance.

Vice President Colpitts ask that Council Members take provided information under advisement and then to decide at next Council Meeting if they want to proceed with doing an ordinance.

- Main Attraction

Andrea Halpin advised that the trial for Main Attraction was avoided due to Ms. Keigley entering into a judgment, agreeing to pay the full amount of the claims against her. This would fulfill what was requested of the Town Attorneys in this case, also allowing Ms. Keigley to now come before the board and request a payment plan or even to reduce her fees. Much discussion followed.

President Higgins advised the Council to think about this issue and be prepared for discussion at next meeting as Ms. Keigley will probably be at that meeting to plea her case.

New Business

In December the Council usually only has one meeting, it has been requested by the Clerk's Office to have two this year. The first will be set on the regular schedule of Tuesday December 13, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. The second meeting will be a short meeting to conclude the bills and any final business to finish the year on Wednesday December 28, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance#1248-An ordinance regarding design and construction of off-street parking areas. President Higgins presented it for its 2nd reading in its entirety.
- Ordinance#1249- An ordinance amending Ordinance #1211 regarding Marshal's Dept. clothing allowance. President Higgins presented it for its 3rd and final reading by caption only. Council Member Vojtko made a motion to pass Ordinance #1249; it was seconded by Vice President Colpitts. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ordinance#1252-An ordinance amending subdivision regulations. President Higgins presented Ordinance #1252 for its first reading by caption only.
- Ordinance#1253-A salary ordinance for an employee of the Town of New Carlisle. President Higgins presented Ordinance #1253 for its first reading. Vice President Colpitts made a motion to wave the rules; Council Member Vojtko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Higgins then read the ordinance first by caption only, next for second reading she read it in its entirety. Then the 3rd and final reading was done by caption only. Council Member Gelow then made a motion to adopt Ordinance#1253, Vice President Colpitts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Resolutions#11-11-22-01-A resolution for Appropriation Transfer.

President Higgins read the resolution in its entirety. Vice President Colpitts made a motion to adopt resolution#11-11-22-01; Council Member Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Groves

- Council Member Groves advised that the Main Street Event went well and that they are setting up the next meeting and that this will be posted as a Public Meeting so all members of council can attend. They are looking at December 15, 2011 at the New Carlisle Library for that meeting.

Council Member Vojtko

- Council Member Vojtko would like to Thank Susan Moffitt, Melissa Moffitt, the New Carlisle Fire Dept. and the Marshal's Dept. for the reception for Officer Szuba. He graduated from the Academy and also placed second in the class for shooting. Congratulations to Josh!
- Council Member Vojtko asks Mr. Cummings if he had moved along with the tree grant application. Mr. Cummings advised that he was working on it. Council Member Vojtko also asks if the application had expired and Mr. Cummings answered, no it had not expired yet.
- Council Member Vojtko would like to see the website moving along. We need someone to be able to gather information and pictures to put on website, not just put on what we give them to put on.

President Higgins advised that CSI is supposed to provide the Town with 3 hours of free service each month for our web site. That she and Sue will be meeting with a CSI representative to update the services for the website. Andrea Halpin will be looking into the contract with CSI as requested by Pat Cummings. Council Member Vojtko advised he has several people that he feels would be good candidates to do the information gathering for the website.

President Higgins summarized the Website:

- She & Sue will sit down with CSI Rep.
- Andrea to look over CSI contract
- will need to look into hiring someone

Council Member Gelow

- Council Member Gelow would like to see AT&T Communications to put up an antenna on the Town Water Tower to help with area cell phones

Andrea advised that the contract may prohibit other companies putting up equipment.

Vice President Colpitts

- Vice President Colpitts advised that he had attended the Area Plan meeting and that they voted in favor of the parking lot issue that was before the Committee
- Vice President Colpitts would like to see someone on the Council appointed to the Main Street Board
- Vice President Colpitts would like to see an increase in Council pay for the next year. Not very much but some increase and that that council had not had an Increase in pay in 10 or 12 years. He advised that being on Council is very time consuming. He asks that Council Members take the suggestion under advisement until next Council meeting.

Council Member Gelow

- Council Member Gelow wanted to wish everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving”.

Public Comments

Jack Mell

- Feels that Mane Attraction should have to pay all of her fines.

Mary Countryman

- Thinks the Christmas lights are on too early. Elec. Sup. Jason Quirk advised her that with all the lighting that is done for the Holidays that it takes more than a day or two to get it all up and working.
- If the Council does put a walkway out to County Line who is going to clean the snow off? Council Member Gelow advised that the Town is looking into new equipment purchase that would be able to remove the snow.
- Don't take away the chickens.

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 was made by Council Member Vojtko and seconded by Vice President Colpitts. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Jill Doll, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer