

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, July 23, 2013

President Colpitts called the meeting to order with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko, Council Member Carter and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Pat Cummings, Sen. Jim Arnold, Jack Mell, Tim Kaminski, Jill Doll, Mary Ann Swope, Mike Shilts, Mike McClaran, Mary Countryman, Josh Schweizer, Jamie Middlebrook and Jason Quirk.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sen. Jim Arnold was in attendance and briefed the Council on the session that ended April 26th. He reports 1200 bills filed for consideration with 295 sent to Gov. Pence's desk.

Minutes

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2013 General Meeting and Public Hearing as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Josh Schweizer

The Fire Department, in cooperation with EMS, recently conducted a mass casualty drill involving a school bus and nineteen children. Cooperation between departments was outstanding and the drill went very well.

Mike McClaran

The parks are doing very well.

Tim Kaminski

They have been very busy at the water treatment plant.

Andrea Halpin

They continue working on the Interlocal Ambulance Agreement and corresponding ordinance as well as completion of public record requests.

Jamie Middlebrook

The EMS and Fire Department, thru sponsorship from I/N Tek, will offer non-certified CPR classes during Home Town Days from 11-4. They will put on several classes at no cost.

Pat Cummings

The TE Project is approximately 25% complete. All barrels and barricades will be removed prior to Home Town Days and both the TE Project and sidewalk project will resume following the event.

Old Business

Interlocal Ambulance Contract

Council Member Vojtko moved to table the Interlocal Ambulance Contract for further review by the attorneys. Seconded by Council Member Carter, the motion passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Vice President Higgins

The Cemetery Board met today and will publish the new rules and regulations of the cemetery soon.

Vice President Higgins questioned the possibility of giving some type of break on utility bills for those who run their dishwashers, etc. in the evening hours as is sometimes done. Pat explained that we would have to track usage at all hours and we do not have the ability to do so.

With the number of houses that are vacant in Town, Vice President Higgins questioned whether purchasing and demolishing them might be in the best interest of the Town. Pat explained that this isn't seen as much in residential areas as it is in commercial areas except perhaps in extremely blighted neighborhoods. Pat, Sue and Mike recently toured Bremen and found that they have done this. It has worked pretty well for them and may be something that the Town would want to consider. Andrea added that the valuation issue must be considered and if the town goes in and purchases at the lowest possible price, it brings down the values of other homes in the area.

Council Member Carter

Due to the demand for the 2013 Ford Interceptors and SUVs, the dealership is no longer able to provide them and will instead provide 2014 vehicles at the original quoted cost of the 2013s.

Council Member Carter moved to amend the March 26, 2013 minutes to state the Council approves the purchase of two new vehicles, a 2014 Ford Interceptor Sedan and 2014 Ford SUV. The motion was seconded by Vice President Higgins and passed unanimously.

President Colpitts

President Colpitts attended the recent Area Plan Commission meeting. One agenda item was tabled and the other involved Notre Dame.

Reports that he received an IDEM notice today regarding the St. Joseph Energy Draft Air Permit. President Colpitts read the IDEM notice and stated that copies of the permit are available at the library.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Sue reports that there were no objections filed to the advertised CCD Rate Adoption so all required paperwork will be forwarded to the DLGF for approval.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Gelow moved to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Council Member Carter, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Gelow and Second by Vice President Higgins the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer