

New Carlisle Town Council

124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, In 46552

General Meeting, May 13, 2014

President Colpitts called the meeting to order with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Carter, Council Member Vojtko, Clerk Treasurer Moffitt and Deputy Clerk Doll present. Also in attendance were Chuck Leone, Pat Cummings, Jamie Middlebrook, Kathy Aurenz, Cal Dittmar, Jack Mell, Josh Schwiezer, Mike McClaran, Davey Doll, Cheri Pesce, Jason Quirk, Dana Groves, Doug & Peg Adams, Carol Middlebrook and Henry Timm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Vojtko made a motion to accept the April 22, 2014 General Meeting minutes as written with Council Member Higgins seconding and passed unanimously. Next a motion made by Council Member Carter to accept the minutes as written for Special Meeting on April 26, 2014, it was then seconded by Council Member Gelow and was passed, with Council Member Vojtko abstaining.

Visitor Comments

Kathy Aurenz

- Kathy with Discover New Carlisle came before the Council to share several things they would like to do for Home Town Days this year. First they would like to have two trolleys shuttling people back and forth between Memorial Park and the down town on Saturday after the parade until 5:00 p.m. Hopefully one will be horse drawn, but still working on that. Next they would like to have vendors down town on Saturday on the sidewalks from 9 to 5. Lastly they would like to ask the Council to please sponsor Port-O-Johns for the Down Town area again this year. This would then make it so the Town Hall would not have to be open. Council Member Vojtko made a motion to get the Port-o-Johns set up for this event. Council Member Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Also Kathy presented to the Council the Discover New Carlisle treasurer's report for May 2014.

Employee Report

Fire Chief Josh Schweizer

- Josh reported that the weekly exercise program at the Fire Station, that is also open to the public, is going really well.

Attorney Chuck Leone

- Chuck advised that he had been working on several things for Town, starting with several record release requests, a new snow removal ordinance and then information on the Airgas tax abatement agreement. He stated that the agreement had ended last year and that Airgas will be filing their taxes this year without the abatement.

Public Works Director Pat Cummings

- Pat advised the Council that he has been working on several things at this time. The drainage study is progressing, he met with a Cemetery restoration company, the St. Joseph Co. emergency siren is now fixed, a public hearing needs to be set for the right of way release for Larrison Rd., the bid for this year's sidewalk project is ready, dumpsters for Community Day and New Carlisle Hometown Days have been ordered, there is a wastewater draft meeting tomorrow and to please have patients with the Town Crew as they are working with a short staffed crew at this time.

New Business

Dana Groves

- Dana brought to the Council information about the "Downtown Main Street Grant" that the Discover New Carlisle group has been working on. She was working with Pat on how this grant can help both Discover NC and the Town. The grant would be a matching grant for \$20,000. In this grant they could cover items to finish last year's Down Town Beautification Project with benches, trash & recycling receptacles and signage. She asks that the Town agree to match up to \$10,000. Council Member Higgins made a motion that the Town agree to match the grant up to \$10,000. Council Member Gelow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. If the grant is approved it would then be awarded on June 30th.

- Dana also advised that Discover New Carlisle would look into planting the planters in the new planter boxes that were part of the Down Town beautification project finished last fall. Then at next week's promotion meeting, for Discover NC group, they would look into doing a sponsorship for the trees for Down Town also.

New Carlisle Lions Club

Council President Colpitts read a proclamation to Lions Club President Doug Adams, in honor of the 75th Anniversary of their club, thanking them for their 75 years of service to the Community. It also proclaimed May 19, 2014 as New Carlisle Lions Club Day.

Council Reports

Council Member Carter

- Ken wanted to remind everyone that the "Taste of New Carlisle" will be June 28th from 1 to 5p.m. at Memorial Park.

Council Member Higgins

- Carolyn advised that she and Sue are looking into a grant writer or possibly a grant researcher. Also she had been informed that the Pokagon Indians in the New Buffalo area have lots of grants available to look into.
- Carolyn also advised that the ordinance for the Cemetery Board was in need of being changed to allow taxpaying residents to be able to serve on the Cemetery Board. As the ordinance now states that the board member needs to have a lot at the cemetery and the change would open up the ability to have more residents able to serve on that board.

Council Member Vojtko

- Steve said that the Solid Waste District is looking into saving costs by not doing the magnetic "pick-up date" calendars for next year for recycling. The cost savings would be \$60,000. He took a quick survey of the audience to see how many used their magnets.

Council President Colpitts

- Ron informed the Council that while at the IACT Budget meeting in Indianapolis he learned that Umbaugh has prepared a handout that they could review on the step by step process of preparing a budget.
- Ron also would like to see the Town have a safety audit preformed in all departments so the Town can stay complaint and up to date on all of the safety law and regulation changes. We are looking into Downey Insurance to do this for us.
- Lastly, Ron advised that he would like to have the Council think about lowering the Contractor Registration fees. Please have ideas on this ready for a future work session.

Clerk Treasurer Report

Clerk Treasurer Moffitt

- Sue gave the Council the total cost of adjustments for the drip credit for this winter at \$18,128.37. She also told the Council that all of the items sold at the auction and that a full report would be coming from the sale.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Gelow made a motion for the bills to be paid as presented. Seconded by Council Member Carter, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Council Member Carter and seconded by Council Member Gelow, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

Jill Doll, Deputy Clerk