

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, November 24, 2015 5:00 PM

Sen. Jim Arnold spoke prior to the start of the official meeting and was present to update the community on what took place in the Summer Study Committees.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Higgins called the meeting to order at 5:22 PM with Council Member Gelow, Council Member Carter, Council Member Rypma and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Vice President Vojtko was absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Josh Schweizer, Jeff Roseboom, Jason Quirk, John Mrozinski, Brian Countryman, Dave Doll, Jill Doll, Dan Vermillion and Mary Ann Swope. Amanda Nally and Jessica Flemming entered the meeting late.

Minutes

Council Member Carter moved to accept the minutes of the November 10th 2015 Public Hearing and General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

Council Member Carter moved to accept the November 17, 2015 5 PM Work Session memorandum as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 3-0. Council Member Gelow abstained.

The November 17, 2015 6 PM Work Session memorandum was tabled until a majority of those in attendance are present.

Council Member Carter moved to accept the November 19, 2015 Work Session Memorandum as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 3-0. Council Member Rypma abstained.

Public Comment

- Mary Ann Swope

Mary Ann questioned the status of the old Indiana map that is hanging in the Council room that Mr. Tejada of Tejas Tubular had offered to restore. Because there is some question as to the ownership of the map, restoration did not move forward.

Employee Reports

Team Leader John Mrozinski

- Leaf pick-up went well. There are some leaves remaining that will be picked up when the snow melts
- Trees were placed in the downtown planters Monday and park decorations are up and ready for Christmas in New Carlisle on Sunday

Cemetery Board Member Dave Doll

- The Board met and discussed ordinance preparation for the newly established cremation burial area

- The Cemetery Board is preparing a pamphlet regarding regulations and costs for the cemetery.

Electric Superintendent Jason Quirk

- The expense report for Christmas lighting was given to the Council
- Requested a work session to discuss the purchased power agreement before the end of the year

The Council scheduled a work session for immediately following the Dec. 8th meeting

The second Council Meeting for December was also scheduled and will be held on Monday, December 28th at 5 PM.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

- Have completed the Electric Tracker Ordinance and the No Parking Ordinance
- Employment Issues
- Public Records Requests

Engineer Jared Huss

- Completed the 2015 Pavement Project final walk through.
- He and Jeff have reviewed School Zone speed limit sign layout and are waiting for signage.
- The meeting hosted by Kiewit Construction and SJEC at fire department went well.
- We will need a final Terms and Conditions Contract.
- Finalized the contract for oversight on design and construction for SJEC
- We are waiting for the county to approve the proposed assessment on the existing water treatment plant..
- An informational meeting with a representative from OCRA will be held at 11:30 on Dec. 16th at Miller's Home Café. Jennifer will present information on new funding and grant opportunities available through OCRA.

Sue was asked to extend an invitation to Kathy Aurenz and Bill Sutton of Discover New Carlisle and Craig Langhofer of the Business and Community Association to attend this meeting.

- We have received trash cans and benches for the Main Street Grant. John will be working with Dana on obtaining the downtown street signs.
- Since Jeff has agreed to step up and handle the responsibilities of ADA Coordinator they will meet with MACOG representatives on December 10th regarding the specific requirements.
- Attended active transportation planning at MACOG. He would like to sit down with the council and look at bike and pedestrian paths and connectivity with other area parks as well as the north side of town on the other side of viaduct.
- Need to decide on 2016 projects when new council is established.

Old Business

- Walsh & Kelly Pavement Project Change Order Approval

Jared presented a Pavement Project Change Order in the amount of \$22,771.56 for final total 280,331.06.

Council Member Gelow motioned to approve the Change Order as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

- Walsh & Kelly Final Pay Application #2 Approval

The Final Pay Application for \$48,689.61 was presented.

Council Member Rypma moved to approve the Pavement Project Final Pay Application as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

New Business

- Park Board Recommendation for Replacement Playground Equipment at Memorial Park

Council Member Rypma reports that researching options for the replacement playground equipment has taken quite some time. The Park Board thought they had a viable option until Roger went to view that same equipment at another playground and found it not to be of the quality we want for the park. They are now reviewing products by other vendors and will ask to encumber funds at the end of the year for the purchase next year.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1318 – 2016 Elected Officials Salary Ordinance

Council Member Gelow motioned to waive the rules and allow for adoption of Ordinance #1318 on the day of introduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed 4-0.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1318 by caption only for the first reading.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1318 in entirety for the second reading.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1318 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Upon a motion by Council Member Carter and second by Council Member Rypma the motion passed 4-0.

- Ordinance #1319 – An Ordinance Regarding the Electric Tracker (1st Reading)

President Higgins read Ordinance #1319 by caption only for the first reading.

- Ordinance #1320 – An Ordinance Adopting a No Parking Zone (1st Reading)

President Higgins read Ordinance #1320 by caption only for the first reading.

President Higgins opened the floor for discussion of Ordinance #1320.

John Mrozinski expressed concern about setting a precedence by not allowing parking in this area and President Higgins responded that she feels the same regarding this issue as it appears to be adopting an ordinance for one citizen. Jared reports that he and Jeff feel this way as well but it was the only path they could offer to alleviate the ongoing situation.

Jared suggests perhaps a policy to allow fines to be issued to persons involved when numerous calls are made to emergency services for frivolous things such as this.

Council Member Rypma stated that this situation does not appear to be an overly heavy burden for a citizen as everyone has to watch when backing out of their driveway.

Council Reports

Council Member Carter

Expressed his thanks to John on snow and leaf removal and completing Christmas Lighting

Council Member Gelow

Good job to all on the Christmas Lighting and phenomenal job on leaf pick up.

President Higgins

President Higgins agrees with the other council members and feels that, as a council, we have always valued our employees and are very grateful for their service and dedication to the Town.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Sue reports that we will hold two public hearings prior to the next council meeting. The first will be held at 5 PM for the Electric Tracker and the second public hearing at 5:10 PM for the additional appropriation necessary from the CEDIT Fund due to the additional sidewalk project work that was completed this summer.

Bills to be Paid

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

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Carter and second by Council Member Rypma the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer