

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, March 24, 2015

President Higgins called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM with Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Carter, Council Member Rypma and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Augie Mauer, Mary Ann Swope, Bob Middlebrook, Mrs. Burnett, Mike Shilts, Tim Kaminski, Perry Hinton, Jason Quirk, Ron Colpitts, Tonya McKee, Jill Doll, Dave Doll, Cal Dittmar, John Mrozinski, Lisa Wagner, Josh Schweizer and Wyatt Schweizer.

Minutes

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Special Meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2015 General Meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2015 Executive Session as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

Visitor Comments

Mrs. Burnett
342 Marvel Lane

Mrs. Burnett was in attendance regarding the water drainage issue at her home. She read a letter describing the water issues they have had at their residence.

Attorney Andrea Halpin stated that because Mrs. Burnett has threatened litigation, no further public discussion may be held.

Augie Mauer
College Street

Mr. Mauer was in attendance because he has heard of the town considering a ban on overnight parking in town parks and is unaware that this had become an issue.

Mr. Mauer stated that he has worked with the police department all the time. He feels that we have a very good police department that knows what vehicles are his or other residents and questions the necessity of banning overnight parking at the parks and also where he can park if this moves forward.

Council Member Rypma stated that overnight parking at the parks presents several issues.

If there is no ordinance in place and no signage at the park banning overnight parking, law enforcement has absolutely no ability to intervene with anyone parking overnight in the parking lot. Because we cannot pick and choose who to enforce this with, it means that essentially anyone can be sleeping there. .

Mr. Mauer stated that he disagrees as he has been involved with a couple of drug busts at the park because he and his wife had reported the illegal activity and his question is what about parking for him and his neighbors.

Council Member Rypma asked when the drug activity was witnessed and Augie responded that it was in the evening. Council Member Rypma responded that this ordinance would assist with exactly this type of situation.

Mr. Mauer asked for leniency for him so that he may park overnight in the park and if not he would like to know where he can park.

Council Member Rypma responded that perhaps a permitting process could be used but that there is much to be looked at prior to enacting an ordinance.

Employee Reports

Attorney Andrea Halpin

Chuck has been working on the details of the fire truck contract as well as lease/purchase options.

Council Member Carter moved to set taking informal quotes as the procedure for obtaining financing of the fire truck. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared has been working on a couple issues with John Mrozinski.

The sidewalk project and pavement project are moving forward. We may need to meet as a group in a work session to go over details.

He will be following up on the INDOT letter he sent.

Will be meeting with the Main Street group on the signs and benches for downtown.

He is working on resolution of the Bray Street easement issue.

Old Business

Sidewalk Café Permit Application

A motion was made by Council Member Rypma and seconded by Vice President Vojtko to adopt the Sidewalk Café Permit Agreement as presented. President Higgins called for a voice vote as follows:

Council Member Carter	Aye	Council Member Gelow	Nay
President Higgins	Aye	Vice President Vojtko	Aye
Council Member Rypma	Aye		

The motion passed 4-1.

New Business

Hiring Process

The town manager position will be posted in-house until Friday, 3/27. Following that it will be made public with information posted on the website and an ad placed in the South Bend Tribune.

Council Reports

Council Member Carter

Council Member Carter reports that the plaque has been installed on the memorial for Jamie. The dedication will be held later this year.

Taste of New Carlisle will be held June 27th this year.

Vice President Vojtko

There was nothing concerning the Town at the recent Area Plan meeting or on the agenda for the next meeting.

Vice President Vojtko, reports that he, Jared and John walked the park area and have several ideas.

Council Member Rypma

The Park Board had requested that estimates be obtained for several things last year so that funds could be encumbered from the 2014 budget but unfortunately the ball was dropped. At the end of 2014 the park budget had \$19,213.44 remaining and Council Member Rypma would like an additional appropriation for the parks department for that amount. This would allow them to move forward with updating the park master plan.

Council Member Rypma motioned to move forward with an additional appropriation in the amount of 19213.44. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Jared suggested that the Council schedule a work session to make a determination on the scope of the sidewalk project. A work session will be held on Thursday, April 9th at 5 PM.

Bills to be Paid

Vice President Vojtko moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Carter and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer