

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, May 14, 2015 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Council Member Gelow, Council Member Rypma and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Vice President Vojtko entered the meeting late. Council Member Carter was absent.

Also in attendance were Chuck Leone, Mary Ann Swope, Dave Doll, Jill Doll, John Mrozinski, Jeff Roseboom, Jason Quirk, Tim Kaminski, Mike Shilts and Marcy Kauffman.

Minutes

Council Member Gelow moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 3-0.

Visitors Comments

Marcy Kauffman

Marcy thanked Council Member Rypma for taking the time to look into the downtown planter issue that she had expressed concern about at a previous meeting.

President Higgins stated that each of the council members has given consideration to her concern but much discussion and planning went into the design of the project.

Employee Reports

Electric Superintendent Jason Quirk

- Attended the IMMUDA meeting yesterday. Jason reports that the town will see another increase in purchased power next July.
- Bucket rescue training was completed this morning.
- They have begun maintenance on the substations with two complete to date.

Public Safety Director Jeff Roseboom

- The radar trailer has been moved to Dunn Road and will then be moved to East Michigan next.

President Higgins asked Council Member Rypma whether enforcement of the new parks parking ordinance would be done by Bob Middlebrook or police officers. Enforcement of local ordinances is done by both the police officers and code enforcement working under the police department.

President Higgins stated that parking ordinances aren't always enforced. Jeff responded that enforcement of parking ordinances is not possible in some areas due to lack of signage and that the snow ordinance is not applicable on all streets. Many of the tickets issued remain unpaid. Council

Member Rypma stated that unless some procedure is in place for collection of the fines, enforcement will be an issue.

There was some discussion on options for collection of fines. Attorney Chuck Leone reports that there is a section of the Indiana Code that allows attorney fees to be added on to the defendant so there could be no cost to a very minimal cost to the Town for pursuing collection through the court system. He will review the process and make a recommendation to the Council.

Vice President Vojtko entered the meeting.

Team Leader John Mrozinski

- Will be meeting with Shawn of H&G to move forward with the Cherry Street Project that was approved some months ago.
- The brick work at cemetery entrance should be completed soon.
- The street sweeper repairs are complete and it is back in service.

Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Tim Kaminski

- The Annual CCR is complete. Copies are ready and Tim will plan delivery.

Attorney Chuck Leone

- Working on completion of the financing documents for the fire truck. The lease was previously approved and several documents will need to be signed this evening.
- Working with Umbaugh on utility rate ordinances to be consistent with town code.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance#1308-an ordinance to amend parking in the town parks

President Higgins read Ordinance #1308 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Council Member Gelow moved to adopt Ordinance #1308 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma.

President Higgins called for a voice vote as follows:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance #1308 passed 4-0.

- Ordinance #1309 – An Ordinance Amending the New Carlisle Municipal Water Utility Rates

Upon a motion by Vice President Vojtko and second by Council Member Gelow, Ordinance #1309 was tabled 4-0.

- Ordinance #1310 – An Ordinance Amending the New Carlisle Municipal Sewer Utility Rates

President Higgins read Ordinance #1310 by caption only for first reading.

- Ordinance #1311 – An Ordinance Amending the New Carlisle Municipal Electric Utility Rates

President Higgins read Ordinance #1310 by caption only for the first reading.

Council Reports

Council Member Gelow

Council Member Gelow reports that he, John Mrozinski and Jared took a very interesting tour of I/N Tek today.

President Higgins

- President Higgins reminded everyone that we will hold a presentation and reception to honor the three New Carlisle businesses that have been in the same family for over fifty years on May 26th at 4:30.
- A public hearing will be held on Ordinance #1310 and #1311 Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 5:00 PM. The General Meeting with the sidewalk project bid opening will follow the public hearing with an executive session immediately following that.

Vice President Vojtko

- The recent Solid Waste District Meeting conducted regular business with nothing to report.
- Vice President Vojtko expressed concern about the trees and planters downtown and would like to meet with Council Member Rypma and the local businesses to iron out planting and maintenance to alleviate confusion.

Marcy Kauffman reports that Discover New Carlisle has contracted with Twin Silos to do the planting again this year.

Council Member Rypma

- Council Member Rypma stated that he didn't mean to create conflict but he feels the concern regarding the planters expressed at a previous meeting is that there is nothing to catch someone's eye to show an obstruction in the sidewalk. He feels that we need to make a decision on what we will do to have something there to draw attention to there being an obstruction.

President Higgins stated that she feels that Aaron has wonderful insight but that in being new he may not be aware of the history of this project.

Vice President Vojtko will call Cathy Aurenz and set up a time to meet with her. .

- Questioned power outage last Tuesday. Jason explained it was an issue with AEP that took out the Town, Hudson Lake and New Carlisle all the way to Bosch.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

Sue reports that there were two homes that continued to drip water during May and requested approval for adjustments to those accounts of \$17.00 in water and \$26.05 in sewer for a total of \$43.05. These two homes are on Ben Street with water dripping requested by the Town.

Vice President Vojtko moved to approve the requested adjustments for a total of \$43.05. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

Sue reports that Antique Restorations experienced a broken water line in April that resulted in a high sewer bill. They have submitted a letter from their plumbing contractor explaining the issue and have requested an adjustment to the sewer portion of their May bill. Adjustment to their average usage would be \$66.52.

Vice President Vojtko moved to approve an adjustment of \$66.52 to the sewer portion of Antique Restoration's bill. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

As Jared was unable to attend tonight's meeting, he asked that Sue report the following:

- The 2015 Sidewalk Project was advertised and five contractors have picked up bid information to date.
- He recently met with Reith-Riley and plans to advertise the 2015 Pavement Project in late June.
- Will be meeting with Jeff Rea regarding TIF District activity in the near future.
- The Main Street Grant is in process.
- John Mrozinski will be moving forward with the Cherry Street sanitary replacement.
- The Bray Street Easement issue resolution will progress soon.
- He and John will be meeting with H&G regarding the Bellevue water service issue.
- There has been ongoing work regarding the Wintergreen Forrest Subdivision with Sue and Larry Magliozzi of Area Plan.
- He, President Higgins, Council Member Gelow, John Mrozinski and Sue met today to re-establish the relationship with I/N Tek.

Jason reports that, in reference to Wintergreen Forrest, AEP will be sending a letter to Mr. Cooreman .

Vice President Vojtko strongly suggests that a council member go with Jared when he meets with Jeff Rea to discuss TIF districts.

Bills to be Paid

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

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Vojtko and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:33PM.

Carolyn Higgins, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer