

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, August 11, 2015 5:00 PM

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

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Mary Ann Swope, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Cal Dittmar, Jeff Roseboom, Ron Colpitts, Perry Hinton, Tim Kaminski, Josh Schweizer, Mike Shilts, Marcy Kauffman, Bob Middlebrook and Carol Middlebrook.

Minutes

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2015 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed 4-0. President Higgins abstained.

Employee Reports

Public Safety Director Jeff Roseboom

- State law regarding school zone speed limits has been amended. Jeff is currently reviewing those amendments and reports that he will be working with Jared to review our school zone area and make any necessary changes.
- Presented three quotes for two new police vehicles that have been budgeted and planned for this year. The quotes are within \$2 of each other with the lowest from Lakeshore Ford. Jeff requested Council permission to move forward with the lease/purchase of two new Ford Police AWD Interceptors from Lakeshore Ford.

Vice President Vojtko inquired if the quotes presented contain the total cost for the cars. Jeff explained that the quotes are for the vehicles with road-ready packages but the vehicles will need some additional lights, cages and radios added.

Vice President Vojtko requested that a town decal be placed on the vehicle used by code enforcement.

Council Member Carter motioned to allow Chief Roseboom to move forward with the lease/purchase of the two new Ford Police AWD Interceptors. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Tim Kaminski

- Standard monitoring framework and lead and copper testing were completed throughout the system today. The IDEM survey was recently completed as well. There is one possible violation in the existing vent in the chlorine room. This vent was part of the engineer's original plant design that the IDEM inspector now feels should be rerouted. There were several deficiencies noted that will require a written response. Tim explained that this is basically the plant showing its age.

Vice President Vojtko wanted to clarify that the issues currently cited were previously acceptable and allowed in the past.

After discussion regarding the survey process and inspectors, Tim reports that he will be reviewing the comments with Jared and preparing a written response within the required timeframe.

President Higgins stated that if any assistance from the Council is needed they will schedule a work session.

Electric Superintendent Jason Quirk

- They are currently completing trimming out on the north side of town
- Nearing completion of their capital project for this year
- Requests a work session soon

The Council scheduled a work session for Monday, August 17th at 8 AM.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

- Work related to utilities, some employment issues and permitting issues have been addressed.

Engineer Jared Huss

- The 2015 Sidewalk Project is complete with final walk through to be schedule soon followed by release of the retainage.

Vice President Vojtko felt everything in the project was done very well and looks much better than the previous project.

- Pavement contract awarded last meeting to Walsh and Kelly. NIPSCO has begun relocate their services at Ben and Filbert and there is a meeting scheduled for affected residents tonight at 6 PM to discuss the pavement project.
- Will work with Chief on review of speed limit signage in the school zone.
- He has had ongoing conversation with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the TIF district including questions regarding water. He has also met with representatives of St. Joseph Energy. As everyone is aware, Pat Cummings was part of the original process working with I/N Tek and I/N Kote as well as infrastructure design and work in the TIF district. Lawson Fisher has contracted with Pat to provide consulting services for them regarding these things in relation to the proposed St. Joseph Energy Plant and as well as other things within the TIF District.
- There is an issue with the old 4" water main behind homes on the south side of East Michigan Street. We will need to discuss retiring this line and using the 12" line that is in front of these same properties at a work session in the near future and speak with the residents regarding this as well

- The Meridian Street sanitary issue continues to move forward as the homeowner has contacted St. Joseph County and has a contractor looking at permitting for the project.
- Will be working with the Building Inspector on the Tiger Court easement issue.
- There will be a public meeting to provide information to residents affected by the pavement project this evening at 6 PM.

Vice President Vojtko requested an update from Jared on the park equipment. Council Member Gelow reported that the Park Board is on top of it and will have a report at a later date.

Council Reports

Council Member Gelow

The St. Joseph County Humane Society will be holding their 8th Annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic at several sites in St. Joseph County. They would like to include New Carlisle as a site and have requested permission to set up in the parking area behind the town hall on Sunday, September 20th to provide free rabies vaccinations both dogs and cats.

Council Member Gelow moved to allow the St. Joseph County Humane Society to hold a rabies vaccination clinic in the area behind the town hall on September 20th. The motion was seconded by Vice President Vojtko and passed unanimously.

President Higgins

President Higgins reminded everyone that there will be a Democratic Town Convention held on Monday, August 17th at 5 pm at the Library. There are four candidates who have filed for the three council seats and only three may appear on the ballot in November.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

The State Board of Accounts has been here since July 28th auditing 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 this year.

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 Vojtko and second by Council Member Carter the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer