

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, September 27, 2016 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Carter called the meeting to order with Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Rypma , Council Member Vermillion, Council Member Budreau and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Josh Schweizer, Jill Doll, Tonya McKee, Jeff Roseboom, Charlie McKenzie, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Mary Ann Swope, Dave Doll, Arlene Hudgens, Donald Hudgens, Marcy Kauffman, Anna Marie Jones, Ron Colpitts, Sandy Raabe, Kathy Aurenz, Sandy Colpitts, Donald Brown, Kevin Brown, Mike Bohacek, Jennifer Moore, Derek Czarnecki, Malarie Pearce, Rocky Pearce, William Hobbs, Valerie Bealor, Mary Ann Smith, Cal Dittmar and Randy Clark.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the August 23, 2016 General Meeting as written was made by Council Member Vermillion and seconded by Council Member Rypma. The motion passed 4-0. Vice President Vojtko abstained.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2016 Executive Session Minutes as written was made by Council Member Rypma and seconded by Council Member Vermillion. The motion passed 4-0. Council Member Budreau abstained.

A motion to accept the memoranda of the September 12, 2016 Work Session as written was made by Vice President Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Vermillion. The motion passed 4-0. Council Member Rypma abstained.

Visitor Comments

- Marcy Kauffman, Bray Street, New Carlisle

On behalf of Discover New Carlisle, she requests that they be allowed to put corn stalks downtown on the light posts using string only with no tape or wire.

Mrs. Kauffman stated that she is here also on behalf of herself and as a business owner. She has attended many meetings and talked to many, many people and personally has some concerns regarding at least two aspects of the proposed industrial park expansion. One aspect includes the possible toll road interchange, for many reasons, and the second aspect is the expansion on US 20 from Smilax Road is the corridor to our town and a Lincoln Highway. However, the expansion south of the railroad tracks, most have known, was coming for decades and she sees the most important thing as trying to have some input. She stated that she feels our town council should take a look at the comprehensive plan which was adopted in 2007 and needs to be updated. This gives the stakeholders in our community a say about how we want to see it grow in areas including residential growth, green space, etc. She urges the council to hire someone to start on this as soon as possible to have a working document to help guide us. She understands that Chuck Lehman of Lehman & Lehman has been hired by the county and feels that perhaps he would be the person the town could hire to do our master plan as well.

- Valarie Bealor, property owner on US 20 New Carlisle

Ms. Bealor stated that she has started a petition against the expansion of the industrial area that currently has 138 signatures. She has also started a facebook page where people are posting questions and comments that include damage to the aquifer, decreased property values, companies coming in and not hiring the jobs they promise and not following regulations such as the shredder. Ms. Bealor stated that she wants to know who all here supports the expansion of the industrial area. President Carter responded that this is her time for public comment and that the Council would be happy to answer questions when another public meeting is scheduled. She stated that she did email the town council and it isn't working property so she will forward her info to Dan. Council Member Rypma asked if she has contacted her county councilman or commissioner and Ms. Bealor stated that she has.

- Mike Bohacek, LaPorte County Commissioner

Mr. Bohacek reports that he is in attendance to update the Council on the new 800 mhz radio system that is currently being worked on in LaPorte which will be good for the city as well as the town and county. LaPorte County is also paying for a tower to be placed in Rolling Prairie. Work is ahead of schedule and should be in place by the end of the year.

Employee Reports

Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea reports that they have worked on various employment issues, two new utility tracker ordinances and also worked extensively with Jared these last few weeks.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared informed the Council that both the 2016 Sidewalk Project and Ben and Bray Street Intersection Project are substantially complete. He has the final Change Order #2 for the Intersection Project and the final Change Order #2 for the Sidewalk Project on the agenda for approval this evening. Jared requested that the Council vote on the change orders before proceeding.

Council Member Rypma moved to approve Change Order #2 for the Ben and Bray Street Intersection Project in the amount of \$21,656.97 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Vojtko and passed unanimously.

Council Member Rypma moved to approve 2016 Sidewalk Project Change Order #2 in the amount of \$3140.00 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed unanimously.

Council Member Rypma questioned our limits of paving along Michigan Street, particularly at Bray and Michigan. Jared reports that there is a signal protector in place and the state will be paving back to that area.

Jared also gave the following updates:

- The Community Income Survey continues to move forward to remain within required time frame.

- The Carris Reels easement has been recorded and is on file with the town.
- Water treatment facility construction project on Edison road continues to move forward on schedule with building materials arriving in November.
- Roadway asset management plan was accepted and we need to have discussion on how to move forward with planning for next year.
- We will need to have discussion to determine the next steps in the OCRA grant process.

Jared reported that a letter crafted by Council Member Vermillion and Vice President Vojtko related to the proposed SB sewer ordinance has been delivered to the SB Council. The letter addresses the fees proposed which would impact the town significantly.

Council Member Vermillion reported that it was Vice President Vojtko that actually wrote the letter that he signed as well. Council Member Rypma moved to support the letter sent by Vice President Vojtko and Council Member Vermillion. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and passed 5-0.

- Jared, Chief Schweizer and the chief from Warren Twp recently met with St. Joseph County regarding a ladder truck to service the industrial area. He reports that Chief Schweizer will be meeting with Redevelopment soon to present information in support of the need for the truck.
- Preparation of an agreement with Vector pipeline is in progress. This agreement is to protect our utilities in place and those in the future as Vector has requested to cross them in an area near the AEP substation .

New Business

- Set Trick or Treat Time

Council Member Vermillion moved to continue to hold Trick-or-Treat from 5-7 EST on October 31. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed unanimously.

Jared suggested that the Council take action on Marcy's request at this time. Discover New Carlisle has asked to be allowed to display corn stalks on the light poles in the downtown and west end business districts.

Council Member Budreau moved to allow Discover New Carlisle to display corn stalks on the light poles in the downtown and west end business district. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed unanimously.

- Surplus Fire Vehicles

Chief Schweizer requested the permission of the Council to declare three vehicles as follows as surplus and move forward with their disposal:

Truck 91 the 1988 Pierce Arrow; Engine 191 the 1997 Freightliner and Rescue 91 – 2000 Freightliner

Council Member Rypma moved to declare the three vehicles presented as surplus and move forward with disposal. Motion seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed unanimously.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance#1333- An ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Town of New Carlisle.

President Carter read Ordinance #1333 in entirety for the second reading.

- Resolution#16-08-23-01- a resolution for Internal Controls

President Carter read Resolution #16-08-23-01 by caption. Vice President Vojtko moved to accept Resolution #16-08-23-01 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Budreau

Council Member Budreau reports that he spoke with the park board president and the park will be going ahead this fall with updating the gazebo.

Council Member Vermillion

Council Member Vermillion reported that he attended the department head meeting today and everything is going well. He gave a shout out to both town and water treatment plant crews for stepping up and working together while one of our employees is out on leave.

Council Member Vermillion asked Ron Colpitts, who has been elected as the Discover New Carlisle Director, if he got an answer regarding the annual Discover budget. Ron reports that it has always been a courtesy in the past to report Discover's financial statement to the Council since they are an economic development group in the town.

Council Member Vermillion inquired about getting rid of the hummer and reports that the water treatment plant would like to make room because it is getting cold and they want to move the loader inside. Jeff reports that it would be ok to move it out. Council Member Rypma stated that if anything else comes up in reference to the hummer to please contact him as there are very strict guidelines regarding its disposal.

Council Member Rypma

Council Member Rypma stated the oversized loads that continue to come through town need to be re-routed. Chief reports that the oversized loads do continue but the only way they can vary from their permit is in the case of an issue. He stated that the issue must be addressed through INDOT and their permitting process. Jared stated that the crew at SJEC have requested monthly through contact that this be addressed although it continues to not be followed-through. He feels that with our vested interest we need to continue to challenge this issue. Vice President Vojtko stated that INDOT was supposed to install a sign at highways 2 and 20 but has not been done.

Council Member Rypma asked Marcy if she could elaborate on the issues with the interchange she mentioned in her public comment. Marcy stated that they are her own but others agree. At first Bill Schalliol had said the interchange was being considered for the Walnut Road Area but then realized it would not be a good route and Spruce was then mentioned. She feels that the area out

there is kind of our last frontier and the route for tourism to town, bikeways, old stage coach route, Hamilton church being the oldest church in northern Indiana, etc. and she feels that we need to keep it as it is and especially with the industrial growth that is coming.

Council Member Rypma reports that he had brought up holding a town picnic for employees. After review of the Council's promotional fund, he reports adequate funding and would like to hold the picnic on Sunday, October 9th from noon to 4 PM at Bourissa Hills Park, weather permitting.

Council Member Vermillion moved to use promotional funds for a town picnic. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed unanimously.

Vice President Vojtko

Vice President Vojtko inquired about CSI attending the next board meeting to explain why service is so poor out here. Council Member Rypma asked if the tower being put up in LaPorte County would help with this and Mr. Bohacek replied that the tower is only for 800 mhz radio at this time. They do have a tower ordinance in LaPorte County and get requests frequently but have had no requests out here.

President Carter

President Carter reports that the Council has received a proposal for a monument from resident John Quest. He would like to erect a monument that would include one stone from each state and a listing of each below. He would be willing to make a modest contribution but would not be able to finance the entire project. This was tabled for future discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Sue reports that the Clerk's Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 and 13 to attend annual State Board of Accounts training and reminded everyone that the Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget is scheduled for October 11th at 5:00 PM.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Rypma moved to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Council Member Vermillion the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Vermillion and second by Council Member Rypma the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Ken Carter, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer