New Carlisle Town Council 124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana General Meeting, January 7, 2025, 6:30 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Kauffman called the meeting to order with Council Member Colanese, Council Member Pemberton, Council Member Short, Council Member Abbott, Public Works Director John Mrozinski, Special Projects Assistant Susan Moffitt, Town Engineer Jared Huss, and Town Attorney Andea Halpin present.

Also in attendance: Assistant Marshal Brian Cook, Code Enforcer Bob Middlebrook and Vince Vojtko.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Short moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024, General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pemberton and carried 5-0.

#### **Visitor Comments**

None

## **Employee Reports**

## Asst. Marshal Brian Cook

-Crashes are up due to the traffic picking up. A lot through town as well as Hwy 2. He believes the speeding signs have been helping slow people down. Council Member Abbott asked how many speeding tickets since the traffic has increased? Brian was unsure at this time and will have a report ready for the next meeting.

### Attorney Andrea Halpin

-Worked on employment issues and Public Records requests.

### Engineer Jared Huss

- -Wrapped up the 2024 CCMG. Working on the 2025 CCMG estimates.
- -Has been continuing work on Water supply agreements.

# Public Works Director John Mrozinski

- -For anyone who hasn't noticed, the clock in front of Town Hall has quit working. He is working on finding information on it and its parts.
- -New gutters on Walnut Road, have been needing those for some time.
- -Sludge line issues at the Cliffs plant, from the building to the sludge beds, was creating a leak. Our guys fixed it and saved the Town approximately \$10,000-\$15,000. A new line will need to be put in eventually, it is a 1998 building and the fix was temporary.

### **Old Business**

-None

#### **New Business**

### 2025 Contracts

An amended employment contract for Special Projects Assistant for Susan Moffitt was presented. No motion was made at this time since there is also an amended salary ordinance for the changes.

## Marshal Croymans resignation

The resignation for Marshal Croymans was presented and recognized as of January 1, 2025. Council Member Short made a motion to accept the resignation of Marshal Croymans. Council Member Colanese seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

### Council President Election

Nomination and motion was made by Council Member Colanese for Marcy Kauffman to continue as council President. Council Member Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## Appointment of Commissions

President Kauffman recommended all appointments stay the same. All agreed.

## Appointment of Vice President

President Kauffman named Council Member Colanese as the council Vice President.

## Backhoe Purchase

Public Works Director Mrozinski presented the proposal to purchase a new backhoe. Only one proposal is needed pursuant to IC 5-22-10-5; Savings to governmental body. Council Member Abbott made a motion to accept the proposal to purchase the backhoe. Council Member Pemberton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

# Appointment of New Marshal

An in-house posting for the Marshal position was replied to by Assistant Marshal Brian Cook, requesting the position. Council Member Short made a motion to accept Brian Cook as the new Town Marshal. Council Member Colanese seconded the motion. Council Member Abbott opposed the motion. Motion carried 4-1.

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

# Resolution #24-12-31-01; Transfer of Appropriations

President Kauffman read the resolution in full. Council Member Abbott motioned to adopt the resolution. Council Member Colanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## Ordinance#1482 –Salary Amendment to Ordinance #1480 for the Employees of the Town of New Carlisle

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1482 by caption only for the first reading.

A motion to waive the rules to allow for adoption on the day of introduction was made by Council Member Abbott and seconded by Council Member Colanese. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to waive rules to read the Ordinance in full for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was made by Council Member Abbott and seconded by Council Member Short. Motion carried 5-0.

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1482 by caption only for the second reading. President Kauffman read Ordinance #1482 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Council Member Short moved to adopt Ordinance #1482 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Abbott and carried 5-0.

## **Council Reports**

- Council Member Pemberton
  - -None

### Council Member Short

-Congratulated Brian Cook on being appointed the new Police Chief.

### Council Member Colanese

-He asked about ACH payments. Clerk-Treasurer Julie answered on how payments can be made for free and other ways to pay online.

### Council Member Abbott

-None

#### President Kauffman

- -Received the Readi 2.0 Grant. It is for the amount of \$78,000.00 and will help with the alley activation project and the tennis and pickleball court.
- -Changed the regular meeting from Jan  $21^{\rm st}$  to Jan  $23^{\rm rd}$  and right afterwards is an Executive Session.

John Mrozinski reminded everyone that the Holiday Party is Thurs, Jan 9th from 6-8p at Mosers. John also mentioned that he was talking to Alison Abbott about the Park Board, and it is felt that they need to start having their meetings here in the Town Hall meeting room. President Kauffman agreed and left it to Council Member Abbot to reiterate that to the Park Board.

## Bills to be Paid

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A motion to all pay bills as presented on the Claim Docket and the Payroll Allowance Docket was made by Council Member Short and seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 5-0.

# Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Abbott and second by Council Member Colanese, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Marcy Kauffman, Council President

Attest:

Julie Brown, Clerk-Treasurer