

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, April 1, 2025, 6:30 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Marcy Kauffman called the meeting to order with Vice-President Jerry Colanese, Council Member Nancy Pemberton, Council Member Alison Abbott, Public Works Director John Mrozinski, Special Projects Assistant Susan Moffitt, and Town Engineer Jared Huss were present.

Also in attendance: Marshal Brian Cook, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Middlebrook, and Vince Vojtko.

Absent: Deputy Clerk Yvonne Hoffmaster, Council Member Short, and Town Attorney Andrea Halpin

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Abbott moved to approve the minutes of the following : March 18, 2025, General Meeting as written. The motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 4-0.

Visitor Comments

- None

Employee Reports

- **Marshal Brian Cook**
 - Getting a lot of complaints of speeding along Dunn Rd, between Timothy and Wintergreen. Will ask officers to work blocks of overtime to run traffic. This area is partially the counties responsibility. He is going to reach out to the county to help run traffic in this area. Council Member Abbott asked if we could move one of the speed radars to that area to help. It was discussed that the town had bought 3 new radars last year and there was 1 in the garage that needed repairs. Marshal Cook stated that he isn't savvy in repairing that equipment like the previous Marshal but may need to purchase 1 more in the future.
 - PWD Mrozinski asked Marshal Cook how many speeders the PD gets on Michigan St. Marshal stated that Michigan has calmed down recently. Member Pemberton asked about the State PD, if they are any help at all. Marshal stated that they really haven't been helping but will reach out to see if they would be interested in helping.
 - Vince Vojtko mentioned that he sees tractor/trailers going through town, especially in the morning going west bound at a higher rate of speed more than 25 and feels the PD should be aware of that issue.
 - He sent an email out to the council members regarding the intent letter for the replacement police car. Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that it is on the agenda for a vote.
 - Council Member Abbott paid a compliment to Marshal Cook for one of the officers waving to her daughter while she was playing at the park. Her daughter was tickled and thought it was really cool. Marshal Cook said it was himself that had waved at her.

- **Attorney Andrea Halpin**

- Absent

- **Engineer Jared Huss**

- Working on the 2025 CCMG. Will be working on setting a date for the public hearing for the residents on Elm St., Jon St., and Hancz Ct. Front Street will be just mill and overlay and the other streets will be more extensive, so he feels that the Front St. residents do not need to be included in the public hearing. Clerk-Treasurer Brown stated that we could use the same notices for the residents that we used for last year's CCMG notices once we agree on a date.

- Met with Cleveland Cliffs and will continue to push that forward. So far talks are going in a positive direction.

- Have a meeting with SJEC next Monday to talk through the current agreement and rates. They will be working on getting those rates increased.

- **Public Works Director John Mrozinski**

- Sunday night at 6pm behind President Kauffman's house in the alley, there was a pole that broke and was basically hanging by the cables. Jason Quirk is on vacation so didn't have the help needed to make the repairs, so they contacted others to help. Argos came to help to replace the pole with the assistance of Perry Hinton and Tristen Drake. They worked all night to get the electric up and running. He was thankful that Jason had left a list of contacts for this type of situation while he was gone, and it worked out great.

- Last Wednesday and Thursday, the dry well in the municipal parking lot was replaced. It was starting to sink and was beyond just repair.

- Flags on the light poles will be put out in the next week or two.

- He has received one quote and is waiting on another to remove the trees where the pickleball court will be going. He should receive that in the next week so a decision can be made on who to use.

- A Narcan box has been installed in the hallway of the Town Hall near the Northside door of the East side of the building. Both hallway doors are always unlocked for access.

- He has an idea where to place the Save Station in the park and will be discussing that with council members and park board for approval.

- They will be ordering a semi-load of new mulch for around the playground equipment. It was asked by council members if we could use the shredded rubber instead of mulch. PWD Mrozinski stated that Sara Huss, our ADA coordinator, said that we cannot use the rubber because it could have wire in it.

- The MVH crew has done some things at the old well to get it ready and will be doing as much as possible themselves to save the Town money.

- VP Colanese asked when the spray pad will be turned on. It was stated by Clerk-Treasurer Brown that the council decided last year it would be Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Old Business

None

New Business

- **3 Special Event Permits**

- 1. Memorial Day Parade hosted by the American Legion Post 297
- 2. Discover New Carlisle Memorial Day Run
- 3. New Prairie Little League Opening Day

President Kauffman presented all 3 event permits to the council. A motion to approve the permits was made by Council Member Abbott and seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Sidewalk Café agreement**

-Tabled until Robert Middlebrook, Code Enforcer, speaks with the owner and we receive further information.

- **Hometown Days Fireworks sponsorship**

-Hometown Days committee is requesting additional monies for this year's sponsorship for the fireworks display. They will be celebrating 25 years. President Kauffman suggested to raise the sponsorship from \$6500.00 to \$8000.00, just for this year's sponsorship and revert to the \$6500.00 next year. A motion was made to approve the \$8000.00 for the fireworks sponsorship by Council Member Abbott and was seconded by Vice President Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Police Department car request**

-Marshal Cook presented a letter of intent to the council that he would like to present to the dealership to hold a police car until appropriations are approved. This would replace the car that was totaled during an accident earlier this year. A motion to approve the letter to present to the dealership was made by Vice President Colanese and seconded by Council Member Abbott. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- **Resolution #25-04-04-01: Closing Document Signature Authorization**

-This resolution is to approve President Kauffman and PWD Mrozinski to sign documents during closing procedures of real estate. A motion was made by Council Member Abbott and seconded by Vice President Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Ordinance #1486 : Amendment to Water Rates**

-President Kauffman opened the public hearing. President Kauffman read the statement "An ordinance on 2nd reading by title only unless someone objects". President Kauffman asked if any objections from the audience and council. She stated there are copies of the ordinance available on the meeting table for anyone to review. No objections were made. President Kauffman read the Ordinance by title only for the 2nd reading. President Kauffman asked for any public comments or questions and asked for council comments or questions. No questions were made. President Kauffman closed the public hearing.
-President Kauffman read the Ordinance by title only for 3rd and final reading. A motion was made by Council Member Pemberton to adopt Ordinance #1486 and was seconded by Vice President Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Ordinance #1487 : Salary Amendment for Town Crew Leader**

-A motion was made by Council Member Abbott to waive rules to adopt the Ordinance in one meeting and also to waive the rules to read the ordinance by title only for all 3 readings. Motion was seconded by Vice President Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

-President Kauffman read the ordinance by title only for the first reading.

-President Kauffman read the ordinance by title only for the second reading.

-President Kauffman read the ordinance by title only for the third and final reading.

-Council Member Abbott pointed out on the ordinance that the start date was incorrect. The council agreed on amended date. A motion was made by Council Member Abbott to adopt the ordinance with the amended date. A second was made by Vice President Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Ordinance #1488 : PS Lit Additional Appropriations**

-President Kauffman read the Ordinance by title only for the first reading.

Council Reports

- **Council Member Pemberton**

-None

- **Council Member Short**

-Absent

- **Council Member Colanese**

-None

- **Council Member Abbott**

-None

- **President Kauffman**

-None

Clerk-Treasurer Report

-Presented new OWL (camera/speaker/microphone) that will be used for our live meetings. Explained that we will be using MS Teams to stream the meetings and then will link the recordings to the appropriate Agenda on our website. Other towns use this device, and they claim it works really well. Let the council know that we will try to have it ready to test it at the April 15th meeting. Also working on getting a Facebook page up (no comments will be allowed) and will link the recordings to that as well. By law we are required to keep the recordings for 90 days.

-Baker Tilly will start the PAQ meetings on Tuesday, April 8th at 8am. This will start the process of the wage study.

-Received an email from IDEM for Public hearing for the Amazon Data Center SBN 210/250 project on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 4:30p Central time in the auditorium at New Prairie High School.

Bills to be Paid

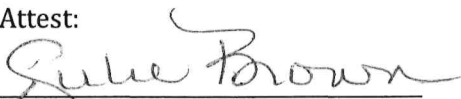
A motion to pay all bills as presented on the Claim Docket and the Payroll Allowance Docket was made by Council Member Pemberton and seconded by Council Member Abbott. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Abbott and second by Council Member Pemberton, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.


Marcy Kauffman, Council President

Attest:


Julie Brown, Clerk-Treasurer