

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, June 11, 2013

President Colpitts called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko, Council Member Carter and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Chuck Leone, Jack Mell, Mary Countryman, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Henry Timm, Mike McClaran, Jill Doll, Mike Shilts, Josh Schweizer, John Julian

Minutes

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2013 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Vice President Higgins and passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Chuck Leone

Advised that he has been working on the ordinances on this evening's agenda with Sue. They have been working on several employee issues.

Pat Cummings

Distributed to the Council a timeline for construction of the TE Project. They held another pre-construction meeting yesterday to go over more detailed information. He has also made up a flyer that has been distributed to the business owners inviting them to a meeting on Wednesday.

Selge Construction will begin the sidewalk project tomorrow weather permitting.

Because the TE Project will be disruptive we expect to receive calls and questions. The project construction engineer will manage the project and will be available for any issues that arise. There will be weekly meetings and the importance of access to the business has been emphasized.

President Colpitts suggests that questions be directed to the appropriate people with Pat as the primary contact. Council members are encouraged to forward questions they might receive to Pat as well.

The downtown sidewalk tear up will not begin until after Home Town Days. We had hoped to have the project complete by that time but delays with the State have put the project start behind schedule.

Vice President Higgins asked Jason Quirk the status of the electric apprentice. Jason reports that he is doing an excellent job and will be a journeyman by the close of the year.

Pat thanked the council, clerk's office and town employees for their support over these last few weeks.

Old Business

Filbert Street closing on Saturday, July 28th during Home Town Days.

Discover New Carlisle has requested that Filbert Street from Michigan to Chestnut be closed on Saturday, July 28th during Home Town Days. They will have local artisans, crafts and a bounce house for kids and also be running a shuttle service between the downtown and Memorial Park.

Henry Timm reports that Discover New Carlisle approached the Home Town Days Committee about working together for the festival.

A motion to approve the street closing was made by Vice President Higgins and seconded by Council Member Vojtko. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Outstanding Accounts

The Clerk's Office presented a list of accounts to be removed from the books. These accounts will be forwarded to the collection agency.

President Colpitts stated that the Clerk's Office has worked very hard implementing new policies to help lower the number of accounts that must be sent to collections as well as the amount owed.

Sue stated that utility customer registration, new deposit charges as well as delinquent policy updates have all been beneficial. The customer registration information will also assist in collections of the outstanding accounts.

Council Member Gelow moved to remove the outstanding accounts from the books for a total of \$7626.15 and forward to the Collection agency. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed unanimously.

Sue reports that there are several issues regarding utilities that need to be discussed and decided on. Holding quarterly work sessions was discussed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- **Ordinance #1274** – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1137 regulating alcoholic beverages in town parks

Copies of Ordinance #1274 with the revisions suggested at the first reading were presented to the Council Members.

A motion to accept the revised ordinance #1274 as a substitute to the original #1274 discussed at the May 28th meeting was made by Council Member Carter and seconded by Vice President Higgins. The motion passed unanimously.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1274 in its entirety for the second reading.

Council Member Vojtko questioned the wording of Section C regarding the referencing "the Board". Chuck explained that in this instance the reference is to the Park Board.

- **Ordinance #1275** – An Ordinance Establishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Council Member Gelow moved to waive the rules to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1275 on the day of its introduction. Seconded by Council Member Carter, the motion passed unanimously.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1275 in its entirety

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1275 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Council Member Gelow moved to adopt Ordinance #1275 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Carter

Advises that there are now thirteen vendors for Taste of New Carlisle.

Vice President Higgins

At last park board meeting they discussed requesting use of the Lions Club for the summer program if necessary due to weather. Vice President Higgins recently spoke with the Lions Club and use was approved for the park program at no cost.

The Lions Club was acknowledged for their generosity in support of the Summer Parks Program.

President Colpitts

Discover New Carlisle will hold a ribbon cutting to celebrate their official acceptance into the Indiana Main Street program on the steps of the Town Hall at 4:30 PM on June 25th prior to the next council meeting and they have invited the Council to attend.

Bills to be Paid

A motion to approve bills as presented was made by Council Member Carter and seconded by Council Member Vojtko. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Carter and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer