

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, November 25, 2014

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sen. Jim Arnold was in attendance to update the Council and residents on what took place during the summer study sessions. He explained that the budget will be the biggest item to be covered. Gov. Pence would like this to be the "education session". Other items of discussion include gaming, transportation, ethics legislation, and a new "Audit Committee" that Sen. Arnold will serve on.

President Colpitts called the meeting to order at with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Vojtko, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Carter and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Jared Huss, Andrea Halpin, Josh Schweizer, Jeff Roseboom, Mary Ann Swope, Pete Agostino, Jill Doll, Dave Doll, Aaron Rypma, Bob Middlebrook and Carol Middlebrook.

Minutes

Council Member Vojtko moved to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

Visitors Comments

- Pete Agostino
Co-Owner of 201/203 E. Michigan Street

Mr. Agostino was in attendance to discuss snow removal with the guidelines established in the town's ordinance.

President Colpitts stated that snow removal is the responsibility of the business owners. The town crew has, at times when necessary, removed snow from the curbs when needed.

Mr. Agnostino and his business partner, Derek Czarnecki, would also like to leave the café fence up year round.

President Colpitts feels that as this is public comment, we need to forward the request to leave the fence up year round to the attorney for review and recommendation. This will be placed on the agenda for the December 9th meeting.

- Derek Czarnecki
Co-Owner at 201/203 E. Michigan Street

Mr. Czarnecki expressed dissatisfaction with snow removal in front of their building last year. He feels that snow should be put into the street and then removed by the town. He will remove the snow from the sidewalks to meet ADA compliance on the sidewalk by putting snow in the street.

President Colpitts suggests that Mr. Czarnecki meet with the new town manager and John Mrozinski to come up with a viable option.

Employee Reports

Attorney Andrea Halpin

Chuck has received the fire truck specs in an editable format of 139 pages in total and continues review.

They worked on the town manager job description ordinance he requested and have sent a draft of that.

Several requests for public records have been reviewed.

Engineer Jared Huss

He has prepared conceptual estimates for the 2015 sidewalk and paving projects and would like to get both out for bid in early spring. He requested a work session to discuss both of these.

They are still waiting on the drywell and drainage work on N. Bray Street to begin.

A work session was scheduled for immediately following the regular council meeting on December 9th.

Town Manager Tim Conley

He has extended an employment offer for the utility position that is vacant and is waiting on the background check to be returned.

An opening for a water operator was posted in-house yesterday.

Drainage improvement work is pending.

Force main sewer work on Cherry Street was approved at the last meeting. He has obtained an additional estimate and is waiting on some additional information.

Sent a proposal from Umbaugh that he asks the Council to review. This is to set up annual budgets for all three utilities and will include the yearly reporting for them.

Leaf pick up resumed today.

Continues on-going discussion with Bob regarding building permit fees.

They are nearly complete with holiday decorations.

Discussed Capital Assets recently with a company.

Old Business

- Bldg Permit Fees
- Annual Contracts

All 2015 contracts should be ready approval at the first meeting in December.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1302 – An Ordinance Amending the Capitalization Policy

Ordinance #1302 was read by caption only for the first reading by President Colpitts.

Council Reports

Council Member Vojtko

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the agreement with Umbaugh that was presented by the town manager to do the electric, water and wastewater utility budgets and the annual management report for each at a cost of \$5500. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Council Member Carter

Council Member Carter reports that he was questioned at the Diner today regarding the Christmas lights on their building. The lights have been there for years and they were recently told that are being removed.

Council Member Carter asked for an explanation as to why the downtown area is being given the Christmas look and not the west end businesses. Tim reports that he will need to get some history on this before he can give an answer.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Gelow 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 Gelow, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer