

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, August 19, 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, Council Member Will Short, Public Works Director John Mrozinski, Town Engineer Jared Huss, Special Projects Assistant Susan Moffitt, Attorney Andrea Halpin, Marshal Brian Cook, Deputy Clerk Yvonne Hoffmaster, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Middlebrook and Asst. PWD Carl Brown-Grimm were present.

Also in attendance: Carol Middlebrook, Jen Miller and Dillon Kaminski

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Short moved to approve the minutes of the following: August 5, 2025, General Meeting, as written. The motion was second to accept the minutes as written by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 5-0.

**Visitor Comments**

- Dillon Kaminski asked the Council if they received his letter asking for a Sewer adjustment. CT Brown explained that the letter was received after the agenda, and we will present it at the next meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, advised Mr. Kaminski to pay the other portions of his bill until there is an answer on the sewer adjustment.

**Employee Reports**

- **Carl Brown-Grimm**  
-None
- **Marshal Brian Cook**  
-None
- **Attorney Andrea Halpin**  
-Attending many meetings
- **Engineer Jared Huss**  
-Full agenda for Executive
- **Public Works Director John Mrozinski**
  - New hire for the Utility I position that will start next Thursday. Gave a brief description of his job experience.
  - Talking to an auction company to help sell all of our excess items. Per Attorney Halpin, a list will be put together for the auction and presented to the Council.
  - There are meetings set up for Wednesday evening and Saturday morning to meet with the 9 residents on Marvel Ln. to discuss changing their water services. Woodruffs will start moving the lines in September.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

- **Jen Miller of Discover New Carlisle – Audio System Discussion**

-Jen presented a quote for an audio system through the downtown area. She stated that the thought behind the system is to have music playing while people are out walking their dogs, while people are out shopping, stopping for lunch outside, having a cocktail outside, etc. She has been working with ES Quirk and Town IT Andy Miles about what options there would be to have this system. After speaking with them, the best option is to have basic speakers placed in the planter boxes. A control module would be housed at the Discover New Carlisle building that they could use to talk to people walking down the streets and control the music with their phones. The cost per speaker is \$2,542.74 and she would like to purchase 16 to place in each planter for a total of \$40,683.84. Jen stated that she plans on approaching Amazon for a possible donation and Discover New Carlisle would definitely pitch in. She requested that the Town pay for the couple in front of Town Hall. It was also discussed that maybe only doing 6 out of the 16 to help cut costs, three on each side of Michigan Street. She also mentioned ideas on how to possibly use these speakers with Wi-Fi. She understands that they cannot tap into the Town's internet due to security issues but would like ideas on how to have the patrons have connectivity while in town. They are thinking of having Surf ran to Historic New Carlisle for that connectivity but would appreciate any other suggestions. VP Colanese asked how these would be housed and Jen explained that the cover for the speakers looks like little mushrooms that would be stuck in the dirt of the planters. More discussion took place about if it goes forward on how the maintenance would be handled and security of the speakers, if they would be taken out during the winter, etc. The council gave Jen permission to move forward with getting more quotes, and more information, and the Town Council will discuss it further before giving a final answer.

- **Truck Purchases**

-PWD John Mrozinski presented the Council with quotes for two trucks. One for the Utility crew and one for Electric department. Once ordered, the trucks would take 6-8 weeks to be delivered. The cost is just under \$60,000 per truck, which is under budget. A motion was made by Council Member Abbott and seconded by Council Member Short. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Tool Cat discussion**

-PWD Mrozinski discussed the issues that they are having with the Tool Cat (Bobcat). The Tool Cat is one of the main pieces of equipment used daily and just had Bobcat of Indianapolis come up to work on it after it died in the Cemetery. It needs quite a bit of work and wanted to put off replacing it until the 2026 budget, but he is still thinking about possibly doing yet this year and wanted the Council to be aware. He would trade in this one for the new one and the cost would be just under \$60,000 after the trade in.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

- **Resolution #25-08-19-01 : Resolution designating Tristen Drake as ADA Coordinator**

-President Kauffman read Resolution #25-08-19-01 in its entirety. A motion was made by Council Member Short to adopt the resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pemberton and motion carried 5-0.

**Council Reports**

- **Council Member Pemberton**

-John covered everything on his end.

-Met with Marshal Cook a few times and nothing really going on right now.

-Cemetery Board meeting is next week and will have new things for the following meeting. Everyone on the board really likes the Excel sheet that Carl has been doing and there is so much more that can be done with that. Also, Tristen is looking into some things for the Cemetery monuments.

- **Council Member Short**

-None

- **Council Member Colanese**

-Utilities are still all good.

-Fire Territory changed meetings to the last Thursday of each month at 5:30p at the Trustee's Office.

-Had a retirement party for a FD retiree and thanked Bob (Carol) Middlebrook for doing such a nice job.

- **Council Member Abbott**

-Park Board meeting was last night but wasn't able to attend due to a sick child and hasn't heard any updates.

- **President Kauffman**

-Asked Council to schedule a Work Session for Budget discussions. Date scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 2pm (Eastern). CT Brown reminded council members that the meeting will be recorded and can be reviewed at any time.

#### **Clerk-Treasurer Report**

-Town Hall was closed for SBOA classes last week and we learned a lot and will be implementing some things soon.

-Remodel is on its way in the Clerk's office and the painting has been completed, and the upstairs Employee's bathroom is completed. Will be taking down old desks and putting up new ones soon.

-Reach Alert for pedestrians has been scheduled to run on Friday afternoon to alert everyone about the event going on in town on Saturday evening.

#### **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 Short and seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Council Member Abbott and second by Council Member Pemberton, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

  
Marcy Kauffman, Council President

Attest:

  
Julie Brown, Clerk-Treasurer