

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, August 18, 2026, 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, Special Projects Assistant Susan Moffitt, Public Works Director John Mrozinski, Asst. PWD Carl Brown-Grimm, Marshal Brian Cook, and Town Attorney Andrea Halpin were present.

Absent: Council Member Will Short

Also Present: Coby Keck and Baylor Kern-Lovick

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Pemberton moved to approve the minutes of the following: August 4, 2026, General Meeting Minutes, and August 7, 2026, Work Session Minutes, as written. Vice President Colanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Visitor Comments

None

Employee Reports

- **Asst. PWD Carl Brown-Grimm**
 - The committee has made progress with the Migley Field project, and they are down to the final 5 groups. There is a meeting tonight to possibly select the finalist for the RFQ.
 - Park Board meeting was last night and Marcy Kauffman was present for the 1st time as the Council liaison. The meeting went well. Carl stated that he had resigned from the board as of last night and they had an energetic person, Adrianna Scott, interested in being on the board.
 - He drafted a policy for tax abatement which has been sent to Attorney Halpin.
- **Marshal Brian Cook**
 - None
- **Attorney Andrea Halpin**
 - Working with Indianapolis lawyers and Engineer Jared Huss on various utility issues.
 - Reviewed Ordinances and the tax abatement policy.
 - Working on initiating unsafe building procedures.
- **Engineer Jared Huss**
 - Absent
- **Public Works Director John Mrozinski**
 - INDOT is done replacing the pavers in the intersections.
 - The Crew is replacing a couple of water lines this week and will be working on the structure down by the viaduct. They will be working with INDOT on some repairs with concrete towards the end of this week or beginning of next week.
 - Electric continues to work in the substation.

Old Business

None

New Business

Donohue Agreement

-PWD Mrozinski explained that this is an updated agreement for the water system reallocation study. This study will determine if it is feasible to provide water to Cleveland Cliffs without the Cliffs WTP. He stated that the agreement was for just under \$10,000.00.
-A motion was made by Council Member Abbott to accept the agreement, not to exceed \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

President Kauffman read "If there are no objections, All Ordinances will be read by Title Only". No objections were made. She also stated that all ordinance copies are available in the clerk's office.

President Kauffman asked for a motion to waive the rules to adopt all ordinances in tonight's meeting. Motion was made by VP Colanese and seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance #1513 : No Parking Amendment

-After some discussion from the Council members, this Ordinance has been tabled once again upon further consideration.

Ordinance #1514 : Establishing the AWS Donation Fund

-This ordinance is establishing a fund to accept donations from Amazon to support community projects. A motion was made by Council Member Abbott to approve Ordinance #1514. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance #1515 : Establishing the Migley Field Donation Fund

-This ordinance is establishing a fund to accept donations to help with the cost of development plans and any future endeavors related to this project. A motion was made by VP Colanese and seconded by Council Member Abbott to approve Ordinance #1515. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance #1516 : Salary Amendment

-This ordinance is to include payroll for the new WTP employee and amending the uniform allowance for Carl Brown-Grimm due to working occasionally in the WTP and requires safety clothing. A motion was made by Council Member Abbott to approve Ordinance #1516. The motion was seconded by VP Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Reports

- **Council Member Pemberton**

-Police Department is doing well.

-Cemetery Board had their meeting today but she was absent. It was reported that there were some trees that had fallen during the storms, but no damage was done to the headstones. Also discussed were of trees being donated from Amazon for the new section of the cemetery, which they will have volunteers to plant. Carl reported on the database being completely entered into the computer system.

- **Council Member Colanese**
 - He mentioned that he heard some complaints about their recent electric bills. CT Brown explained that there had been several residents that came into the clerk's office and it has been explained that the current billing is for the prior month usage and the temperatures last month were over 90 degrees for several weeks. The clerk's office compared this bill with the bill from August of 2025, and the amounts were very close to the same, so it was the temperatures not the increase in the rates.
 - Fire Territory is still in negotiations and have a few meetings coming up.
 - His golf team that attended the Lawson-Fisher golf outing had won 1st place.
- **Council Member Abbott**
 - She has been learning a lot about the Fire Territory. There is a lot to learn. She appreciates the fact that the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief answers all of her questions.
- **President Kauffman**
 - She attended the Park Board meeting and a lot of other meetings.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

- Reminded the Council of the Work Session for the budgets tomorrow at 6pm.
- Attended the first MUST meeting with St. Joseph County which just went over the new LIT laws etc. It is recommended for anyone on the council who did not watch the meeting to go back and do so to get an understanding of what is happening with this law. A second meeting will be around September 8-10.

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 VP Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Abbott and second by Council Member Pemberton, the meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.


Marcy Kauffman, Council President

Attest:


Julie Brown, Clerk-Treasurer