

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, October 6, 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, Public Works Director John Mrozinski, Special Projects Assistant Susan Moffitt, Deputy Clerk Yvonne Hoffmaster, Marshal Brian Cook, Asst. PWD Carl Brown-Grimm (via Teams), Town Engineer Jared Huss, and Town Attorney Andrea Halpin were present.

Absent: Council Member Will Short

Also Present: Code Enforcer Robert Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Dan Caruso, Marcellus Lebbin & Ashley Portolese, and Baylor Lovick-Kern.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Abbott moved to approve the minutes of the following: September 15, 2026, General Meeting Minutes, and September 23, 2026, Executive Session Minutes, as written. Vice President Colanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Visitor Comments

- None

Employee Reports

- **Asst. PWD Carl Brown-Grimm**
-None
- **Marshal Brian Cook**
-In the process of replacing the car that was wrecked.
-Everything else is going smoothly.
- **Attorney Andrea Halpin**
-Worked with Carl on some things but it was a quiet month.
- **Engineer Jared Huss**
-On the agenda is the sidewalk contract. Also, the US 20 project was a direct quote, and the notice of award will need to be signed.
-2027 CCMG application was submitted. Working through the process.
-Meeting with the elected County officials to get reimbursement for locating fees, police vehicles, telehandler, tractor and maintenance for utility extensions.
- **PWD John Mrozinski**
-Happy to be back from leave and thanked everyone for the support.
-Old tennis court has been redone and finished. New nets should be up within a week. We now have two tennis courts plus the pickleball court. He is going to get some sort of sign indicating that we have more courts in Bourissa Park.
-The Lincoln Highway sign has been redone because of leaks and has been put in the grass area in front of Town Hall.
-There have been a ton of locates in the IEC and hopefully we will get reimbursed for all of that work especially since it is so time consuming.

- Spray Pad was winterized on Friday, September 25th.
- Next Tuesday evening, he and Tristen will be attending the Fall Water conference in Ft. Wayne.
- Had a meeting last night to discuss the tree program and they talked to a few homeowners today. They will put a bunch in Bourissa Park. Trees around Town Hall will be trimmed back. The tree along the building behind the Christmas tree will be taken down.

Old Business

- **None**

New Business

- **Sidewalk Proposal acceptance**
 - Engineer Huss explained the proposal.
 - A motion was made by Council Member Pemberton to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded by VP Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- **President Kauffman read "If there are no objections, Ordinance #1519 will be read by Title Only". No objections were made. She also stated that all Ordinance copies are available in the clerk's office.**
- **Ordinance #1519 : 2027 Budget**
 - President Kauffman read Ordinance #1519 by title only for the 2nd reading.
 - President Kauffman opened the Public Hearing.
 - President Kauffman asked for questions or comments from the Public. There were none.
 - President Kauffman asked for questions or comments from the Council. CM Pemberton asked if this included the employee wages. Pres. Kauffman explained that wages are determined in December through an Ordinance.
 - President Kauffman closed the Public Hearing.
- **Ordinance #1520 : Additional Appropriations – 3 Police Cars**
 - President Kauffman read Ordinance #1520 by title only for the 1st reading.

Council Reports

- **Council Member Pemberton**
 - None
- **Council Member Short**
 - Absent
- **Council Member Colanese**
 - Fire Territory negotiations are complete.
 - Utilities sound like they are doing well.
 - The cul-de-sac in his neighborhood has been completed, which was paid for by the homeowners, not the Town.
- **Council Member Abbott**
 - CT Brown tried to bring up a video and pictures but was unsuccessful and stated that if anyone was interested they could watch after the meeting.

-She was invited to watch a portion of the FT training. She was quite impressed and explained the training.

- **President Kauffman**

-She and Carl attended the AIM conference last week. One class, in particular, that she attended was about the MUST meetings. They stressed in the class how they want feedback on it. She saw the email that came out for the meeting tomorrow. CT Brown mentioned that she sent the link to all the council members and recommended if their time allowed to try to connect to the meeting. She also attended one about quality of place, and revitalizing towns especially through parks and alley activations, and really affirmed that projects that are going on through the Town. She attended a seminar on Municipal Leadership and one of the quotes that stuck with her "that we should strive as municipal leaders to conduct business efficiently, effectively, equitably, and honorably" and she feels that it is a good thing to go by.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

-Stated that as of today, we have 999 followers on FB. Just need 1 more to hit 1,000!
-Reminded everyone that there is a "Meet the Candidates" next Tuesday, October 13th at 5:30p at the NC Public Library. The 3 candidates are Marcy Kauffman, Dan Caruso, and Marcellus Lebbin.
-I will be out of town next week so Deputy Clerk Hoffmaster will be running the Work Session meeting on the 16th.

Bills to be Paid

A motion to pay all bills as presented on the Claims and 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 6:50PM.


Marcy Kauffman, Council President

Attest:


Julie Brown, Clerk-Treasurer