

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, September 15, 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 Will Short, Council Member Alison Abbott, Special Projects Assistant Susan Moffitt, Deputy Clerk Yvonne Hoffmaster, Marshal Brian Cook, MVH Supervisor Tristen Drake, Electric Supervisor Jason Quirk, Asst. PWD Carl Brown-Grimm, Town Engineer Jared Huss, and Town Attorney Andrea Halpin were present.

Absent: Public Works Director John Mrozinski

Also Present: Code Enforcer Robert Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, NCFD: Chief Josh Schweizer, Asst. Chief Chad Hess, Justin Packingham and Financial Advisor Daniel Dalton, Studebaker Brewery advocates Russ Gelow, Jim Wingett, Dave Wilson and a few other guests, Sheriff Candidate Rod Laureys and Zak Slagle from Shive Hattery.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Short moved to approve the minutes of the following: September 1, 2026, General Meeting Minutes, as written. Vice President Colanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Visitor Comments

- Russ Gelow from 122 W Michigan St, spoke in favor of Studebaker Brewery not leaving the town and explained why.
- Jim Wingett from 409 S Filbert St, also spoke in favor of Studebaker Brewery.
- Dave Wilson from 8934 N 850 E, spoke in favor of Studebaker Brewery.
- Sheriff Candidate, Rod Laureys, introduced himself to the Town Council and explained what he stands for and why he is running for St. Joseph County Sheriff.

Employee Reports

- **Asst. PWD Carl Brown-Grimm**
 - Readi Grant money has been received.
 - Himself, Marcy, and Dana met with liaison Jerry White, from OCRA (Office of Community & Rural Affairs) to discuss possible grants.
 - Working on the Tree Ordinance and Tax Abatement Ordinance and will need to set up further meetings to discuss them further with the Council.
- **Marshal Brian Cook**
 - He stated that he will let the PD Liaison, Nancy, speak regarding PD matters.
- **Electric Supervisor Jason Quirk**
 - He spoke about the power outage that is scheduled for 3:30a-5:30a, Friday, September 18th.
 - He mentioned that the alley project is still underway and is working through all issues related to it especially Communications companies.
- **Attorney Andrea Halpin**
 - Worked on Resolutions and Ordinances.
- **Engineer Jared Huss**
 - The 2027 Sidewalk project is moving forward which may start at the beginning of October.

- US 20 & Cherry where there was an emergency water main repair, there will need to be an INDOT right-of-way permit. LFA will get the rest of the packet together and will have it sent out directly to contractors for bids since it will be under the quotable threshold.
- 2027 CCMG grant request has been drafted and will work with Yvonne to make sure it is ready to submit.
- Working on Cliff's & SJEC contractual items.
- Working with St. Joseph County on transferring water tower parcel and well field in a land acquisition standpoint. There will be a lot of infrastructure transfers on the back end that will need to be done as well.

- **MVH Crew Supervisor Tristen Drake**

- He stated that Amazon has donated about 80 trees for the 4th Addition of the cemetery. Half of them have been planted and the other half should be planted by the end of this week. Also, the cemetery fall clean-up has been scheduled for Monday, October 19th, with a rain date of Tuesday the 20th.
- Concrete work in the alleyway between the Town Hall and Bernie's shop will begin on Saturday, which will be the removal of concrete and re-pour on Monday as part of the Readi grant. The Lincoln Highway historical marker is being restored and will be placed in the grass area instead of the on sidewalk.
- Tennis Court resurfacing has started and should be completed within the next week or two.
- Reminder that the last day of the Splash Pad will be September 24th.

Old Business

- **NCFD Budget**

- Chief Schweizer went over necessary information for a formal vote from the Council to approve their 2027 budget.
- VP Colanese made a motion to approve the 2027 New Carlisle Fire Territory budget. Council Member Pemberton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- VP Colanese made a motion to approve the 2027 New Carlisle Fire Territory 8692 budget. Council Member Short seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

- **Shive Hattery agreement**

- A lengthy discussion ensued between the council members regarding the agreement. A motion was made by VP Colanese to accept the agreement. Motion was seconded by Council Member Short. Motion carried 3-2 with Council Members Pemberton and Abbott in opposition.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- **President Kauffman read "If there are no objections, All Resolutions will be read by Title Only". No objections were made. She also stated that all resolution copies are available in the clerk's office.**
- **Resolution #26-09-15-01 : Transfer of Monies**
 - President Kauffman read the resolution by title only.
 - A motion was made by Council Member Short to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Resolution #26-09-15-02 : NCFD Surplus**
 - President Kauffman read the resolution by title only.

-A motion was made by Council Member Abbott to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Ordinance #1519 : 2027 Budget**

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-President Kauffman read Ordinance #1513 by title only for the 1st reading.

Council Reports

- **Council Member Pemberton**

-She stated that Officer Fuentes was in an auto accident and he is doing well. Notice has been made that the car is being totaled by the insurance company. She stated that a new car will need to be purchased.

- **Council Member Short**

-Gave a "shout out" regarding the demolition of the old Carris Reels building. He feels the planning and coordination went smoothly as possible and is appreciative. Engineer Huss added that the Town Crew was a part of that coordination and they deserved some of the praise as well.

- **Council Member Colanese**

-Cemetery looks great with the new trees.

-Fire Territory is still in negotiations.

-He asked about the utilities and received answers from MVH Crew Supervisor, Tristen Drake.

- **Council Member Abbott**

-Talked with the FD Chief and Asst. Chief and asked for a report to share with the Council. She went over some of the calls that were listed in the report. She also mentioned that she is learning a lot being on the Territory Board. She thanked them both for all of their help.

-She thanked PD Marshal Cook for being so active with Officer Fuentes after his accident and the care he showed towards his employee.

- **President Kauffman**

-She also thanked PD Marshal Cook for his attention to Officer Fuentes.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

-Let the Council know that myself and Deputy Clerk, Yvonne Hoffmaster, will be out of the office on Thursday, Sept. 17th and Friday, Sept. 18th for an HR Conference in Muncie. Any questions can be directed to the Billing Clerk, Kellie Mrozinski.

-Explained that we kept losing our internet in the conference room during the meeting and I will be looking into purchasing a Wi-Fi booster.

Bills to be Paid

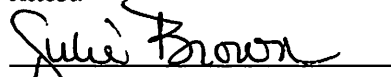
A motion to pay all bills as presented on the Claims and Payroll Allowance Docket was made by Council Member Short and seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Abbott and second by Council Member Pemberton, the meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.


Marcy Kauffman, Council President

Attest:


Julie Brown, Clerk-Treasurer