
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Municipality of Carlisle was held this evening, December 9, 2014, in the Council Room at Town Hall with Mayor Randy Winkler presiding. The meeting was opened at 7:17 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

-Mr. Jake Fryman, yes	-Mr. Terry Johnson, yes
-Mr. Randy Jewett, yes	-Mrs. Betsy Parr, yes
-Mr. James Licklitter, yes	-Mr. Brad McIntosh, yes
-Mayor Randy Winkler, yes	

The minutes of November 25, 2014 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Parr.

Roll Call:

-Mr. Jewett, yes	-Mr. Fryman, yes
-Mr. Licklitter, yes	-Mrs. Parr, yes
-Mr. Johnson, yes	-Mr. McIntosh, yes
-Mayor Winkler, yes	

Public Forum: none

Council Report:

Mr. McIntosh thanked Mrs. Callahan and the Village staff for their work on the holiday party.

Mrs. Parr commented that she would like Council to consider first reading on tonight's emergency legislation on the 2015 Pay Plan and bringing it back for next week's meeting for a vote. Mrs. Parr stated that she would like more time to look over the legislation.

Mr. Johnson thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mr. Johnson also thanked the Village staff and everyone for their help in putting on the Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mr. Johnson stated that there are several openings on various Carlisle Boards. Mr. Johnson encouraged residents to contact Amy Brown at Town Hall at 937-746-0555, ext. 210, to express interest in the openings.

Mr. Licklitter said that on December 1st, there was a presentation at Franklin Township regarding the Fire/JEMS task force study. Mr. Licklitter stated this meeting concerned Franklin, Franklin Township, and Carlisle. Mr. Licklitter stated there was some interesting information given at the meeting and said that Carlisle Fire Chief Krista Wyatt gave her thoughts that the possible timeline for various options of the study would take longer than the proposed 9 months. Mr. Licklitter stated that there would be a question and answer session about a Combined District tomorrow night. Mrs. Parr encouraged any Carlisle residents to attend the Township meeting tomorrow night because the proposal will affect Carlisle residents. Mayor Winkler questioned if the proposal would be a joint district or would it be a contract with Franklin. Mr. Licklitter stated that he was not sure, but it

was his understanding that it would be a contract with Franklin. Mr. Licklitter said that they are looking to move forward pretty fast and he is not sure what they are expecting of us, but we should keep the proposal on our radar. Mr. Licklitter also stated that there was a JEMS meeting last night and it was a standard monthly meeting. Mr. Licklitter said that the 2 ambulances that have been purchased are expected to be delivered at the end of January or the first of February.

Mr. Fryman had nothing this evening.

Mr. Jewett had nothing this evening.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Winkler thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mayor Winkler also wanted to thank New Jersey Presbyterian Church for opening their doors and serving hot drinks and cookies for everyone. Mayor Winkler also thanked Hillcrest Baptist Church for opening their doors to host the spaghetti dinner for the community.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Callahan stated that the next Council meeting will be next Tuesday night, December 16th, at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Callahan said that the road has been finished in the Waterbury Development and she expects to have legislation at the next meeting to dedicate that road. Mrs. Callahan thanked everyone for attending the Memorial Tree Lighting. Mrs. Callahan also wanted to thank the corporate sponsors, National Bank and Trust, Narrow Way, and Eagle Mold. Mrs. Callahan stated that their contributions paid for the ornaments that were handed out, the candles that were used, and part of the spaghetti dinner.

Committee Report: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

ORD 17-14: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Licklitter made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, and have one reading by title only, and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fryman.

Roll Call:

-Mr. Jewett, yes	-Mr. Fryman, yes
-Mr. Licklitter, yes	-Mrs. Parr, no
-Mr. Johnson, no	-Mr. McIntosh, yes
-Mayor Winkler, yes	

Mr. Licklitter made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Discussion: Mr. Licklitter stated that as Chairman of the Finance Committee, he wanted to thank all members of Council for attending the Finance Committee meetings and going through the process of listening and asking questions. Mr. Licklitter appreciated the support from Council and stated that he thinks staff has done everything they can to take out what they can from the budget and we are using reserves out of General and Police Services Funds. Mr. Licklitter said that this budget is lean and that the real problem we are facing is revenues that are down. Mr. Licklitter stated that the impact of state and federal funds that have been taken away have hurt us and we need to continue to research new ways to resolve our situation. Mr. Licklitter stated that he believes Mrs. Callahan and her team will continue to research for new ways of acquiring revenue. Mr. Licklitter stated that we need to pass our budget to move forward into the new year and review what we can as we go.

Mr. Johnson wanted to thank the Village staff for taking the time to educate the new members of Council on government finance. Mr. Johnson also stated that he does not like waiting this late in the year to pass a budget.

Mrs. Callahan stated that Council had previously wanted to wait to vote on a budget until after the outcome of the November ballot issue, thus the emergency language tonight, but agreed that she didn't like waiting this late in the year either.

Mrs. Parr stated that she appreciated the efforts of the staff and thinks they tried to cut the budget as much as they could. Mrs. Parr said that we are also balancing our budget by using our reserves and she doesn't feel comfortable doing that. Mrs. Parr stated that there are some things in the budget that we might be able to do without, such as certain vehicles and mowers. Mrs. Parr was concerned that this same time next year, we might be looking at cutting employees, and she doesn't want that to happen. Mrs. Parr stated that she has a problem with the budget, and she can't blame the staff because Council wanted to wait to see how the ballot issue turned out. Mrs. Parr said that Council should have dug deeper and looked at the budget a little more closely. Mrs. Parr commented that there are probably things that could be cut, but she doesn't want to end up cutting employees next year.

Mayor Winkler stated that he appreciated all of Council showing up at the Finance Committee Meetings and liked seeing everyone involved because it makes it easier on everyone. Mayor Winkler said that he wished there were more places in the budget to cut. Mayor Winkler stated that Carlisle has very loyal employees who use their own vehicles to do city business. Mayor Winkler said that we have police cruisers that break down and cost a lot of money to repair and keep on the road, and stated that the expense for the mowers does not come out of the General Fund. Mayor Winkler stated that our reserves are there for a reason, because they pick us up when times are down. Mayor Winkler commented that our reserves are getting lower, but they are not at the point of being critical.

Mrs. Parr stated that this has been a pattern here since 2008, since Sherry has been here, that we've spent into our reserves. Mrs. Parr said that past Councils have discussed trying to do something and this Council tried a ballot issue and tried to get the word out to the community by holding meetings to educate them on the issue.

Mayor Winkler stated that Council may have to go door-to-door to get the message out to the citizens.

Mrs. Callahan stated that since she started here in 2008, a lot of the communities around us were using their reserves because of the recession that hit. Mrs. Callahan said that because of local government funds being taken away and other things we have no control over, Carlisle and many surrounding communities have had to rely on their reserves. Mrs. Callahan was glad that Carlisle had the reserves available to be able to operate. Mrs. Callahan stated that we budget conservatively so we aren't surprised by any unexpected expenses at the end of the year. Mrs. Callahan reported that, in fact, it is projected that at the end of 2014, we will be putting about \$25,000 back into our General Fund reserves.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that the Council before this one took measures to secure the water and sewer fund.

Mrs. Callahan stated that staff has been working hard to try and find new sources of revenue streams and will continue to do so. Mrs. Callahan does not want to have to resort to laying anyone off or cutting any of the services that our residents have come to expect.

Mr. Jewett stated that he agrees with Mrs. Parr and he has some hesitation on a budget that has a deficit.

Mr. McIntosh stated that he didn't like this budget, and he feels that the people who prepared the budget don't necessarily like the budget either. Mr. McIntosh said that he wished expenditures were higher, and he wished that we could offer a higher level of service. Mr. McIntosh said that he doesn't feel the issue is expenses, the issue is revenues. Mr. McIntosh stated that he doesn't feel that we as a Council body have done enough to raise revenues.

Mr. Fryman stated that the services that our community has come to expect should not be cut. Mr. Fryman said that Carlisle is trying to acquire new businesses and those businesses are not going to want to come to a place where police and fire services are lacking. Mr. Fryman stated that he has some hesitation on this budget, but we need to have good police and fire services for the growth of economic development.

Mr. McIntosh stated that we are on the right track and said that the impact on our reserves are not enough to make us vulnerable.

Mr. Jewett said that if we could get the amount used from reserves down to where the amount wasn't one fourth of our reserves, he would feel more comfortable, but he feels we are on the right path after the discussions during our work session tonight.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call:

-Mr. Jewett, yes

-Mr. Fryman, yes

-Mr. Licklitter, yes

-Mrs. Parr, no

-Mr. Johnson, yes

-Mr. McIntosh, yes

-Mayor Winkler, yes

Ordinance passed on this day will be entered into Ordinance Record Book as 17-14.

ORD. 18-14: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2015 EMPLOYEE PAY SCHEDULE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Parr requested that this legislation be tabled for the next Council meeting to give her further time to study the legislation.

With no motion to table the legislation, Mr. Licklitter made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, and have one reading by title only, and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fryman.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Jewett, yes
- Mr. Licklitter, yes
- Mr. Johnson, yes
- Mayor Winkler, yes
- Mr. Fryman, yes
- Mrs. Parr, no
- Mr. McIntosh, yes

Discussion: Mrs. Parr stated that this legislation states the year of 2015, but questioned why it goes into effect on December 23rd. Mr. McIntosh stated that is when the pay period starts because you get paid in January for what you did in December. Mrs. Callahan said that the 1st pay period is in January and it has to be backed up two weeks because we go by pay periods. Mrs. Parr questioned if these amounts are figured into the budget that was just adopted. Mrs. Callahan stated yes. Mrs. Parr questioned if there will have to be an additional supplemental appropriations for this, and Mrs. Callahan stated no.

With no further discussion, Mr. Licklitter made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Jewett, yes
- Mr. Licklitter, yes
- Mr. Johnson, yes
- Mayor Winkler, yes
- Mr. Fryman, yes
- Mrs. Parr, no
- Mr. McIntosh, yes

Ordinance passed on this day will be entered into Ordinance Record Book as 18-14.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions: none

There being no further business, Mr. Johnson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Licklitter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Date: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____

Clerk of Council