
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the Municipality of Carlisle was held this evening, June 24, 2014, in the Council Room at Town Hall with Mayor Randy Winkler presiding. The meeting was opened at 7:10 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	-Mayor Randy Winkler, yes
-Mr. Brad McIntosh, yes	

The minutes of June 10, 2014 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. McIntosh.

Roll Call:

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

Public Forum:

Due to Chief Krista Wyatt not being able to attend this evening, Lt. Dana Wysong of the Carlisle Fire Department presented Daniel Fish to Council as a new fire fighter. Lt. Wysong stated that Daniel spent four years in the military as a fire fighter crew leader and he will be a good candidate for the Carlisle Fire Department. Mayor Winkler presented the Oath of Office to Daniel and welcomed him to the department.

Council Report:

Mr. McIntosh reminded residents about Railroad Days on August 15 and 16. Mr. McIntosh stated that if citizens had questions, they can contact Town Hall at 937-746-0555, ext. 210. Mr. McIntosh wanted to personally thank Police Chief Bruck and the Carlisle Police Department. Mr. McIntosh stated that his wife called the police to report suspicious activity. Mr. McIntosh said that the officers were dispatched, showed up very quickly, found and questioned suspected, and also reported back to her. Mr. McIntosh wanted to pass along his thanks to the police department.

Mrs. Parr apologized for missing the last Council meeting due to being ill. Mrs. Parr stated that she attended the Warren County Municipal League dinner and it was a very informative presentation regarding social media and the public records act. Mrs. Parr stated that at this dinner, she spoke with the Mayor and Mr. Fryman and they will be forming a golf team for the Park and Recreation Golf Outing on July 18. Mrs. Parr gave an invitation to the members of Council for one of them to join them and become the fourth person on their team. Mrs. Parr wanted to address the letter that was hand delivered to her house yesterday. Mrs. Parr stated that a resident felt like he had been patronized and treated rudely by city staff. Mrs. Parr said that while we all expect to be

treated professionally and with understanding by staff members, we also expect our citizens to do the same. Mrs. Parr explained that Carlisle is a municipality of nearly 5,000 residents, and when you have a couple of neighbors that are not getting along, it can be hard on staff. Mrs. Parr explained that we have 20 employees, some of which wear more than one hat at city hall and do more than one job, and they are doing what they can with the resources that we have. Mrs. Parr stated that a lot of our code enforcement issues are dealt with on a reactive basis because we don't have the staff to be out there proactively looking at all the weed complaints or car complaints, and we will respond to all. Mrs. Parr said that we don't want to discourage anybody from bringing a complaint or issue to the city staff, but when you have neighbors that are in a contest, calling against each other, it ties up our police department and our city staff. Mrs. Parr asks that residents try and get along with their neighbors. Mrs. Parr explained that when you live within the incorporated limits of the Village, there are codes and rules and regulations that you have to abide by. Mrs. Parr requested that citizens try and be considerate, and try to get along. Mrs. Parr said that staff will respond to the complaints, usually, in the order they are received. Mrs. Parr stated that there are processes and steps to be followed with each of those complaints, and she hopes that they are all handled professionally. Mrs. Parr said that she has confidence that our staff is doing that.

Mr. Johnson – nothing this evening

Mr. Jewett thanked Dan Casson and his crew for the sign and the parking blocks at Cook Park. Mr. Jewett commented that it looks good and he has seen some people using the lot. Mr. Jewett stated that he doesn't want to discourage any citizen from contacting Council, but please be aware that we are a small Village. Mr. Jewett reminded residents that issues will be taken care of, but if it's a squabble between neighbors, that will have to be taken into consideration as well.

Mr. Fryman stated that he attended the Warren County Municipal League dinner last week and stated there was a very informative speaker who provided good information involving technology and public records. Mr. Fryman said the speaker gave good advice on how Council members and staff can handle public records with regard to social media. Mr. Fryman encouraged everyone on Council to attend these meetings in the future and a lot can be learned.

Mr. Licklitter – nothing this evening

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Winkler stated that he attended the Warren County Municipal League dinner and it was very informative. Mayor Winkler stated that the Municipal League works very hard to try to get good speakers who will give good information for us to use in our part-time jobs here as Council Members. Mayor Winkler said that he appreciated the Council and staff that are able to attend these meetings.

Mayor Winkler read a proclamation recognizing the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Callahan reminded residents that the Parks and Recreation Golf Outing will be held on Friday, July 18 at Heatherwoode Golf Club in Springboro. Mrs. Callahan stated that the cost is \$80.00 per golfer or \$150.00 for a hole sponsorship. Mrs. Callahan stated that everyone should contact Mrs. Amy Brown at Town Hall at 937-746-0555, ext. 210, for more information, and/or registrations.

Committee Report: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

ORD 7-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 880.02, 880.05 AND 880.15 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL 0.5% INCOME TAX SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF POLICE SERVICES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Licklitter stated that this legislation is the product of many months, even years, of hard work by staff, Council Finance Committee, and Council. The internal audit of the budget indicated that if our five year financial projection held true, several funds would have no reserves and severe cuts to service would have to be made if no action was taken to head this off. Therefore, the past several years, Village Council and staff have tightened our belts even more than we were already doing.

The General and Police Services Funds have seen significant revenue cuts from the State of Ohio over the past five years. The recession that began in 2009 has affected every governmental agency. The State dealt with this financial crisis by pulling back revenues that they had shared with all cities/villages over the past 80 years. This revenue was crucial in providing police services.

Current and previous Councils and staff have been successful in stabilizing other budget funds and now is the time to focus our efforts on the Police Services Fund.

Carlisle, like so many other communities, is facing public safety challenges. Drug abuse, in particular heroin addiction, is an epidemic that is sweeping across Ohio. Carlisle is not immune to this problem. Heroin addiction leads to property crimes, overdoses, and dangerous, often violent, interactions between dealers and users. We should plan for the impact this and other safety challenges will have to our police department. Safe neighborhoods and schools begin with your local police department.

Council Finance Committee considered 4 options to address the current situation: 1) Place a property tax levy on the ballot—4.08 mills to generate the minimum amount needed. 2) Reduce the income tax credit – presently 100%. 3) Cut Police Services. 4) Raise the Earned Income Tax dedicated to Police Services.

After many Finance Committee meetings, in order to insure the Safety and Stability of Carlisle, the Finance Committee has recommended that a ½% income tax increase to the Police Services Fund be placed on the ballot in November 2014 and instructed staff to bring the legislation to Council. If this legislation is passed, numerous informational meetings will be held throughout the community to let the citizens know what this means to their households.

Mrs. Callahan stated that this legislation and Resolution 10-14, also before the Council tonight, both have emergency language, but there will be three full readings and Council will vote on these two pieces of legislation and the emergency language at the July 22nd Council meeting.

Mrs. Parr encouraged residents that since there will be three readings, if residents have questions or concerns, or want additional information that has been discussed in the Finance Committee meetings, to come to Town Hall or the upcoming informational meetings. The Village Carlisle has roughly 5,000 residents with 20 employees, with the Police Department being the largest department with 7 employees. Mrs. Parr stated that the Village wants to maintain the services that we have and this was the best option that the Finance Committee presented to Council and Council decided that the residents need to decide the issue. Mrs. Parr would like residents to go to the ballot with the information that Council had presented to us by the Finance Committee so that residents can make a decision that they feel is best for the Municipality.

With no further discussion, Mayor Winkler stated that this legislation would be presented for a second reading at the July 8th Council meeting.

RES 10-14: A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE TENTHS OF ONE percent (0.5%) MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RATE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE, OHIO FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION AT THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE, OHIO ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, SUCH ADDITIONAL LEVY BEING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR SERVICES AND OPERATIONS OF POLICE WITH THE MUNICIPALITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Mrs. Callahan reminded Council that the reason for the emergency language is that the Resolution has to be submitted to Warren County by August 6 and by waiving the 30 days at the end of the three readings, it will enable us to get it to the County before the deadline.

With no further discussion, Mayor Winkler stated that this legislation would be presented for a second reading at the July 8th Council meeting.

RES 11-14: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MILLER VALENTINE GROUP FOR PROPERTY SALES AND MARKETING PRESENTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Callahan stated that the Village has been interested in contracting with a commercial realtor to market the Carlisle Business Park for some time and this is a resolution to enter into an agreement with Miller Valentine to sell property at the business park. The agreement has already been reviewed by the Village’s Law Director. Mrs. Callahan said that the reason for the emergency language is that the sooner the agreement is signed, the sooner that Miller Valentine can get to work for the Village.

Mr. Licklitter asked if there would be any cost to the Village. Mrs. Callahan stated there is no cost up front, but Miller Valentine receives 6% commission on any sales. Miller Valentine will provide advertising including brochures, flyers, and on their website, many of which they contract with. Mrs. Callahan also stated that there will be no selling of any property until the Council agrees first. Mr. Fryman asked if Miller Valentine has worked with any other Municipalities or Cities. Mrs. Callahan responded yes.

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

Roll Call:

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Resolution passed on this day will be entered into Resolution Record Book 11-14.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions: none

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

Roll Call:

-Mr. Jake Fryman, yes
-Mr. Randy Jewett, yes
-Mr. James Licklitter, yes
-Mayor Winkler, yes

-Mr. Brad McIntosh, yes
-Mr. Johnson, yes
-Mrs. Parr, yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Date: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council