
**MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 22, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO**

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio Municipal Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 22, 2016 to order in Council Chambers at the Carlisle Town Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio. The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mr. Randy Jewett	present
Mr. Jake Fryman	present
Mr. James Lickliter	present
Mr. Brad McIntosh	present
Mr. Jonathan McEldowney	present
Ms. Barb Tankersley	present
Mayor Randy Winkler	present

Staff members present: Village Manager Sherry Callahan
Finance Director Julie Duffy
Clerk of Council Amy Brown

The minutes of November 9, 2016 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Lickliter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Jewett.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Fryman	yes
Mr. Lickliter	yes
Mr. McIntosh	yes
Mr. McEldowney	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Public Forum: No one responded.

Council Report:

Ms. Tankersley had nothing this evening.

Mr. McEldowney thanked Mrs. Callahan for her review of the recent Columbus Capital Drive trip. Mr. McEldowney stated that he attended the Area Progress Council economic outlook breakfast this morning and reported that the speaker was Mac MacDowell who is CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Mr. McEldowney said that there is a need in the Carlisle area for volunteers with the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization and encouraged residents to help make a difference through volunteering.

Mr. McIntosh had nothing this evening.

Mr. Licklitter wished everyone a good Thanksgiving and stated that we all have a lot to be thankful for.

Mr. Fryman wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone to be safe. Mr. Fryman reported that the Mayor, Mrs. Callahan, and he went to the Columbus Capital Drive trip, which was hosted by the Warren County Port Authority. Mr. Fryman stated that they met with the Ohio Rail Commission and Jobs Ohio to learn more about how these groups can help Carlisle. Mr. Fryman thought the trip was informative and interesting and was pleased to find out through a third party how prepared and thorough Mrs. Callahan is in submitting plans and requested items to various state groups. Mr. Fryman thanked Mrs. Callahan and the Village staff and stated that he appreciated what they do on a daily basis.

Mr. Jewett wished all residents a Happy Thanksgiving. Mr. Jewett stated that now is the time of year that packages are being delivered throughout the holidays. Mr. Jewett said that residents should be aware and keep their eyes open for any suspicious activity since there are many packages that are stolen off of front porches. Mr. Jewett encouraged residents to call the police to report any suspicious activity.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Winkler stated that he attended the Warren County Capital Drive in Columbus and said that it was a very long day from 6:30 in the morning to 10:00 that night. Mayor Winkler said that he went to meetings in addition to breakout sessions all day long and heard from different groups such as Jobs Ohio. Mayor Winkler commented that it was nice to hear from a third party what a great job our staff is doing in submitting paperwork even though the Village does not have a full-time Economic Development person. Mayor Winkler also reported that they met with the Ohio Rail Commission to discuss development in the Business Park. Mayor Winkler commented that they learned about switches that can possibly be purchased and other issues about the way the railroad impacts the community.

Mayor Winkler noted that the last Council meeting of the year is on December 27 and inquired of Council if they would like to change the meeting since people may be traveling over the holidays. Mrs. Callahan stated that there is no anticipated legislation for the second meeting of December. Mayor Winkler mentioned that there could be back to back meetings on December 13.

Mr. Licklitter made a motion to change the December 27 meeting to immediately follow the December 13 meeting, and have both meetings on the same night, seconded by Mr. McIntosh.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Fryman	yes
Mr. Licklitter	yes
Mr. McIntosh	yes
Mr. McEldowney	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Motion passed for both December Council meetings to be held on December 13.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Callahan reported that the Capital Drive was very informative. Mrs. Callahan said that she met with Representative Schaffer and his legislative aide to discuss Senate Bill 235 and new income tax legislation. Mrs. Callahan explained that the bill would allow developers to give themselves abatements for up to 10 years and has the potential to be detrimental to existing economic development tools that local governments currently use. Mrs. Callahan stated that there will be follow up with the Attorney General's office to get a legal opinion on how the policy language for income tax may have changed and what effect it will have for us.

Mrs. Callahan reported that she also met with the Ohio Rail Commission to discuss potential assistance to the Business Park. Mrs. Callahan remarked that options were discussed for possible funding sources to install a switch on the NS rail spur in the Business Park.

Mrs. Callahan mentioned that it is very beneficial to have face time with these groups in order to make a difference on the local level.

Committee Report:

Mr. Lickliter, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the 3rd Quarter budget was presented by Mrs. Duffy at the last Finance Committee meeting and everything was as expected. Mr. Lickliter stated that the results of the 3rd Quarter budget made no changes to the current proposed budget for next year.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions: none

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

ORD. 16-16: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE REAPPROPRIATIONS/SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, AMENDMENT NUMBER 2.

Mrs. Callahan stated that this legislation is the year end clean up for the 2016 budget appropriation.

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

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Fryman	yes
Mr. Licklitter	yes
Mr. McIntosh	yes
Mr. McEldowney	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Ordinance passed on this day will be entered into Ordinance Record Book as Ord. 16-16.

ORD. 17-16: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Mrs. Callahan explained that this legislation is on for a third and final reading and it is the annual appropriations budget. Mrs. Callahan stated that this budget was discussed at 2 separate Finance Committee meetings and the budget is balanced with money going into reserves.

Mr. Licklitter stated that he planned to vote yes for the budget after many discussions. Mr. Licklitter said that the budget included increases for the Village staff and after consideration for raises for the police department earlier this year, Police Chief Mike Bruck reduced the number of officers and those dollars were allocated for the raises. Mr. Licklitter commented that while he agrees that there needs to be reasonable increases for the rest of staff, he was concerned about where those dollars would be coming from. Mr. Licklitter stated that after Greg Wallace retired and his position was not filled, other members of the Village staff stepped in to take those additional responsibilities. Mr. Licklitter said that the money that was saved from not filling that position can be used to allocate

Mr. McEldowney stated that first he would like to thank Mrs. Duffy for organizing the budget, and he knows that it is a diligent job. Mr. McEldowney said that however, he would like to go back to the increases, and stated that he was fine with the management increases, the merit-based 5 percent. Mr. McEldowney stated that however, we need to be aware and inform our citizens that 5 of the 7 increases are over 10 percent, and 3 of the 7 are over 20 percent, with the largest being 24.18 percent. Mr. McEldowney said that he didn't think any of us, like Mr. Licklitter said, is questioning the work ethic or the caliber of employees that we have. Mr. McEldowney said that however, we have failed the police levy twice, and that is a safety service, which should be our first and foremost priority, and earlier this year we addressed that, as Mr. Licklitter said. Mr. McEldowney said, but, surely now, the taxpayers would be upset to learn that while we have asked for additional police funds, we're spending general fund money in this manner. Mr. McEldowney said that keeping that general fund in mind, earlier in the year, we discussed as a Council, parades. Mr. McEldowney said that 4 parades cost approximately \$1000 out of the general fund and this budget will increase spending from the general fund by \$8,029.09, which is the same fund that we are unable to give parades from. Mr. McEldowney stated that he is just concerned that using our rainy day fund in this manner is a dangerous precedent. Mr. McEldowney stated that the money exists now, yes, but if we enter another recession, what's going to

happen; the money might not always be there. Mr. McEldowney said that he is concerned, and eventually these employees are going to reach the top of the pay scale, and we're going to have to go beyond that and increase the pay scale to even greater values. Mr. McEldowney stated that with those items in mind, he would like to make a motion to table the third reading with the following recommendations: convene a special meeting to get voter input, put this out on social media, put it on our webpage that we would like some community input on the budget. Mr. McEldowney stated that also, he thinks there are ways to compensate our employees and he wants our employees to be compensated, but, maybe look at alternative ways, and he would challenge Council to think of alternative ways to compensate those, whether that be through a multi-year program. Mr. McEldowney said that however, that was the motion he makes tonight is to table the third reading with those recommendations.

Mayor Winkler questioned if there was any other discussion.

Mr. Jewett replied that he would be in favor with Mr. McEldowney and stated that as he said at the last meeting, he was not in favor of the large increases. Mr. Jewett said that if there was more than one of us having second thoughts that he would not be voting yes on this budget tonight. Mr. Jewett stated that he mentioned months ago that he would not be opposed to a multiple year of a true-up of the positions that we feel are behind. Mr. Jewett added that if they were truly that far behind, which he is not doubting, it didn't happen in one year. Mr. Jewett said that it has happened in the past Councils before he ever showed up and he doesn't think we would be doing the citizens any justice to try and true it up at one time.

Mr. McEldowney would like to add that the comment was made at the last work session that we have discussed this, so let's just vote on it, but he thinks we need to be willing to meet and spend time together as long as it takes and not just say we've spent time, let's vote on it.

Ms. Tankersley stated that she was in agreement with Mr. Jewett and Mr. McEldowney. Ms. Tankersley said that she was blindsided, and didn't realize we had come to a conclusion for the salaries until it was in the budget and done. Ms. Tankersley said that she felt like it wasn't resolved the way it should have been. Ms. Tankersley stated that she agreed about giving increases, but she does believe that they are just a little bit too much all at once and that was her concern.

Mayor Winkler questioned if there was any other discussion.

Mr. Fryman stated that he would like to motion to raise the question tonight, but it was determined that Mr. McEldowney's motion needed to be addressed first.

Ms. Tankersley seconded Mr. McEldowney's motion to table the third reading of the legislation with recommendations.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Fryman	no
Mr. Licklitter	no
Mr. McIntosh	yes
Mr. McEldowney	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mayor Winkler	no

Mr. McIntosh stated that he supports the budget, as it sits, but he is voting yes because he would rather Council all be on the same page.

Mayor Winkler stated that the budget legislation for this evening will be tabled and we will schedule another meeting with staff to sit down and discuss this.

Mrs. Callahan stated that she is unsure if Council can have two meetings on December 13.

Mr. McIntosh asked if the upcoming meeting could be a Special meeting in order to stay on schedule.

Mrs. Callahan replied yes, but Council will have to pass a budget of some sort by emergency in December.

There was a consensus among Council to hold a Special meeting to discuss the budget on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business, Mr. Licklitter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fryman.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Fryman	yes
Mr. Licklitter	yes
Mr. McIntosh	yes
Mr. McEldowney	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Date: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council