MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL – WORK SESSION MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 CARLISLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio Municipal Council Work Session of Tuesday, April 13, 2021 to order at 7:40 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Carlisle Town Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio with the following members in attendance:

Council Attendees:

Mr. Tim Humphries

Mr. Randal Jewett

Mr. William Bicknell

Mr. Randy Winkler, Mayor

Mrs. Debbie Kemper

Mrs. Kim Bilbrey

Mr. Chris Stivers

Staff members present: Village Manager Julie Duffy and Finance Director Ryan Rushing

Discussion Items:

Ribbon Cutting/Business of the Month

General discussion was made regarding organizing ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses in Carlisle. Mrs. Bilbrey indicated that the Farm on Central was interested in participating in an event. Mrs. Kemper indicated that the Germantown Auto Sales was also interested in having an event at their location. Mrs. Bilbrey also suggested that the Village highlight a local business each month and consider giving them a small token of Council's appreciation such as flowers and maybe a plaque. Mayor Winkler indicated that Council did perform some ribbon cuttings in the past, but it has been some time. Mrs. Duffy informed Council that the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce performs this service for the area and would be more than willing to assist. After further discussion, Council decided that they would take the lead on the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Farm on Central and Germantown Auto Sales and welcome the Chamber to participate as a guest. The events would take place on separate nights and both Mrs. Bilbrey and Mrs. Kemper would coordinate with the businesses on the exact date and get back with the group. General discussion was made regarding which business to highlight each month as well as what should be the appreciation gift. Mrs. Duffy was instructed to provide a list of known Carlisle businesses and get back with the group regarding appreciation gift ideas for the May work session.

Land Appraisal – Carlisle Business Park

Mr. Bicknell requested that Council revisit previous discussions regarding having the land appraised in the Business Park so that Council and the Manager have a starting point when discussion land sales with a prospective client. Mr. Stivers indicated that he was in favor of having the land appraised as well. Mayor Winkler indicated that he had been in discussion with someone who was potentially interested in relocating his business to the Business Park. Mr. Jewett indicated that Council had previously used a commercial real estate agent to both valuate the land as well as help market for sales. After general discussion with the group, Council directed the Village Manager to reach out to prospective commercial real estate agents for a future meeting with Council to see what options were available.

Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Bicknell asked Council to look at the current Comprehensive Plan for the Village in hopes of beginning discussion with the group during the May work session meeting about their thoughts on the document to see what still works and what might need modified.

Veterans Memorial

Mrs. Kemper indicated that she wanted the Village to move forward with some way to honor our veterans in our Community. She stated that she previously met with a contractor regarding installing several military flags at Town Hall as well as replacing the existing American flagpole since the proposed Veterans' memorial has not been constructed. General discussion was made regarding the history of the Memorial and Committee and what could be done with the monies donated to the memorial. Mrs. Duffy indicated that the Veterans Memorial Committee had an agreement with the Warren County Community Foundation to maintain and administer all the donations, and Council did not have the authority to use these funds – only the Veterans Memorial Committee. Mayor Winkler indicated that he and Mr. Jim Gross were the only remaining members of the committee and that Mr. Gross had worked with a local designer on an amended design for the memorial. Mayor Winker indicated that he would reach out to Mr. Gross to further discuss.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Council adjourned the meeting by voice vote with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.