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**CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**April 9, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO**

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 9, 2024 to order in Council Chambers at the Carlisle City Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. William Bicknell	present
Mr. Jason Faulkner	present
Mr. Tim Humphries	present
Mrs. Debbie Kemper	present
Mr. Michael Kilpatrick	present
Mr. Chris Stivers	absent
Mayor Randy Winkler	present

Staff members present: City Manager, Chris Lohr  
Police Chief, Will Rogers  
Fire Chief, Jeremy Lane  
Clerk of Council, Elayna Myers

Mayor Winkler said Mr. Stivers could not be in attendance tonight due to a work assignment. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to excuse Mr. Stivers, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Mr. Stivers has been excused from this evening's council meeting.

The regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2024 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Faulkner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	abstain
Mayor Winkler	yes

The regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2024, were approved as presented.

**Public Forum:**

Mr. Lohr asked council to amend tonight’s agenda to add an executive session to interview the applicants for the Tax Review Board, Housing Reinvestment Board and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to enter executive session. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Council entered executive session at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to enter regular session, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Council entered back into regular session at 7:23 p.m.

With no more guests in the audience, Mayor Winkler closed the public forum and moved on to Council Reports.

**Council Reports:**

Mr. Humphries:

1. He had an opportunity to represent Carlisle at the State of the County address. He provided a brochure to council. The budget for Warren County is 90 million dollars. He felt that was an interesting number. Warren County is a no debt county. They owe nothing, across the board. This includes spending over 50 million dollars on a new jail. He said what they do and how they do it, they are very resourceful. The way Warren County continues to be at the forefront. There are places, not just in Ohio, they are number one, and they are stating they may be one of the best counties in the nation. That is something to be proud of.
2. There was some debate on losing the Tennis ATP tournament. They stepped up and did a buy-in with the people who did buy it and now they are looking forward to having it around the next

twenty-five years. Above and beyond that, looking at a growth of a weeklong to two weeks long. They are on task. The questions they ask are the same questions we should be asking ourselves; what we can afford, what do we need, what are we doing in our communities to be able to afford what we do. He wants to thank the three of them for their time and effort and the staff they have that allows us to be where we are in Warren County.

Mr. Kilpatrick:

1. Nothing to report.

Mr. Bicknell

1. Spring is upon us. We have rain and warmer weather, and he knows there has been a lot of mowing. Keep your grass in your yard, keep it out of the streets and don't let it get in our sewers. It just creates more work for our maintenance workers to keep our drywells cleaned out. It is very hazardous for our motorcyclists or mopeds. In a car it may not feel dangerous, but it can change the trajectory of where that bike goes.

Mrs. Kemper:

1. She thanked council for excusing her from the last meeting due to illness.
2. She wished Mr. Lohr a happy birthday.
3. She wanted to remind everyone that the tax deadline date is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Keep this in mind, and all the information is on our website.
4. Food Truck Thursday is starting May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will continue every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The first Food Truck night on May 2<sup>nd</sup> is our Safety Week. The Police Department, Fire Department, Warren County, and the School Safety will all be at the park. Come out and enjoy that.
5. The tire event for recycling is the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Frankling Township Building from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
6. She hopes everyone was able to see the solar eclipse yesterday. She was at the park and lots of kids were there.

Mr. Faulkner

1. Nothing to report.

With that, Mayor Winkler closed the Council Report and moved on to the Mayor's Report.

**Mayor's Report:**

1. There was a big easter egg hunt in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. The baseball team was down there playing baseball through spring break. There were easter eggs sent by Craig Harris and the people who put that hunt together. They were sent to Florida so the kids down there on spring break could enjoy an easter egg hunt. He wanted to thank Craig Harris, and everyone involved with the easter egg hunt.
2. He knows there has been a lot of talk on social media about where the Dollar Tree is being built, about that being city-owned property and was sold to Dollar Tree. That is not the case, and the

city would not have done that. At one time the Post Family had wanted that property to be donated to the city to put a library in. While talking with Tom Post, there was discussion about that many years ago when Mayor Pat Long was alive. He was an attorney, and he was trying to make that happen. Mr. Long became ill and passed, and that's when everything halted with that discussion about a library. The property remained in the possession of the Post Family and the siblings of Mr. and Mrs. Post is who sold the property to the Dollar Tree. The city was not involved in that transaction. He wanted to make that clear since there has been so much back and forth on social media.

Mayor Winkler closed the Mayor's Report and moved on to the City Manager's Report.

**Manager's Report:**

1. He said they had discussed the Strategic Plan earlier and our four priorities. If council is comfortable with those key objectives, he would like to ask for a motion to approve those. There was a two-page document that was reviewed that includes those priorities, as well as some general information. He would like the motion to be to adopt that as the City's Strategic Plan.

Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to adopt the two-page document presented to council earlier tonight as our Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

The two-page report received has been adopted as the City's Strategic Plan.

2. An annual report for the Police Department was presented by Chief Rogers. The report has been attached for reference.
3. An annual report for the Fire Department was presented by Chief Lane. The report has been attached for reference.

With that the Mayor closed the City Manager's Report.

**Committee Report:**

Mr. Faulkner offered a report from the recent Planning Commission meeting. He said they had two items. One was the conditional use application by the proprietor of 650 Central which is the Fuel Mart and the drive-thru that he wants to add. The Planning Commission did approve that conditional use. He must come back for his final development plan. The other item was 540 Central Avenue which is a house with eight acres. The proprietor there was seeking a conditional use for both, at the time, a banquet center and a truck terminal for truck and auto repair. There were three separate items they discussed. It was an hour worth of discussion and there was some question on whether the banquet

use would fit in a M1 zoning. Ultimately, it was decided to table it and staff had an additional conversation with the proprietor, which Mr. Lohr mentioned during the work session.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Interviews were conducted tonight for Tax Review Board, Housing Reinvestment Board and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Humphries made a motion to approve Brogan Waugh to the Tax Review Board and Tina Neal to the Housing Reinvestment Board and Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Kilpatrick seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Brogan Waugh has been approved to the Tax Review Board.  
Tina Neal has been approved to the Housing Reinvestment Board and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Winkler congratulated both and thanked them for volunteering their time.

Mayor Winkler closed the Community Reports and moved on to First Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.

**First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

None.

**Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

None.

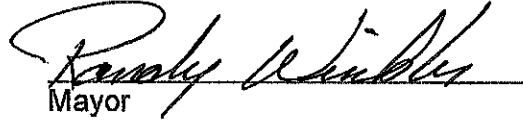
Mayor Winkler stated that is all they have on the agenda this evening and asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Date: 4/23/24

  
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Mayor

Attest:   
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Clerk of Council