

CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL – WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

CARLISLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Work Session of Tuesday, April 11, 2023, to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Carlisle City Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio with the following members in attendance:

Council Attendees:

Mr. Tim Humphries

Mr. Chris Stivers

Mr. Michael Kilpatrick

Mr. William Bicknell

Mrs. Debbie Kemper

Mr. Jason Faulkner

Mr. Randy Winkler, Mayor

Staff members present: Finance Director Ryan Rushing
Clerk of Council Jennifer Harover

Discussion Items:

Food Truck & Craft Vendors

Heather Kidwell of Heather's Sweet Treats food truck spoke to Council about requests she has received. As she is in contact with many vendors, food and crafts, she has received several inquiries about Carlisle's Food Truck Thursdays also having opportunities for craft/sales vendors, outside of just food.

Her suggestion was to offer non-food vendors the opportunity to join food trucks on an occasional basis. She would organize and schedule these vendors just like the food trucks. This allows her to control the number as well as screen the types of items sold to be sure everything is family-friendly.

Council was interested in allowing this and would begin by limiting it to ten for this year with the possibility of adding more next year based on interest. They discussed areas in the park for vendors to set-up, fees for non-food vendors as well as future opportunities of out-growing the space available at Roscoe Roof Park. Council agreed that vendors would be charged based on our current General Fee Schedule for Vendors License. Any charitable organization, church or civic center would be exempt from fees; Carlisle residents would be charged \$1 and all other vendors would follow the current fee schedule of \$15.25/day.

Signage for Food Truck Thursdays was discussed. Mrs. Kemper has gotten a quote from Insignia who made the "A" frame style sign currently used for Business of the Month. That quote was \$237. The sign could be easily moved anywhere in town. Mr. Humphries stated that he could possibly get better pricing and also suggested that they look at a banner style of sign that could be placed at the park during the season. He will get pricing back to Council members. Mrs. Kemper is worried about vandalism leaving a sign up at the park and likes the convenience of the "A" frame sign.

Heather will organize any non-food vendors similar to how she is currently scheduling food trucks. Non-food vendors will only be scheduled for one day out of the month as they start out.

Text Amendment Legislation

With no other business, Mr. Bicknell asked to speak about the legislation on the agenda for a final reading regarding the text amendment allowing chickens. Since there is extra time in the work session, a discussion now could ease the process later.

Mr. Faulkner questioned the final sentence of the proposed ordinance that states "Section 501.03" as he cannot find reference to that number in our online codified. He is worried that if this issue becomes a large nuisance, he

wants to be sure that we have a way to enforce this legislation. Mr. Rushing contacted Mrs. Walton regarding the question. Mrs. Walton was able to clarify that the Section should be referenced as 698.02 which refers to violations and she will change the language prior to the final reading.

Mr. Faulkner had a gentleman contact him regarding the keeping of chickens. The man stated that chickens are filthy animals and that the city should not do this. Mr. Kilpatrick commented that chickens can be done poorly while others can keep them and no one would know. Mayor Winkler stated that dogs can be the same as it all depends upon the owner. Mrs. Kemper commented that properties can be the same way – one person has everything that looks beautiful and the neighbor can have junk everywhere.

Mr. Stivers asked if the cut-off of acreage was at 3 acres or at 3.01 acres. Mr. Bicknell commented that the proposed ordinance reads as lots under 3 acres and then lots 3 acres or more.

Mr. Bicknell is concerned that this legislation is creating a situation that will not be able to be properly controlled. Mr. Humphries stated that he feels that having chickens is going to fade out quickly once people understand the complexity and expense of raising them. Mayor Winkler expressed that a dozen eggs is not as expensive as buying the chickens, buying the coop, buying the feed and keeping everything clean. Mr. Bicknell stated that with a community our size of 5,501 and we have 8-10 residents interested in raising chickens which he would compare to “pocket zoning”.

Adjournment:

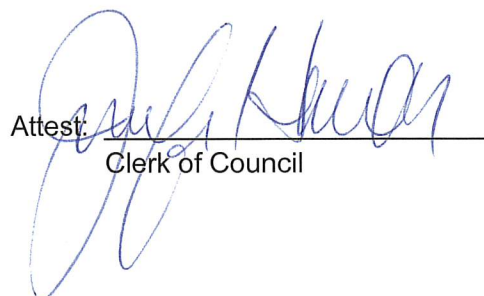
With no further business, Council adjourned the meeting by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Date: 4-25-23



Mayor

Attest: 

Clerk of Council