
**CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JULY 26, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO**

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 26, 2022 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:

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

Staff members present: City Manager Julie Duffy
 Clerk of Council Jennifer Harover
 Fire Chief Jeremy Lane

Mayor Winkler commented that Mrs. Bilbrey is not in attendance this evening. He has not heard from her and is assuming that she continues to care for a sick family member. He asked for a motion to excuse Mrs. Bilbrey from tonight's meeting. Hearing no motion, Mrs. Bilbrey will not be excused from tonight's Council meeting.

The minutes of July 12, 2022 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Stivers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes of July 12, 2022 have been adopted.

The minutes of July 12, 2022 work session were presented to Council for review. Mrs. Kemper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

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

The work session minutes of July 12, 2022 have been adopted.

Public Forum:

Police Chief Will Rogers approached Council. He reminded everyone that next Tuesday, August 2nd is National Night Out. He is looking forward to a big event. He gave a thank you to Officer Czarnota and Clerk, Becky Estes for gathering as much support from the community as possible. Fortunately, this community does stand behind this event and a lot of the support this year was brought directly to us versus the department having to ask for it. They have some great things planned and he looks forward to it being an exciting evening for the community. He extended an invitation to all of Council and their families as well as all community members. Hours of the event will be from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at Roscoe Roof Park. This is a great time for everyone to meet the police, fire and emergency services in their community.

No other members of the public approached Council.

Council Report:

Mr. Kilpatrick commented that he and his wife often take their children to the play area at the school property. This passed week, they met another couple who has recently returned to Carlisle and their kids live one street over allowing them to take care of their granddaughter. One concern was brought up to him and he knows this has been a topic previously addressed by Mr. Humphries, which is that of the speed of vehicles throughout the city. They often watch the speed of travelers in front of the school and noticed it is high even on hours of dropping off or picking up students. He assured them that he would bring this issue up during their meeting and reiterate to everyone that the speed limit in front of the school is reduced during school hours.

Mr. Bicknell commented that the JEMS meeting scheduled for yesterday was postponed due to illness. He knows that they will be making the determination from the RFQ for the project architect. This will allow work to begin on an actual drawing of the proposed building. He should have a more in depth update at Council’s next meeting.

Mr. Stivers spoke to Mr. Kilpatrick’s concern and stated that if a speed limit is not clearly posted, the default speed is 25mph.

Mrs. Kemper congratulated our Carlisle Lions Club for celebrating 65 years. She thanked Chief Rogers for coming this evening and she plans on seeing him at National Night Out. She thanked all of the residents in Carlisle who have taken the time to step-up and apply for the open seats on Boards and Commissions. This is the fewest amount of open seats since she began Council three years ago. She

stated that there will be an Ohio Valley Cruise-In at the shopping center on August 18th from 5pm – 8pm. It is being put on by the Ohio Valley Cruise-Ins and Village Station will be sponsoring all of the awards and trophies. Cassano's, Dairy Queen and Village Station will have food specials that evening. She wanted to remind all of the voters in Ohio that there is a special election on August 2nd that involves state officials. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates through the Board of Elections' website and please get out to vote. This is the special election due to the remapping of the State of Ohio.

Mr. Humphries expanded on the Cruise-In details. There will be a live country artist performing who grew up in Carlisle, Ashley Knapp. The Lions Club celebrated their 65th anniversary but at this same time, the Carlisle Baseball Association just wrapped up their 65th season and the City also celebrates 65 years of being a community. All of this happened within a 12-14 month period. The founder's of this town decided that these were the things we needed to have for a community. He also wanted to point out that the speed limits posted on the roads and the lines painted on them are not simply suggestions. One of the most abused lines in our community is coming across the tracks on SR 123 to make a left onto Park. He realizes that it is a weird angle for the turn but, more times than not, people drive through the oncoming lane of Park narrowly missing vehicles at that stop sign. This creates a huge problem not only for cars but especially for scooters or motorcycles as they are not used to turning around that white stop line painted on the lane. If drivers could pay attention to the white traffic lane markings as well as the speed limits, it would make our roads much safer. Coming out of the pandemic, mental health issues are rising. With that, it has been made easier to find help. The Suicide Hotline has been updated to 9-8-8. There is no longer an elongated 1-800 number for people to remember, it is simply 9-8-8.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Winkler extended his condolences to the Clark County Sheriff's office. This past Sunday, they had an officer who was shot and killed during a domestic issue. There was a second officer who was wounded. He cannot express enough about how important police are to communities. They take unbelievable risks each and every day to try and dissolve issues in the communities where they work. It is so disheartening for him and he wanted to extend his condolences to the department as well as the families.

Manager's Report:

Julie Duffy explained that our Police Chief, Service Director and herself recently met with the School officials for an ongoing discussion about the school zone and appropriate speed limits. Our City Engineer looked at the scenario now that the school property is down to one building and how it affects the area of Jamaica as well as Fairview. They reviewed both local and State laws that determine a school zone. There are a lot of factors to go into it. Currently, the school zone does conform with State law. In our Engineer's opinion, they also believe there could be some alternatives to the school zone to help with driver and pedestrian safety. Studies have shown that school zones over a certain length actually become less effective as drivers become "fatigued" if it is too long. Even though it may be a viable school zone, if it is over 1,000 feet, drivers forget what the speed limit should be. The current school zone on Jamaica is just over 2,300 feet as it used to encompass several buildings. There are several things that the school could opt to do such as fencing which can be used to help keep students

safe on their side of the road. Engineers have come up with a solution that will allow the school zone to be condensed on Jamaica as well as on Fairview. They are also in conversation to see if there is a way to remove the need for a school zone on Fairview. Obviously, safety is the utmost concern which is why it is important to observe the posted speed limit. With the new building location, Fairview Drive is not so much a cross-over area as it used to be. They are hoping to make the changes subject to the school also approving in time for the start of the 2023 school year. The information will be posted to make drivers aware but, please keep in mind, it is only the difference of 5mph in the school zone as both of these roads have 25mph speed limits. This is purposeful as they realize that children and families travel to and from school at all times of the day well beyond the normal starting/ending times.

Mr. Kilpatrick asked if there was any update on Casey's. Mrs. Duffy stated that she has been informed that the property has officially changed hands. Casey's company does now own the property. The Plan Reviewer, which is part of the building permit process, has approved the submitted information. At this point, the permit is ready for them to pay for and pick-up. It is moving very positively in that direction. She knows that Casey's has reached out to the county who handles storm water run-off and EPA/MS4 compliance. They are also being very proactive in the conversations. We don't have a date as of yet to when they will begin moving dirt. Mr. Kilpatrick congratulated the Staff and Mr. Craig Harris for making this happen. Mrs. Duffy commented that it has been a long time coming but everyone is very excited to welcome this business to our community. Each of our current gas stations have their own niche and this new gas station with its own unique niche does not need to take away anything from other gas stations. Each has their own identity and there is enough love to go around. As we all know, the real money with gas stations is inside the building and not at the pumps. We highly encourage everyone to check out all of them.

Committee Report:

Mr. Bicknell updated the group on a meeting of the Public Safety Committee. The committee has had discussions about pipe bollards being installed at the railroad tracks at SR 123 just before Park Drive. They are looking for a permanent placement for any type of community signs. If we have something like this available that has been pre-determined, it will prevent blind spots at the intersection and give everyone the same visibility in town. Mr. Humphries stated that he has received an email from the City Manager showing a layout with a distance of pole insets being 12' apart so that poles can be easily installed and removed for various signs. This would allow for easier mowing around the area. The banners could be 3' x 6' to 3' x 9'. He has not yet spoken to Mrs. Duffy or Mr. Casson but it was nice to see that time and effort has been put into the engineering of this proposal. Mrs. Kemper asked if they would be similar to the signs that are currently there for National Night Out. Mr. Bicknell explained that the concept is the same. Mrs. Duffy commented that the signs currently purchased from the organization for National Night Out would not comply with the proposed pole insets as they are too small being only 4' x 6'. In talking with our Engineer and our Service Director, we want to be cognizant of the limits for the sign sizes that would allow one spot for the poles to be placed. Staff already had plans for next year to make and purchase our own signs rather than buy directly from the organization. This would allow us to control the size of the banner and be within compliance of the pole insets. Mr. Humphries has been requesting something like this for some time so she felt it was important for him to review it and have some input with staff. Once everything has been narrowed down, it will be shared with Council. The poles and placement are the easy part. The challenge will be having every organization comply with those sign sizes. The idea is that the poles will move freely for installation and removal but will be in safe locations for all signs to be displayed. If we feel that this will be the best for the community then it will be important that we have all of the organizations comply with that. There will be a permit application aspect that they are also looking in to. It could be a no-fee permit or one

that does have a fee associated with it. Mrs. Kemper asked if this will be done both at the railroad crossing as well as at the entrance to the city. Mrs. Duffy commented that this will be done at both locations where we traditionally have all signs. The first will be at 300 Central which is the old Marathon station currently owned by the city as well as just outside of the railroad right-of-way at the intersection of SR 123 and Park Drive. This may be a discussion item for Council's next work session. Mr. Humphries explained that he is taking some time to reach out to sign companies asking what the size is for the most standardized banner used within communities. That way we could be more with the standard of what is being used versus the city designing something that would need to be special ordered. Mrs. Duffy felt that Mr. Humphries would know best as to which organizations typically use this space and what size they normally display. There are always layers to the conversation and we want to be sure that it truly fits for our community. Mr. Bicknell would like to see this item placed on the August work session. All Council Members were in agreement.

Mr. Bicknell stated that the second item of discussion for the Committee was that of off-road vehicles within the city limits. He believes that in 1990 there was legislation was put into place that all purpose vehicles were not allowed to be started within the city limits. The State of Ohio recognizes golfcars, if they meet certain requirements, as legal vehicles but allows each governing body to make their own decision on whether they allow it. Side-by-side vehicles are also in this same determination as most of them come with turn signals, seatbelts, etc. and their speed is already capable of going well over the established speed limit. The Committee would like to open the discussion with Council of taking a look at this legislation as there are citizens within the city who are directly affected by it and would like to opportunity to utilize these vehicles within the city. He suggested that this would be done in the same manner as when they reviewed the "RV" language. Mrs. Kemper stated that these vehicles are definitely becoming more popular and many are required to be titled by the License Bureau where they were not in the past. Mr. Bicknell added that they need to realize this will also add another layer of difficulty for our police department. Mrs. Duffy asked if Council would prefer to have these discussions at the Committee level or open discussions up to all of Council. Mr. Bicknell stated he would like to have discussion amongst all of the Council at a work session but it will most likely need several discussions to go in depth. Mrs. Duffy commented that she feels there is added value to having the Committee review a topic as it allows a small group of people to get more in depth and then, once it passes the Committee level, it can be brought to Council. This advantage is for all committees and not just the Public Safety Committee. In January when Council determines who will be on each of these committees, it is important to chose those wisely so that discussions like this can cover pro's and con's before giving suggestions to the larger body. Historically, she does not feel that these smaller committees have been utilized to this level but it is a good opportunity for Council to think of the individual roles that each of these committees play. Mayor Winkler suggested that this topic stay at the committee level for now and allow them to do a bit more research before it is brought to Council. Mrs. Duffy reminded Council that any proposed suggestions of change must be brought back to Council for any actual change to be made. She feels it is always good for Council to periodically look at the laws on the books and see if they are still applicable with changes in both population and demographics of the city. Mrs. Duffy appreciates the fact that the State of Ohio has not put a blanket approval on these types of vehicles and allow each governing body to determine what works for their community. While this has been confusing for some residents who have already purchased such vehicles, they may not always be safe in every situation. There are many communities that are designed with these vehicles in mind and there are some that are not. Mr. Kilpatrick would also like to speak about the scooters that are moving around town. Mr. Bicknell explained that is to be his last topic.

The Committee's last concern is that of electric scooters and it may be the most important. Children who are riding electric scooters on the main roads has become quite a safety issue. Mr. Bicknell explained that the lives on Oakridge which is at the corner of Union Road and Fairview and sees these in that area all of the time. Most of them have no safety equipment on with headphones on simply riding right down the street. He has even witnessed children on cell phones while riding scooters in the

street. He is not sure what can be done as far as regulating this but he feels that they definitely need to start that conversation. He believes it is just a matter of time before a child gets severely injured while riding a scooter. It is not a matter of "if" but "when". A young adult traveling on Fairview Drive with no helmet, wearing headphones and utilizing a cell phone is a recipe for disaster. Mr. Humphries commented that just recently an elderly man was killed while riding a bicycle with a combustible engine on Chamberlain Road. The bicyclist turned into a driveway while the vehicle behind him was passing him and unfortunately the bicyclist suffered deadly injuries.

Mrs. Duffy reiterated with the group that topics to go to the Public Safety Committee are side-by-side, all-terrain vehicles and/or golf carts. She asked if golf carts would be on the table for this discussion or would the focus just be on all terrain vehicles. Mr. Humphries clarified that golf carts would not be on topic for this discussion. Mrs. Duffy then verified that electric scooters, motorized bicycles and other items in that classification would also be included in the discussion. The Committee agreed to include those as well as they are not "road worthy". Mrs. Duffy also suggested that our Police Chief be a part of these discussions as all of these do involve road and vehicular activity. These ultimately would all be laws for his department to enforce either as written today or in the future. Mrs. Duffy explained that she will on putting together dates that work with each Committee member's schedules.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mayor Winkler stated that a resignation has been submitted by Mr. Chet Miles for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to accept Mr. Miles's resignation, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Bicknell yes
- Mr. Kilpatrick yes
- Mr. Stivers yes
- Mr. Humphries yes
- Mrs. Kemper yes – She is saddened to know that he is sick and wishes him the best.
- Mayor Winkler yes – He thanked Mr. Miles for his years of service of the Zoning Board of

Appeals. He used to attend Council meetings on a regular basis but we have not seen him in quite some time. He wishes Mr. Miles well.

The resignation of Mr. Miles from the BZA has been accepted.

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

None.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

None.

Mayor Winkler stated that this concludes the items on their agenda. Council will be entering into Executive Session to discuss possible appointment(s) to the Zoning Board of Appeals. There will be possible action to follow.

Mr. Stivers made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

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

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

Mr. Bicknell made a motion to exit Executive Session and enter back into regular session, seconded by Mr. Stivers.

Roll Call:

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

Council entered into regular session at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Winkler commented that there is no action coming out of Executive Session.

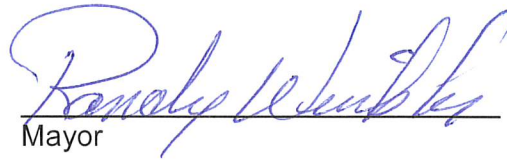
With no further business, Mrs. Kemper made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

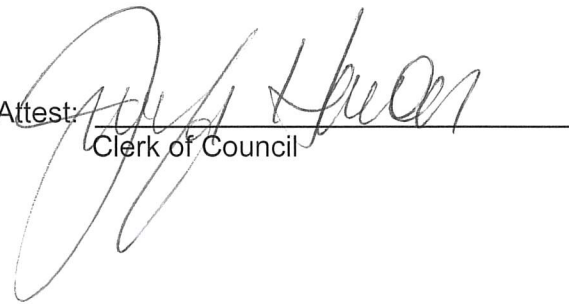
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Date: 8-9-22



Mayor

Attest: 

Clerk of Council