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**CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 22, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.  
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO**

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2022 to order in Council Chambers at the Carlisle City Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio. The meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Mrs. Kim Bilbrey	present
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  
   Planning & Zoning Administrator Cathy Walton  
   Clerk of Council Jennifer Harover

The minutes of February 8, 2022 were presented to Council for review. Mrs. Kemper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

**Roll Call:**

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

Minutes of February 8, 2022 were approved.

The meeting minutes of the work session from February 8, 2022 were presented to Council for review. Mrs. Bilbrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

**Roll Call:**

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

Work Session Minutes of February 8, 2022 were approved.

**Public Forum:**

Mayor Winkler welcomed Major Steve Arrasmith of the Warren County Drug Task Force for joining them this evening. Chief Rogers explained that the Warren County Drug Task Force is an incredible asset to our community. Major Arrasmith is highly regarded by the Carlisle Police Department and he welcomes him this evening to bring us the 2021 Annual Report.

Major Arrasmith apologize for not making it around to communities last year but given the chaos, it was a decision county-wide to hold off on all in-person meetings. He passed out the 2021 Annual Report and hopes that members will have an opportunity to flip through the information. He would like to highlight who they are and what they do for the county. He thanked Council for the support which has been never ending here. He commended Chief Rogers and his department as they cannot operate without the information received from them. The Drug Task Force has many pieces to their puzzle and each department is an intricate part. The Task Force remains to be a multi-jurisdiction force. The primary area remains to be Warren County but they also have the City of Wilmington as part of the Drug Task Force due to their connection with State Route 73 and how it flows from the City of Middletown through Warren County and into Wilmington. The Task Force had 21 full-time people in 2021. Those individuals did nothing but target drug trafficking activity. Long gone are the days of just one known drug house in a community. It has become much more challenging for law enforcement as drug traffickers become more and more fluid. A large percentage of the cases throughout each year involve drug traffickers from Dayton and Cincinnati. Warren county is a fantastic place to live and raise our families but we are sandwiched between two major source cities with a lot of customers. The southern portion of Warren county gets hit a lot from Cincinnati drug traffickers and the northern part takes a hit from Dayton traffickers. They are very fluid in the way they conduct business and are in our areas every day. They meet their customers in a lot of public locations and the interstate gives them excellent mobility. The Ohio HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) is a federal program that provides some funding to our unit. To be in HIDTA, you must have federal and local participation and is a force multiplier that pushes us together combining our resources offering an investigative staff, a six-person uniform interdiction team from Ohio State Patrol as well as a small support staff. Some cases need to be prosecuted federally while others are served better through the state. HIDTA gives us many tools that are highly accessible from all member agencies making it all much more efficient. He continues to report to the Policy Board. There are monthly meetings with 16 agencies represented. Police Chiefs receive briefings every month with updates on investigations. Cases can take anywhere from a day, to a month or even years. They regularly travel out of state, when necessary, but all of their cases begin right here in Warren County. They do have the ability to bring a lot of people rather quickly to any area in need with a huge amount of resources. In 2021, there were 669 cases and tips. There were 300 felony arrests, 101 misdemeanor arrests, 1,501 traffic stops, 110 canine units deployed, 64 firearms ceased and executed 122 search warrants. Methamphetamine and fentanyl continue to be the greatest drug threat. Fatal overdoses in 2021 were 74 directly related to drugs and 143 non-fatal overdoses across the county. The Task Force asks for community contributions and receive support from all over the county. 30% of their overall operating budgets comes from those contributions. Grants are utilized whenever possible and they are changing constantly. It is very difficult to budget from year to year when you don't know what grant awards will actually be. County Commissioners

make contributions and the HIDTA program does provide some funding as well. He thanked Council for allowing him to present this evening. He plans on returning next year for the 2022 annual report.

Mr. Humphries asked if there were anything that was getting better or any daylight to be seen at the end of the tunnel. Major Arrasmith replied that Covid did not help when it comes to addiction and people being cooped up at home. Addiction is so hard to battle and being isolated did not help. There are many issues with drug accessibility and the open borders. It only makes sense that if you can walk across the border that you can get drugs across the border a lot easier. They keep chipping away at it but he cannot say whether it will ever be something that they can completely control. Until they can fix greed and addiction, drug trafficking will always be a problem.

Mr. Kilpatrick stated that he is surprised about the stats of prescription opiates in the report. He asked what about our demographic makes that percentage so high. Major Arrasmith explained that we were number one in the state for Task Force seizures. There was one investigation that involved an international distribution network out of the United Kingdom. Warren County, Deerfield Township was one of the areas where multiple packages were coming into from across the country. That one investigation led to search warrants in the United Kingdom and there were 65,000 prescription drugs from just that one case. You could not name a drug that is not available but our numbers can spike from year to year with a particular drug based on what one traffic stop could lead us into a supplier. This 2021 percentage will most likely not be seen again as far as numbers as those types of activities are not consistent. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if cannabis was something they dealt with often. Major Arrasmith replied that they definitely deal with marijuana and most likely always will regardless of its legality. For his entire career, which has been 30 years, marijuana is involved in just about every drug that they see. There will always be "black market" marijuana and they deal with a lot of it coming out of dispensaries in Michigan that is high grade and very expensive. It comes out of California through package shipments. Their highest priority remains methamphetamine and fentanyl but it all revolves around who is supplying information about sales or shipment and they address it as long as it remains in the Ohio Revised Code.

Mayor Winkler asked if places that are growing this for medical purposes are getting it out into the communities. Major Arrasmith explained that there was a case last year that took them to Michigan a couple of times. It was a high end marijuana case and Michigan is a large business base for marijuana. If anyone has been to Michigan recently, you cannot travel without seeing billboard after billboard advertising for it. There is a lot of Michigan marijuana that makes its way down here for a huge profit.

Mrs. Bilbrey asked if our area of Interstate 75 remains a section of high trafficking for drugs. Major Arrasmith replied that southwest Ohio consistently has high seizure numbers for Hamilton County, Warren County, Butler County and several other surrounding counties. Warren County has two major interstates running through our county. Motor vehicle is the primary means of moving drugs in and out of every jurisdiction. It creates easy access and, as our population grows, so does our population that fights addiction. Mrs. Bilbrey thanked Major Arrasmith for service and keeping our county as safe as possible.

Mr. Kilpatrick asked if there was any guess as to the percentage of residents who are customers. Major Arrasmith could not do that and stated that it is just the reality of the issue. The term "percentage" is very generically used. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that he loves the education of the issue

especially getting information out to kids. He asked if there were anything else that he could pass along to the community. Major Arrasmith stated that residents should always call with any information they may see as appropriate regardless of thinking it may be insignificant as you can never guess where information may lead. Any small piece of information could really help their investigations. He encourages parents to talk to their kids. Stopping an addiction before it begins is always going to be key. They have a great relationship with the Warren County Educational Services Center and they try to get into schools as often as possible. Our courts are doing a great job with offering services and counseling to those that want help. The education component is most important. They Task Force does not get into the treatment aspect of addiction as they are for enforcement but there is a need for treatment facilities everywhere. They are trying to impact the supply and distribution and the other side for treatment purposes is another side that also needs attention. Calls can be made to Warren County Drug Task Force at (513) 695-0070, call local police departments or dial 9-1-1 for any issue with immediate danger possibilities. They are not a 24/7 unit but if there is something that needs law enforcement attention, please call dispatch as they are not the first responders.

Mayor Winkler stated that Public Forum was still open if anyone else in the audience would like to address Council. No members approached and Public Forum was closed.

**Council Report:**

Mr. Bicknell stated that there may be the possibility of more bad weather heading our way. He reminded everyone to be safe on the roads and to watch out for black ice. He congratulated the winter sports teams as multiple players won SWBL honors as well as a coach that was named. He also congratulated the junior production of Frozen. It went very well and they performed again today for the school and his daughter was raving about it. It is nice that those programs are available for our children to participate.

Mr. Kilpatrick explained that later this evening Council will be talking about the classification of parcels for the development expansion on Central Avenue. He believes this is the best thing for this city but, as a farmer, he would be amiss to not talk about the drastic loss of farmland in America. In twenty years, we have lost 21 million acres which is 175 acres per hour. He would like to have a discussion during a work session to see if there is anything that they can conserve or pieces of land that make sense to earmark within the city to keep agriculture close. From recreation to keeping our water clean, it is something that is necessary to have. We have all been watching what is happening in Canada and his heart goes out to them. Canada has always seemed to have things going well and don't seem to get into the sort of bickering that Americans get into. He believes in freedom and that is what this country was built on and when we see areas where their freedoms are reduced from the top down, it is troubling for us. When he took the oath of office for his Council position, he understands that he will be making decisions for other people and that is always something that should be considered. He also would like everyone to be cautious of the upcoming winter weather.

Mrs. Kemper congratulated the cheerleaders, wrestling team, basketball team and drama production of Frozen that happened over the past weekend. She thanked the students, teachers and coaches for working so hard to make this happen. She heard great things about all of it. She went to the Municipal League dinner last week at Shaker Run Golf Course. The guest speaker was County Engineer, Neal Tunison. He has been with the Engineer's office for 36 years and has been the County Engineer for 25

years. He does an amazing job all around the county. He gave a great example of different things that are happening within our county. It is so nice to be able to sit with people from other municipalities and hear what is going on and she learns a lot. She thanked Mr. Tunison for all of his information. Amy Brewer is the former mayor in Lebanon and she has been posting on her social media about all of the places she has visited within the county. She recently came to Carlisle and took all kinds of pictures of the Historical Society and other beautiful homes as she talks about our community on her pages. She has a ton of recommendations on where to eat, shop and find unique activities throughout the county. She encourages everyone to check out her information and she thanked Mrs. Brewer for putting all of this information out there.

Mr. Stivers thanked Major Arrasmith from the Warren County Drug Task Force for his presentation this evening. He has recently seen on Facebook that there are coyotes in our community. As the weather changes, they come into town looking for food. He encourages everyone to watch out for their small pets especially during the evening hours. As of yesterday, there is a week left to sign your children up for the Carlisle Baseball Association's spring program.

Mrs. Bilbrey congratulated the baseball, basketball, wrestling, and cheerleaders for an outstanding season. She thanked all of the cast and volunteers who made the production of Frozen a success. She also congratulated Isaac Clark for being the newest reporter of the Carlisle Beat within the Warren County Post. She also learned a lot from the County Engineer and about all of the great projects getting ready to take place in the next several years. She also congratulated the Cincinnati Bengals for a great season and she looks forward to another great year. She reached out to our first responders about Southbrook Christian Church's free event for them. It is named Heroic Deeds – in a world that often takes first responders for granted, this event will make them feel celebrated, honored and loved. This event will create an inspiring and educational experience where first responders can learn tools to cope with the on-job stress, build strong relationships with family members, and strengthen their faith. Spouses and significant others of first responders are also encouraged to attend. This will be March 18 and 19 and she has passed along all necessary information. She encourages first responders from anywhere, not just Carlisle, to please attend.

Mr. Humphries addressed Mr. Rod Morris about the major retention recently put in place. He appreciates the time and effort to make that happen so the expansion can move forward. This past Thursday, there was a lot of rain and he received some phone calls from residents of Eagle Ridge and he would like to bring to his attention some areas that may need improvement between the first and second homes on the east side. He feels that some of the water is not draining as planned and should be monitored during the next heavy rain event. The homeowner of the first home has to continually remove silt from the drain or his basement will flood.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Winkler thanked Major Arrasmith for speaking tonight. It is always nice to hear about the Drug Task Force and the great work that they continue to do in our county. He appreciates all that they do and he is happy that Carlisle is a part of it.

**Manager's Report:**

Mrs. Duffy reminded the community that unused/unwanted prescription drugs can be disposed of at the Franklin Police Department. Their building is located at 400 Anderson Street which is behind the Franklin Library. There is nothing fancy required, simply place them in either a bag or their original container and leave them in the box. This lobby area is open 24/7 and you do not need an appointment to drop them off.

**Committee Report:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**RES. 2-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL 3 PLUS OR MINUS ACREAGE OF LAND IN THE CARLISLE BUSINESS PARK AND ON AS AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Duffy explained that this resolution will authorize her, on behalf of Council, to sell +/- 3 acres of land in the Business Park. The acreage in question is just south of the crematorium. Surveys will be done post sale and this was for a proposed motor hauling company that will be relocating to our community from Maineville. It is on for an emergency as the company has indicated that they are in desperate need of relocating as they have outgrown their current space. They will need time to get the survey completed and transfer for the land sale as well as begin construction of the building following Planning Commission approval.

Mr. Stivers made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, have one reading by title only and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mrs. Bilbrey.

**Roll Call:**

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

With no further discussion, Mrs. Kemper made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

**Roll Call:**

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

Resolution passed on this day will be entered into Resolution Record Book as Res. 2-22.

**ORD. 3-22 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED ITEMS TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY, AND IS ON AS A SINGLE READING.**

Mrs. Duffy explained that this resolution would allow the city to surplus or remove from our inventory certain capital items. Capital items are a purchase having a value of \$5,000 or greater and a useful life of five years or more. This legislation would allow disposal of a 2008 Ford Explorer which was purchased years ago to be used as command staff vehicle for the police department. It does not have the cage nor used for an arrest vehicle. It was meant for the operation of our police chief or senior officer. As this vehicle has gone past its useful life and the market for this type of vehicle is high, we are trying to maximize the sale potential. There will no longer be a dedicated command staff vehicle for the police chief. He will be using the oldest cruiser which is a 2017 as his daily vehicle. It is important that the most current equipment be utilized with the officers. If a vehicle is down, then he could put that oldest vehicle into service as a back-up. The mileage on the 2008 vehicle is approximately 61,000 miles. Our method for selling is GovDeals.com so it will be up for public auction. Those placing bids for the vehicle are able to set-up an appointment to come a view the vehicle. Once the auction is closed, the highest bidder will be receiving the vehicle. Our fleet, after this sale, will be a total of six vehicles.

Mrs. Kemper made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, and have one reading by title only, seconded by Mrs. Bilbrey.

**Roll Call:**

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

With no further discussion, Mr. Bicknell made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Stivers.

**Roll Call:**

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

Ordinance passed on this day will be entered into Ordinance Record Book as Ord. 3-22

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

**ORD. 2-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARLISLE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF +/- 30.726 ACRES AT CENTRAL AVENUE FROM A-1 AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO R-2 SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT.**

Cathy Walton stated that this legislation is a request from Associate Construction to amend the zoning classification of just over 30 acres. This land is currently zoned A-1 which is agriculture and is requested to be zoned R-2 which is single family district. The two parcels are on Central Avenue. The Warren County parcel is just over 23 acres and the remaining acreage is in Montgomery County. This request is so that they can continue the construction of Eagle Ridge subdivision.

With no further discussion, Mrs. Kemper made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

**Roll Call:**

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



Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Date: 3-8-22

Randy Weikles  
Mayor

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk of Council