
CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
April 23, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2024 to order in Council Chambers at the Carlisle City Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio. The meeting was opened at 7:01 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	present
Mayor Randy Winkler	present

Staff members present: City Manager, Chris Lohr
 Clerk of Council, Elayna Myers
 Community Development Director, Alaina Geres

The work session meeting minutes of April 9, 2024 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

Roll Call:

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

The work session meeting minutes of April 9, 2024, were approved as presented.

The regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2024, were presented to Council for review. Mr. Faulkner said that in the community report that he made, he was referring to the gentleman in the house 'with' the eight-acres and suggesting adding 'with' for prosperity, so it makes sense when someone reads it. Mr. Faulkner made a motion to approve the minutes with correction, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Stivers	abstain

Mayor Winkler yes

The regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2024, were approved with correction.

Public Forum:

None.

Executive Session:

Nicholas Bryant – Parks and Recreation Board

ORC 121.22(G)(1): To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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

Roll Call:

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

Council entered executive session at 7:05 p.m.

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

Council entered back into regular session at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Winkler moved on to Council Reports.

Council Reports:

Mr. Faulkner:

1. Nothing to report.

Mrs. Kemper:

1. Our food truck events are starting next Thursday, May 2nd. It will be every Thursday at Roscoe Roof Park from 5pm-8pm. Heather Kidwell is organizing the trucks. Our first night will be Safety Night. She has lined up five different trucks, lots to choose from. With the Safety Week, our Carlisle Police Department will be there, Fire and JEMS. Last week, Mrs. Kemper contacted the Warren County Sheriff's Department and they said they would bring the K-9 team, again, and said the SWAT Team would come out with a vehicle. Mrs. Kemper checked the weather, and it is going to be 76 degrees and perfect for a food truck night.
2. She attended the Municipal League Dinner last week. The Warren County Park District CEO Matt Latham was the speaker. He gave lots of knowledge about things in the parks for Warren County that are available for the communities. She was glad to see Mrs. Geres there. Mrs. Geres took in a lot of information and contacted Mr. Latham the next day. There are things available in the county and the park district that can help us in our parks and our community. Mr. Humphries was there as well. It was a very good meeting. She wants to thank Darlene Hicks and all the board members for getting it together.
3. Chamber45005 is accepting nominations for the 2024 awards for the community. You can go to their website for information. A couple years ago, she remembers several of our businesses and individuals won the community award. Check it out on the chamber website. They are only taking nominations through May 3rd.
4. To our staff and City Manager, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and everyone who works hard for our community, the excellent Council and Mayor - often you are in the community and hear negative things, people just don't know. The people who are here in this building every day working, she wants to say thank you. They have done an excellent job; she has seen so many things happen for the good in the past year. In government you cannot do things in a week or two weeks, it takes time. She is grateful for working with this team and the staff. She is excited for the community.

Mr. Bicknell:

1. They had their JEMS meeting this past week. Things are coming along with the building; everything is pretty much set. They are looking at the apron. They have noticed imperfections with the apron, already, and they are not satisfied with it, so they may end up repouring that to make sure it is secure. Working through the inside - paint and everything is moving through. They just got done approving the fitness equipment for the fitness room. It is a huge part of something they did not have before. The fitness equipment is not something they had the ability to do before, and by having this equipment it is going to allow the men and women to keep themselves physically fit, which in return helps the citizens who are in need and call 911. The keys being handed over has been pushed back, probably to the middle of May. There are some things they are working on, and supply chain issues. It was decided by the board that they are not rushing through this, this is a once in a lifetime thing to be a part of and when they open, they want to open fully. They want the community to walk in, see how beautiful it is and everything was done the correct way. It is a little later than they wanted it to, but they wanted it to be done right.
2. He would like to thank the city workers, as well. Right outside his house is a light pole that has been super dim for as long as he can remember living there. Now, the light is super bright, and you can see going through there and around the corner. A couple of ladies who live there run

until dusk and it is dark around that area, and he knows that light has given them a little more security to run.

Mr. Kilpatrick:

1. He wants to thank the city for the flashing lights on the corner of 123. He knows Mr. Humphries has been pushing for that for a long time and he is glad to see that happened. He drove from Germantown earlier today and saw those operating. He hopes to prevent some accidents there. Good job of getting that done.

Mr. Stivers:

1. He wants to thank everyone for excusing him at the last meeting due to a work commitment.
2. Thank you to Mr. Bryant for his interest in our park board. He hopes more community members come out – we have many openings on many different boards. Check out our webpage carlisleoh.org that has a list of our boards that we have openings for.
3. This coming Saturday is opening day for the Carlisle Baseball Association and the Carlisle Ponytail Association. They are having a parade on Saturday at 9 a.m. Regular parade route until they get to the City Building where Carlisle Baseball is going toward the baseball fields and Carlisle Ponytail is going toward the school.
4. On Saturday the Lions Club is having their Big T Day. It starts at 11 a.m. and continues until they are sold out. The address for the Lions Club building is 465 Park Drive and Big Ts are selling for \$9 apiece.

Mr. Humphries:

1. He would like to thank the Homeowners Association of the Villas for inviting him to be their guest speaker. They have biannual meetings. There were about 28 people in the room. They are organized and have vigilance to know what is going on in the community. He said he is envious of what they have going on compared to our meetings. He wants to thank Mr. Miles for having him.
2. He attended the Warren County Municipal League and provided each councilmember a sheet that was part of the program, so that they have an idea of what they had an opportunity to see.

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

Mayor's Report:

1. Nothing to report.

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

Manager's Report:

1. He said he met last week with Energy Alliances. This is the company that has helped us explore community utility aggregation. It did not pass last fall, but it has been suggested by some to put it back on the ballot in November and do a full education campaign. He plans to have Energy Alliances come in May and have a discussion with Council so they can decide if it makes sense to put it back on the ballot in November. Mr. Kilpatrick said Franklin just came out and said Duke was quoting them 9.6 cents and who they went with for 18 months was 6.3 cents. Mr. Kilpatrick said it is a good savings for our residents if we can get them to pass it. Mr. Lohr said it can be. There is no guarantee of savings, however, if you bring all the buying power together it does give you a better chance to get a favorable rate. He said there is no benefit to the city government, but if aggregation is implemented there could be a big benefit to the residents.
2. He wanted to provide an update on the traffic signal going up at Central and Union. The total cost is around \$237,000. We have been lucky enough to get funds from the county to cover the full cost. Mrs. Cooper had mentioned in the finance committee meeting earlier that this year we are going to spend that money and then get reimbursed by the county. This is something residents have been asking for and is a need there with the fire station finishing construction. Next month on May 14, we will ask Council to award that project. It will be about six months before we have all the equipment delivered to have it installed by the end of the year. Mrs. Kemper said thank you so much for working with the county to get the funds to put the traffic light up. Mr. Lohr said absolutely, and he has to say thank you to the Mayor who made contact with the county to start that discussion. Mrs. Kemper said that is awesome and that is a big savings to the people in our community. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if we knew if we would be able to do a crosswalk and buttons. Mr. Lohr said he didn't know and would look at the final plans, but he believes that is the case. Mr. Kilpatrick said it would be cool because that is a tough intersection for people to cross. Mr. Bicknell asked if it was all new equipment. Mr. Lohr said it was.
3. We are making changes in the way city hall operates. Right now, we have residents who come upstairs to discuss taxes and permitting. With the addition of the administrative clerk starting next week, we will have enough staff to handle everything on the first floor. It will be a bit of an adjustment for staff, as well as residents. We have a lot of people who come upstairs for permitting and tax needs. We are going to add some signage to help people with the adjustment. It will be a process for us because we have been operating this way for a while, but he thinks it will be a good improvement for both staff and residents. Mrs. Kemper said it sounds more convenient for the customers and community.

Mr. Lohr asked if we should have a motion for Mr. Bryant. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to appoint Mr. Bryant to the Parks and Recreation Board, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

Roll Call:

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

Nicholas Bryan has been appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board.

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

Committee Report:

Mr. Faulkner offered a report from the Finance Committee meeting. He said last year they discussed utilizing the committees more frequently. He thinks it will be good for the members and those who attend to get a pulse of how the budget is going. Then when we get to budget time, that process will go smoother, and we will have opportunities to ask questions. He said Mrs. Cooper did a good job presenting the first one tonight. We are a quarter way through the year, so she compared it to 25% with the numbers and where we are. Collections/revenue are head of the 25% by 4% or 5%. Expenditures are 23.5% of where they should be. That is a little bit below 25% and that's good. There was a little bit of discussion about the transfer to the police department and it is the largest transfer that comes out of the general fund. He said that Mrs. Cooper stated if nothing changed in the expenditures of the police fund, which doesn't account for cost of living or inflation, that it would be solvent through 2029. He said there is an opportunity there to address how they want to handle that. He is sure that will be discussed more as we go through the year, but maybe next year we will start looking at taking some sort of action.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Mayor Winkler moved on to First Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

ORD. 10-24 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON ALLOWING GAS STATIONS/PUMPS

Mr. Lohr said this is a result of their discussion two weeks ago during the work session. We have Casey's nearing completion; we also have another gas station in the community that has been approved for construction and we have been told they may start breaking ground as soon as this week. That makes four gas stations for the community. We have heard a lot from residents with concerns about that and we have a lot of commercially zoned property on the market that could potentially be developed as a gas station. With all that in mind, staff suggested a one-year moratorium on gas stations. That will give us the time to look at the zoning code. He said he has discussed our B-3 zoning code and that being the downtown zoning classification, it may make sense to remove gas stations from there. Mrs. Geres has some other thoughts on that and that is something we can discuss with the planning commission to see what changes need to be made to the zoning code. He said the request for

emergency is so that it is implemented in a timely manner, and we don't have any permits issued for anything we don't want built. Mr. Faulkner asked if the fourth property doesn't get started, he would respectfully suggest he may need to mow his grass. He said if you have driven by it is getting tall.

Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to suspend the rule requiring three readings, have one reading by title only and declaring it an emergency. Mr. Faulkner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

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

The motion for emergency reading has been approved.

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR ON THE GRANTING OF ANY BUILDING/ZONING PERMIT ALLOWING GASOLINE STATIONS/PUMPS WITHIN THE CITY OF CARLISLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

With no further discussion, Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to adopt. Mr. Faulkner made a motion, followed by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 10-24 has been adopted.

RES NO. 13-24 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

Mr. Lohr said this is an extension to an existing agreement. The first agreement was entered into between Carlisle and Franklin in 1994 for a twenty-year period and that expired ten years ago. We have continued with the contract and those terms. The proposal is to continue it for another twenty years. It is the same agreement other than adding the new connection that will be installed at Lower-Carlisle Road. Mayor Winkler added this is for purchasing water. Mr. Lohr said yes.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE 1994 WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FRANKLIN.

Mr. Faulkner said he believes we are their largest water customer. Mr. Lohr said he believed so. Mr. Faulkner asked if we know what rate we are getting. Mr. Lohr asked if he meant compared to others. Mr. Faulkner said yes and is that up for negotiation at all. Mr. Lohr said no we were just continuing the old one. Mr. Faulkner asked if there was any discussion about capacity or future capacity. Mr. Lohr said we have had several discussions with the City of Franklin and with our city engineer. He said right now, capacity wise, the City of Franklin can supply everything we need plus additional growth we want. The biggest issue we have in the water system in the long term is pressure for some of our residents on the north end. He said that is something we are going to have to look into, probably a water tower on the north end to resolve those issues and continue growing. Mr. Kilpatrick said if he remembers correctly, the capacity problem is more on the wastewater treatment. Mr. Lohr said yes, that is probably accurate. With that being said, he doesn't know if they have predicted anywhere in the near future that we are going to exceed it. Mr. Faulkner said he thinks they could create quite a bit more capacity if they ran it 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The second reading of Resolution 13-24 will be at the May 14th Council meeting.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

None.

Executive Session:

- A. ORC 121.22(G)(2): To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property.

Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to enter executive session. Mrs. Kemper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stivers.

Roll Call:

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

Council entered executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Winkler made a motion to exit executive session seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

Council exited executive session at 8:17 p.m.

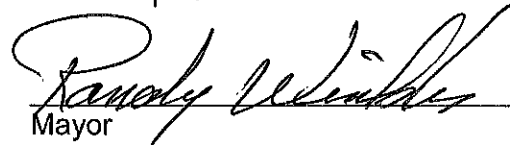
Mayor Winkler stated that is all they have on the agenda this evening and asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Faulkner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Date: 5/14/24


Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk of Council

