
CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
May 28, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 28, 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	present
Mayor Randy Winkler	present

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

The work session minutes of May 14, 2024 were presented to Council for review. Mrs. Kemper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

Roll Call:

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

The work session minutes of May 14, 2024, were approved as presented.

The regular meeting minutes of May 14, 2024 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Faulkner made a motion to approve the minutes, 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

The regular meeting minutes of May 14, 2024, were approved as presented.

Public Forum:

None.

Mayor Winkler moved on to Council Reports.

Council Reports:

Mr. Humphries:

1. He would like to recognize some people in the community for some of the kindness and selflessness they have shown. One is Karen Nicely, who took her time to use her skills from cleaning old cemetery tombstones and used that to clean the WWII Memorial. He thinks she even brought her granddaughter, Josie, out there. He wants to thank her for her time and spearheading to keep that place fresh and nice. He would also like to thank Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Bergon for their time, skill and talent playing the taps at 3:00pm for the Taps Across America. The two of them are amazing talents to be in the community. To do that for us, he appreciates that.

Mr. Stivers

1. One of the great things about living in a small community is everyone knows each other. When you break that down even further and you get into subdivisions, people know their neighbors. He thinks that is great. Driving through your subdivision you have lived in for years comes complacency. We have stop signs and we have speed limit signs for a reason. Even if you have driven through an intersection a thousand times, it only takes that thousand and one time for a kid to come darting out from behind a car. So, stop, take an extra second, pay attention to the signs and pay attention to your surroundings.

Mr. Kilpatrick:

1. He wanted to remind folks not to blow their grass clippings out into the road. He has seen that time and time again and it is not only dangerous for motorcycles, but also for small farm equipment. It can be slick, especially for small farm equipment whose tires are meant for being in fields and not on the road. Just a reminder if you do blow it out, get back on the road, get a blower and blow it back to your property and keep everyone safe.

Mr. Bicknell:

1. He would like to congratulate the Class of 2024. They graduated this past Thursday from high school. There will be a lot of successful young men and women out of that class. A lot of them go on to college for education, a lot of them go for education and athletics. He wishes both the best. Some will come back to Carlisle, and he hopes what they learn in the real world and what

they graduate from college with, they will be able to bring back into the town and help us as a community continue to grow in the right direction.

2. We have the community garage sales coming up, the 21st and 22nd of June. That is open to everyone and there is no permit needed for that specific weekend. If you have stuff you need to get rid of, take it out and get rid of it. It also gives an opportunity for beautiful weather and for you to get to know your neighbor or neighbors from the street over.
3. Their JEMS meeting is tomorrow, and they are having that meeting in the new building. He hopes to have some great news at the next meeting, if not beforehand, on a potential grand opening date and to present it to the community.

Mrs. Kemper

1. She wanted to thank John Coffey and our service staff. They are taking care of our food truck sign; they get it out there every Thursday at the park and at the entryway of the city. Also, for putting up our community garage sale sign, because she noticed it was up. So, everybody knows, as Mr. Bicknell said about our garage sale for the community.
2. She wanted to thank Karen Nicely and her family. She had some friends and there were a few businesses that had donated flowers and everything for her to spruce up the monument. She cleaned it and it looks great. She did a wonderful job. Our service department was out there helping with some of the mulching.
3. Yesterday was Memorial Day. She wants to send a thank you to all those who have served or are serving now. Every day should be Memorial Day for all of us and to thank all who have served this country. We need to say thank you anytime we see a serviceman, because that is what gave us our freedom. Those who were lost, just remember them and their families.
4. She was able to go to the High School Baccalaureate with the seniors last Tuesday, we did not have a council meeting, so she was able to go down to Hillcrest Church and a lot of the administrators from around gave great words to all our seniors. The mayor and his wife had made all the proclamations and gave them out to the seniors. She was so happy she was able to go, this was the first time she had been able to go. We have a great senior class and she wanted to read their class motto - *It is one step at a time, but always forward.*

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. He would like to Hillcrest Baptist Church for asking him to do a proclamation and inviting him to read it for the seniors and to provide each senior with a proclamation. It was very nice. He wished there had been a better turnout, but that kind of is the way it is every year. Not many show, but there were a few.
2. He would like to congratulate the Class of 2024. He wishes them nothing but the best of luck.
3. He would like to thank the veterans and the ones still serving. It is always a pleasure.

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

Manager's Report:

1. He said they have an economic development event coming up on Wednesday, June 12th at the Lions Club from 11:30am-12:30pm. Their thought process is they want to get out there in the community, meet the businesses, give them an opportunity to ask questions and fill them in on the great stuff we have going on in the community. They have not gotten a whole lot of response from the mailers they did. They are going to try and do some direct outreach and try to get some participation in that. If anyone on the council knows business owners, you might remind them when that is coming. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if that is the same day the Chamber has their event. Mrs. Geres said yes, it is in the morning.
2. They had their first rebranding meeting today with Catapult Creative. Mr. Lohr said he is very impressed with Catapult. They have done Trotwood, Karl Keith and Montgomery County, many he is missing. They are great, very professional and they produce brilliant work. He wants to thank those members of council who were able to come and give some input and the community members – Craig Harris, Traci Stivers and Taylor Collins. It was a great meeting, and he is very excited about where we are going. He thinks we are going to get a good product that helps us balance respecting the history of the community with the forward-looking momentum that we have. The next step is they take the input that they got, put together 8-10 respective logos for us to look at. That will happen over the next three weeks or so. That will keep us moving forward with that.
3. He just got word this afternoon that Duke Energy has approved \$7,500 for us to make improvements in Roscoe Roof Park. He wants to thank Duke Energy for that, but also Mrs. Geres for putting together the application. The plan for those funds is we have the concrete pad where the park shelter was previously on the back of the park, we are going to work on turning that into a basketball court – resurfacing and a hoop.
4. Resolution 19-24 which relates to NatureWorks, we did catch a typo in the title. We have corrected that.

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

Committee Report:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

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

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 11-24 – Aggregation Natural Gas Place on Ballot Warren County

Mr. Lohr said he is going to give a quick overview – the next four ordinances are all very similar. The reason we have four is that we have one for natural gas and one for electric, one for Warren County and one for Montgomery County for each of those, so four total. This will put natural gas and electric aggregation back on the ballot in November. We know we have a lot of work to do with education. Mr. Lohr said there is no benefit for the city government for this; we are not receiving anything. It is an opt-out program. He thinks that is very important. Everyone who wants to participate can participate, but residents are going to have the opportunity to opt-out. That is going to be very easy for them to do that. He thinks it is a great opportunity for some potential savings on electric and natural gas for the community. We are putting it back on the ballot with these ordinances here.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Mayor Winkler asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Stivers asked Mr. Lohr if he said they were going to come back and have some type of town hall. Mr. Lohr said yes, the plan is in addition to doing website and social media education, we would have them come back and do some town hall meetings. He isn't sure how many of those they are going to have, but we will have that moving forward. Mr. Humphries said he knows this is the first of three readings, his vote yes does not mean it is an endorsement, it just means it is an opportunity for the community to make a decision.

Ordinance 12-24 - Aggregation Natural Gas Place on Ballot Montgomery County

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Mayor Winkler said this was aggregation for natural gas for the Montgomery County ballot.

Ordinance 13-24 – Aggregation Electric Place on Ballot Warren County

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Mayor Winkler said that was 13-24 and that was for electric to be placed on the ballot for Warren County.

Ordinance 14-24 - Aggregation Electric Place of Ballot Montgomery County

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Ordinance 15-24 Supplemental Appropriation #3

Mrs. Cooper said this is supplemental #3 requesting \$33,500 for the general fund. It affects 1808 for IT services and \$33,500 for the finance department. Mr. Faulkner asked how we went over \$33,000 in IT. Mr. Lohr said we had more need for services than we anticipated. He said part of that is we have new staff, new laptops for several of our staff, and a lot of IT projects going on. We had the server relocation project, the domain (.gov) project and a website project. We just have a lot of unexpected expenses the first part of the year and we will probably have that through the end of the year. Mr. Faulkner asked if he thought he was a failure of imagination and budgeting. Mr. Lohr said mostly imagination. Mrs. Kemper asked if it was just bringing us up to par where we should be. Mr. Lohr said yes. He said the server move was unavoidable; we needed space for staff and that was something that costs money to make happen. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if Mr. Lohr felt we were getting a good deal on our IT services. Mr. Lohr said he thinks so. He said prior to working here, he has worked with three IT contractors in the City of Riverside. The rates we are getting are on par with that. They are not perfect, but he thinks the service we are getting from HCST is at least good, or better, than what he was used to in the City of Riverside.

Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to suspend the rule requiring three readings, have one reading by title only and declaring 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 an emergency reading has been approved.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE REAPPROPRIATION/SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF CARLISLE, DURING THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AMENDMENT NUMBER 3, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Stivers asked why this was on for an emergency instead of three readings. Mr. Lohr said we would like to move to have supplementals be emergencies. When we find we need the money to continue operations, it is typically not something that can wait thirty days, or even longer, to go through the readings. Speaking with Miamisburg and some other communities, having the financial related legislation go into effect immediately is on par with what they are doing, as well. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if we wanted them to never have to come up as an emergency and change how we pass legislation, that is something that would have to go to the charter to change, correct. Mr. Lohr said yes that is correct. Mr. Kilpatrick said that is something that would have to go on a ballot. Mr. Lohr agreed. Mr. Faulkner said the next time we do this, are there things we can think about to get it on the first one. He knows everyone has good intentions. Mr. Lohr said absolutely.

With no further discussion, Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to adopt. 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

Ordinance 15-24 has been adopted.

Resolution 18-24 Adopting Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Budget

Mrs. Cooper said this is the beginning of the budget process. It must be adopted into the county by July 15th. This is the revenue projections and expenditures that we view, that should be part of the budget.

Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to suspend the rule requiring three readings, have one reading by title only. Mr. Bicknell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

Roll Call:

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

The motion for a single reading has been approved.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CARLISLE, OHIO.

Mr. Faulkner asked when this was due. Mrs. Cooper said July. Mr. Kilpatrick asked to confirm if this is the one where they give us something, so we only have a short period to get ours passed before we must turn it in. Mrs. Cooper said right, she sends this to the county, then they send us their estimated resources we can use to budget.

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

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 18-24 has been adopted.

Resolution 19-24 Grant Application to Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Mrs. Geres said the staff is requesting \$52,500 from the NatureWorks grant through ODNR, with a match of \$17,500 for a total project cost of \$70,000. This would be to repave the parking lot at Roscoe Roof Park. Mr. Faulkner asked if we are getting it. Mr. Lohr said he thinks we have a good chance. He said there is a scoring methodology, and we make a good case for funding. Mrs. Kemper thanked Mrs. Geres for finding the grant money for us, that is awesome. Mrs. Geres said she does apologize it is an emergency, but it will score us higher if we have this legislation in place. Mr. Stivers said he doesn't necessarily mind emergency votes for grants.

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

Roll Call:

Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes

Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

The motion for an emergency reading has been approved.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDS THROUGH THE NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION, AND DECALRING AN EMERGENCY.

With no further discussion, Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to adopt. Mr. Stivers made a motion, followed by Mr. Kilpatrick.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 19-24 has been adopted.

Mayor Winkler moved on to second and third readings of ordinances and resolutions.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 16-24 ACCEPTING, APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY TIRC

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING, APPROVING, AND RATIFYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

Resolution 16-24 will be on for a third and final reading at our June 11th meeting.

RES 17-24 ACCEPTING, APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE WARREN COUNTY TIRC.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING, APPROVING, AND RATIFYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WARREN COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

Resolution 17-24 will be on for a third and final reading at our June 11th meeting.

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

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 13-24 has been adopted.

Executive Session:

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. Mr. Bicknell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

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

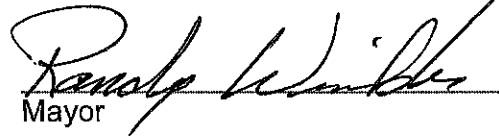
Council entered into executive session at 7:30pm.

Mr. Bicknell made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick at 8:15 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Date: 6/11/24


Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk of Council

