
CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
June 25, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 25, 2024 to order in Council Chambers at the Carlisle City Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio. The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Staff members present: City Manager, Chris Lohr
Clerk of Council, Elayna Myers
Finance Director, Kristina Cooper
Law Director, Alex Ewing

Mayor Winkler said that Mr. Faulkner was not in attendance due to a work requirement. He said that they had not heard from Mr. Kilpatrick, but he may show up later. Mayor Winkler asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Kilpatrick. Mrs. Kemper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stivers.

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Kilpatrick were excused from tonight's meeting.

The work session minutes of June 11, 2024 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

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

The work session minutes of June 11, 2024, were approved as presented.

The regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2024 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

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

The regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2024, were approved as presented.

Public Forum:

None.

Mayor Winkler moved on to Council Reports.

Council Reports:

Mr. Humphries:

1. He went to the school board meeting last night. They are wrapping their books up for the end of the year. Financially everything seems to be going well. There is one more meeting left with the current superintendent, Dr. Vail. August 1st, the new superintendent, Mr. Fischer, will be taking over. Mr. Humphries said nothing against Mr. Vail, he believes the community involvement that the new superintendent has is going to be a game changer for the whole community. He is really excited about what he is going to bring to the table. He can't wait for that to happen.
2. Warren County Municipal League was last Wednesday. Good food, good company, good networking. He said the speaker was talking about how awesome Warren County is, which Mr. Humphries can't argue with that. Tourism, the reinvestment in ourselves, what we do – it is amazing how every opportunity they have to double down on themselves, it comes back tenfold. He said we should be blessed to understand how awesome Warren County is compared to the other eighty-seven. He would put our county up against everybody in the state of Ohio, so there's something for you.
3. He wants to thank Veolia for the tour of the wastewater plant. He came away with a decent amount of information and lost a wager with a worker, Chad. He will go more into detail at the next council meeting. He is going to have to man up and drink some water.

Mr. Stivers:

1. He would like to wish everyone a happy Fourth of July, that is coming up before our next meeting.

2. On his way to work this morning, he happened to notice a bad wreck on I-75 North. There was a fatality. He wanted to pass his condolences to the family of the deceased and the truck driver.
3. This is motorcycle season, so he asks anyone who is driving a four-wheeled vehicle to look twice and save a life. On the other end of that spectrum, if you happen to have a motorcycle that does 0-60MPH in five seconds, that doesn't mean that you should. Mr. Stivers asked that riders to their part to stay safe and he will do his to keep them safe.

Mr. Bicknell:

1. They had their JEMS meeting. They are extremely close and are just waiting on the telephones to be installed with the extensions and the generator. They have temporary occupancy and they have started to move some things into the building to be prepared. Parts for the generator were shipped out to be delivered this week. As of right now, the generator is still two to three weeks out, which is the only piece they are waiting for to have full occupancy. Mr. Bicknell is hoping by the next council meeting he will be able to give a grand opening date to pass on to council and the citizens so that everyone can come out for it.
2. It has been extremely hot over the last week. He encourages the community to check on the elderly. It doesn't hurt to knock on a neighbor's door if you haven't seen them in a day or two – making sure they're okay and that their air conditioner is running. Make sure they're safe. The last thing we want is for someone to feel like they don't have anybody.
3. Enjoy the summer. For kids – there are a lot of bikes. He has seen a lot of people riding scooters and people running on Fairview Drive. With there not being any sidewalks, he recommends walking or jogging on the side where the cars are coming toward you so that you are able to see the car, as opposed to the other side where they are behind you. Please keep only one ear covered with music or radio so that you can hear a vehicle coming at you. This is the best and only way he knows for everyone to stay safe. Please be cautious, especially on those roads where we don't have sidewalks, yet.

Mrs. Kemper:

1. She would like to thank Mr. Lohr and Mrs. Geres for the business luncheon a couple of weeks ago. She said it was nice to have several business owners in our community come for the luncheon. The Lions Club opened the doors for us to use that room. Mrs. Geres did an awesome job along with Mr. Lohr and Chief Rogers just to explain to our businesses what is coming along. Especially the two new businesses that are coming to our community – the coffee shop and business condos. It was exciting and nice to talk to all those businesses owners. Thank you very much for doing that.

For the business owners that did not make it – there is a text that you can receive for any updates going on in the community like road closures or anything that happens. You can sign up by texting "sign up" to 937-375-0260. It lets you know what is going on in the community.

2. A couple weeks ago, they were invited to the Chamber45005 awards breakfast, and she is happy to say there were four Carlisle business owners who received awards this year. She would like to congratulate all of them. One was our JEMS Fire Station, along with the Carlisle Historical Society and The Farm on Central. She would like to thank the chamber, herself, because she did receive the Community Goodwill Award. It was a very nice breakfast at

Franklin High School and there were other members of the community awarded, too. Mr. Wilbur Depew got the Lifetime Citizen Award for Franklin. Mrs. Kemper would like to thank the Chamber for that, it was very nice.

3. As Mr. Humphries said, last week they had the Warren County Municipal League dinner at Hidden Valley. It was delicious food and a very hot evening, but it was nice. The President of the Warren County Convention Center and Business Bureau, Phil Smith, mentioned how large of an attraction we are here in Warren County. Within a thirty-mile radius, we are the only place in the state of Ohio where you can find more entertainment and more things to do, with King's Island, the campground, the tennis match coming to Mason and the new soccer fields that they put by Amoco Park. She said it was interesting to listen to him and if you get a chance you can go on their website for Warren County – Ohio's Largest Playground. It lists all kinds of different entertainment and things you can go to. It is interesting.
4. On Tuesday July 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Warren County Fairgrounds, in the Welcome Center, they are honoring all active-duty military and veterans with a free dinner for them and their family.
5. Next week is July 4th and it is in the middle of the week. She knows there are a lot of activities going on. On the 3rd Lebanon has a parade. Franklin has their July 4th parade this year, even with all the construction. It will not be a wet parade because it is going through residential areas. There is a Red, Rythm and Boom event in Mason on July 4th. You can check it all out on Facebook. Enjoy your 4th of July and family and friends and be safe.

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

Mayor's Report:

1. With the 4th of July coming around, he knows a lot of people enjoy their fireworks, just be safe in using them. If you can, be respectful of your neighbors who have pets. A lot of pets are terrified of the noise. Try to be respectful to your neighbors and not upset the fur babies as much as you can.
2. He would like to congratulate all the businesses in Carlisle that received an award from the Chamber and to Mrs. Kemper for the award she received. She does a lot of good things in Carlisle we appreciate all her hard work. Mrs. Kemper thanked Mayor Winkler.

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

Manager's Report:

1. To add on to what Mrs. Kemper said about the business luncheon – it was a great event. Thanks to council and community members who were able to attend. Thank you to People's Bank who were able to help them put that on, especially Stephanie. She is great to work with. If you are a business owner who was not able to make it, and you still want to speak to someone at the city, please feel free to reach out to them. They will make time for you, anytime you need it.

2. They have finished promotion processes for Fire Lieutenant. They have three individuals who are going to be promoted: Dustin Perry, Corey Davis and James Whitney. Congratulations to them. That will replace Assistant Chief Beckett's position, which he left last year, and we are able to fill that with those three lieutenant positions. Mr. Lohr would like to do a swearing in for that, so he will get with the Chief and see if we can do that in July.
3. They are very close to filling the police officer opening they have had for a while. They made a conditional offer to a candidate. He is a certified federal law enforcement officer, and he will need to take the state OPOTA test to be certified in Ohio. Assuming he passes that, they will bring him on and be fully staffed again.

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 17-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Waive Permit Fees

Mr. Lohr said they spoke about this a while ago. They have some residents who were impacted by the Duke Energy project, where they are upgrading their transmission lines and the poles associated with that. There are some residents who unfortunately are having to tear down fences, accessory structures, storage sheds and that sort of thing. This would waive the requirement for a permit fee and offset some of the burden there for these residents and is a nice thing to do for the residents.

The reason he is asking for this as an emergency is it seems like they are finalizing the work between the residents and Duke Energy. He had his first resident come in asking for a permit due to this work. He would like to get this passed so they can waive those fees as the residents come in.

Mayor Winkler clarified that the residents will still need to get a permit to ensure the work is done properly, they are just waiving the fee. Mr. Lohr agreed.

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 Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

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

The motion for an emergency reading has been approved.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE PERMIT FEES FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE DUKE ENERGY CARLISLE TO POASTTOWN RELIABILITY PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 17-24 has been adopted.

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

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 11-24 – Aggregation Natural Gas Place on Ballot Warren 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 WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

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

Roll Call:

Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes

Mayor Winkler yes

Ordinance 11-24 has been adopted.

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 will be on for a third and final reading at our June 25th meeting.

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

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 12-24 has been adopted.

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.

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

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 13-24 has been adopted.

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.

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

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 14-24 has been adopted.

Ordinance 16-24 Approving the Disposal of a Fire Department Engine

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED ITEMS TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY.

Ordinance 16-24 will be on for a third and final reading at our next meeting, July 9th.

Executive Session

Mayor Winkler stated that is all on the regular agenda, except for an executive session. There will be no action to follow, this is an information meeting, only.

- A. ORC 121.22(G)(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

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. Humphries	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

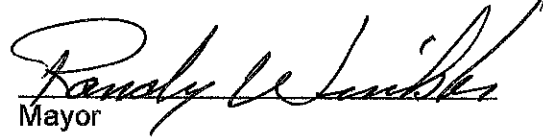
Council entered executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Mr. Humpries made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Mrs. Kemper at 8:19 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. Stivers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date: 7/9/24


Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk of Council