Carlisle City Council Meeting Minutes July 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Carlisle City Council was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Present

Acting Mayor Jon Plafcan. Council Members: Anne Anderson, Caleb Swears, Mary Eddleman, Chris Davidson, Andrew Silverman, City Clerk Sissy Ingle and City Attorney Mike Stuart were present.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Jon Plafcan, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer.

Guest: Ms. Caroline Spence discussed the watering of the flowers and asked they not be done away with.

June Minutes/Financial Reports

Motion #20250715001

Motion made by Council Member Chris Davidson and seconded by Council Member Caleb Swears to approve the June minutes and financial reports as presented.

Motion carried with all members voting yes (6-0).

Old Business

Discussion was held on Golf Cart Ordinance. Committee named by mayor to define and bring back to council was Chris Davidson to chair, Mary Eddleman, Caleb Swears, Mike Stuart and himself.

New Business

Mayoral Term

City Attorney Mike Stuart explained how the law changed since the resignation of the former mayor. Previously the city would need a special election to fill the term. However with new legislation passed in April 2025 changing the law, the city would not need a special election and the council could appoint the mayor saving city expense.

Motion was made by Council Member Anne Anderson and seconded by Council Member Andrew Silverman to appoint Jon Plafcan to serve the remainder of the mayoral term. The motion was withdrawn after a lengthy discussion.

Motion #20250715002

Motion made by Council Member Chris Davidson and seconded by Council Member Caleb Swears to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion carried with all members voting yes (6-0).

Action taken after executive session.

Motion #20250715003

Motion was made by Council Member Anne Anderson and seconded by Council Member Andrew Silverman to appoint Jon Plafcan to serve the remainder of the mayoral term beginning August 5, 2025 – December 31, 2026.

Motion carried with 4 members voting yes. Mary Eddleman voted no and Caleb Swears voted present.

Airport

There were no minutes received from the Airport commission.

Parks and Recreation

Council Member Andrew Silverman stated the Parks Director job description was ready to be posted. He thanked several members of the community for their volunteerism during the baseball season.

The Lease agreement with the school will to be reviewed and/or amended prior to the new season starting.

Mosquito/Sanitation

None

Water/Sewer/Streets

Superintendent David Walters II informed the council the trucks were down again and hoped to be fixed soon. He also reported the clear well tank was leaking and would cost approximately \$10K with an inspection.

Code Enforcement

Resolution #368 was read by City Attorney Mike Stuart regarding the Condemnation of the property located at 720 S. Bankhead Street.

Motion #20250715004

Motion made by Council Member Chris Davidson and seconded by Council Member Caleb Swears to approve Resolution #368 as presented.

Motion carried with all present members voting yes (6-0).

Resolution #369 was read by City Attorney Mike Stuart regarding the Condemnation of the property located at 115 E. Lilly Street.

Motion #20250715005

Motion made by Council Member Jon Plafcan and seconded by Council Member Andrew Silverman to approve Resolution #369 as presented.

Motion carried with all present members voting yes (6-0).

Emergency Services/Police/Fire/Animal Control

Police Chief Eric Frank gave Council his monthly reports. He asked if anyone had any objections to Lonoke County Sheriff Department taking down and disposing of the old animal shelter. There were none.

Fire Chief Leo Orton gave the Council a bid of \$9,000 from Bigham's to repair the tanker and requested approval to proceed with the repair.

Motion #20250715006

Motion made by Council Member Jon Plafcan and seconded by Council Member Caleb Swears to approve the repairs.

Motion carried with all present members voting yes (6-0).

Budget, Tax and Finance

City Treasurer Sissy Ingle reported we would be receiving the final 2020-2021 water and sewer audit in the next week or so. Abacus will move forward working on the 2022-2023 with us having the final by the end of August.

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None

Adjournment

Motion #20250715007

There being no further business, motion was made by Council Member Mary Eddleman with a second by Council Member Caleb Swears to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried with all members present voting aye (6-0) at 8:36 p.m.

Jon Plafcan, Acting Mayor	Sissy Ingle, City Clerk	