

**Carlisle City Council
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Carlisle City Council was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Present

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 Mayor Jon Plafcan, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer.

Mayor Plafcan read a Community Safety Statement to address concerns regarding public safety, protecting our community's reputation and moving forward.

July Minutes

Motion #20250819001

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

Motion carried with all members voting yes (5-0).

July Financial Reports

A discussion was held regarding the \$21,379.96 deposited into the Water/Sewer Short-Lived Asset Fund. These funds represented APERS retirement money returned to the City by a former employee as restitution for stolen funds. Since there was no documentation showing which accounts the stolen funds had originally been taken from, it was determined that the restitution could be deposited into the Short-Lived Asset Fund. This decision was made because loan conditions had not been met for many years, and USDA required the City to bring accounts up to date as soon as possible. Monthly deposits are now being made into both the Short-Lived Asset Fund and the Debt Service Account from Water and Sewer revenues. This action is part of the City's effort to comply with loan requirements and correct prior years of unappropriated funds.

Motion #20250819002

Motion made by Council Member Andrew Silverman and seconded by Council Member Anne Anderson to approve the July financial reports as presented.

Motion carried with all members voting yes (5-0).

Old Business

Golf Cart Ordinance

Motion #20250819003

Motion made by Council Member Caleb Swears and seconded by Council Member Andrew Silverman to put Ordinance 346 to authorize golf carts on city streets on the first reading.

Motion carried with members voting yes (4-1). Anne Anderson voted no.

After discussion, amendments were made to Section 6 that carts could be operated from sunrise till 10 p.m. and removed the speed odometer requirement in Section 7.

Motion #20250819004

Motion made by Council Member Chris Davidson and seconded by Council Member Caleb Swears to put Ordinance 346 on the second reading as amended.

Motion carried with members voting yes (4-1). Anne Anderson voted no.

Motion #20250819005

Motion made by Council Member Andrew Silverman and seconded by Council Member Chris Davidson to put Ordinance 346 on the third reading as amended.

Motion carried with members voting yes (4-1). Anne Anderson voted no.

Motion #20250819005

Motion made by Council Member Andrew Silverman and seconded by Council Member Caleb Swears to pass Ordinance 346 as amended.

Motion carried with members voting yes (4-1). Anne Anderson voted no.

New Business

None

Airport

Minutes were distributed.

Parks and Recreation

Council Member Andrew Silverman stated he had received a couple applications for the Parks Director job, and the deadline would be August 20, 2025. He informed the council that a lease agreement had been completed between the city and the school for use of Rockefeller Park for the 2025-26 school year. He also let the council know the school would be taking care of the flag football this season and registration forms had been sent home with students.

Mosquito/Sanitation

None

Water/Sewer/Streets

Superintendent David Walters II gave handouts to the council: a new door hanger for leaf and limb, list of letters sent out for property cleanup and a notice that would be sent out to citizens that is required based on the type of pipes they have.

Emergency Services/Police/Fire/Animal Control

Resolution for burning within the city limits during dry conditions.

Motion #20250819007

Motion made by Council Member Mary Eddleman and seconded by Council Member Caleb Swears to put pass Resolution 370 – Suspending the burning of anything within the city limits of Carlisle Arkansas creating a burn ban until further notice.

Motion carried with members voting yes (5-0).

Invoice for the City of DesArc for training of police officer moving to our department.

Motion #20250819008

Motion made by Council Member Chris Davidson and seconded by Council Member Anne Anderson to pay the invoice of \$6309.84 to the city of DesArc for 40% of the training costs for police officer Isaiah Schalchlin.

Motion carried with members voting yes (5-0).

Fire Chief Leo Orton asked that an ordinance be drafted to charge out-of-town fees when they are called out for services.

Budget, Tax and Finance

City Treasurer Sissy Ingle reported the draft 2022-2023 water and sewer audit had been received and response sent back to Abacus. Council members were given copies. We are on schedule to receive the final report by the end of August.

Personnel

None

Adjournment

Motion #20250715008

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

Motion carried with all members present voting aye (5-0) at 5:30 p.m.

Jon Plafcan, Mayor

Sissy Ingle, City Clerk