

**Carlisle City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2025**

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

**Present**

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

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

***Motion #20250415001***

***Motion made by Council Member Caleb Swears and seconded by Council Member Andrew Silverman to approve the minutes and financials of the March 18, 2025 meeting as presented.***

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

**Airport**

Minutes were distributed.

**Parks and Recreation**

Council Member Andrew Silverman reported that baseball and softball were going well. Anne Anderson reported she and city clerk Sissy Ingle attended the mandatory training for the parks grant on April 14, 2025. Architects will be coming in a couple weeks to complete the plan so bidding can begin.

**Mosquito/Sanitation**

Council Chair Mary Eddleman will check with Tim Nelson about the start of this season for mosquitoes. City wide clean-up dates will be May 19-22.

**Water/Sewer/Streets**

Superintendent David Walters reported the pipe on West 3<sup>rd</sup> had caved in due to all the rain. Repairs will be made as soon as materials can be secured.

Based on the mandatory water rate study by the state, the sewer and water rates are required to be increased. Also, 5% of gross operating revenues for sewer and water will be placed in a refurbishment/replacement account as required under Ark. Code Ann. 14-234-802(e) to be used for repairs or replacement of system appurtenances. Based on this the following motions were made.

***Motion #20250415002***

***Motion made by Council Member Mary Eddleman and seconded by Council Member Jon Plafcan to put ORDINANCE 343 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 313 OF THE CITY OF CARLISLE, ARKANSAS FIXING SEWER RATES; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, on the first reading.***

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

***Motion #20250415003***

***Motion made by Council Member Jon Plafcan and seconded by Council Member Mary Eddleman to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 343 on the second reading title only.***

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

**Motion #20250415004**

**Motion made by Council Member Jon Plafcan and seconded by Council Member Mary Eddleman to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 343 on the third reading title only.**

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

**Motion #20250415005**

**Motion made by Council Member Mary Eddleman and seconded by Council Member Anne Anderson to approve and pass Ordinance 343.**

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

**Motion #20250415006**

**Motion made by Council Member Mary Eddleman and seconded by Council Member Jon Plafcan to put ORDINANCE 344 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 327 OF THE CITY OF CARLISLE, ARKANSAS FIXING WATER RATES; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, on the first reading.**

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

**Motion #20250415007**

**Motion made by Council Member Jon Plafcan and seconded by Council Member Anne Anderson to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 344 on the second reading title only.**

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

**Motion #20250415008**

**Motion made by Council Member Anne Anderson and seconded by Council Member Mary Eddleman to suspend the rules and put Ordinance 344 on the third reading title only.**

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

**Motion #20250415009**

**Motion made by Council Member Mary Eddleman and seconded by Council Member Andrew Silverman to approve and pass Ordinance 344.**

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

Council Member Anne Anderson informed council it was time to apply for state aid for 2026 asking it be used for culverts/drainage for the city rather than paving.

**Emergency Services/Police/Fire/Animal Control**

Police Chief Eric Frank distributed his monthly report and said he was still looking to hire two police officers.

Fire Chief Leo Orton informed the council the tanker had to be fix as it was leaking.

Council Member Caleb Swears asked that a 7/8% sales tax to approved by council and be placed on the November ballot for emergency services. After discussion, the following motion was made.

**Motion #20250415010**

**Motion made by Council Member Chris Davidson and seconded by Council Member Andrew Silverman to put ORDINANCE 345 – AN ORDINANCE PROVING FOR THE LEVY OF A SEVEN-EIGHT PERCENT (7/8%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF CARLISLE ARKANSAS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO on the first reading only.**

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

More discussion after the reading and ordinance was tabled as it was not clear if it met requirements and other possible issues.

## **Budget, Tax and Finance**

Resolution 362 for authorizing electronic banking, transfer of funds, ACH by the treasurer.

### ***Motion #20250415011***

***Motion made by Council Member Caleb Swears and seconded by Council Member Anne Anderson to approve RESOLUTION 362 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE PAYMENTS (via ACH DEBIT), ELECTRONIC BANKING, ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS by the treasurer with the mayor as an approver via a payment report sent by bank email.***

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

The 2024 Annual Financial Statement was published in the March 25, 2025 edition of The Herald.

## **Personnel**

None

## **Old Business**

Ordinance 342 Parking on Street was tabled.

## **New Business**

Resolution 363 for allowing alcohol in the Civic Center with security.

### ***Motion #20250415012***

***Motion made by Council Member Anne Anderson and seconded by Council Member Chris Davidson to approve RESOLUTION 363 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICIES REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVICE IN THE CARLISLE CIVIC CENTER.***

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

GUEST: David Perkins

Mr. David Perkins asked the council to grant approval for The Shed to apply for an alcohol permit to serve beer and wine.

### ***Motion #20250415013***

***Motion made by Council Member Chris Davidson and seconded by Council Member Caleb Swears for the mayor to write a letter of approval for The Shed to apply for an alcohol permit to service beer and wine.***

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

The floor was opened for discussion by visitors.

None

## **Adjournment**

### ***Motion #20250415014***

***There being no further business, motion was made by Council Member Mary Eddleman and seconded by Council Member Anne Anderson to adjourn the meeting.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.