

TOWN HALL MEETING

APRIL 24, 2021

3:10 P.M.

COMET PARK

After visiting through the crowd, Mayor Griffin , asked Councilman Jason Meyer to have a prayer. Mayor Griffin opened the Town Hall meeting. Mayor Griffin thanked the citizens for attending. Mayor Griffin asked that all in attendance sign in. There is 2 questions on the sign in. One is a preference of the fall sales date. He said the other is if you would like to be on a committee. Debbie has applications that you can also get after the meeting. He said that there is Park, Special Events, Public Works, Public Safety to name some. These committees meet once a month or as needed.

Mayor Griffin then started by having each council introduce themselves and tell where they would like to see Carterville over the next 5 years.

David Comstock told the citizens that he was Ward 1 and he would like to see the Streets.

Larry Wald told the citizens that he is from Ward 3 and would like to see infrastructure and streets

Judy Martin told the citizens that she was from Ward 2 and would like to see infrastructure , business and streets.

Brenda Cupp Told the citizens that she is from Ward 4 and she is the newest member. She has lived in Carterville for 25 years and would like to see more business. She feels that we have a great school in town. She told the citizens that before she was on the council, she had came before the council with the concern of her autistic grandson and the council came through with placing signs on her street.

Jason Meyer told the citizens he was from Ward 2, He said that he has lived in town for 11 years and he ran for council with concerns of the water and the conditions of the streets. He started going to council and learned what was going on and then he became part of the council and learned more. Carterville is a great place to live. Not a lot of money, uses the resources that they have and distributes it the best they can. Over the next 5 years he sees growth and infrastructure.

Preston Reynolds told the citizens that he is from Ward 3 and has been involved with the council over the last 5 years. he sees growth with families staying for the community. He also sees infrastructure

Warren Myers told the citizens that he is from Ward 1. He said that he first got on the council to see the roads get fixed. He would like to see over the next 5 years the second well installed in Johnstown to get more pressure there and to prevent what had happened in February. He would like to bring industry to town for the taxes and we are having houses going up all over town

Alan Griffin told the citizens that Cris Henkle of 4th Ward, could not be there because she was finishing up getting her store ready to open and had told him prior to his setting the date that she could not make this date.

Next Mayor Griffin told the citizens he was going over six bullet points and after each bullet point he would take questions. He also said that he would take questions at the end on anything he did not answer. He said that some questions may be answered in the bullet points.

Mayor Griffin introduced himself and said that he got on the council because of the streets, In 5 years he would like to see the town paved and the new well with infrastructure. What happened in February was tragic and he would like to go into the right direction to have the city grow together.

He stated that the one thing that the CCFC has on their web site is actually what he had placed on the back of his business card when he became Mayor 2 years ago. Towns don't grow and improve themselves. Caring people grow and improve their towns.

First item to discuss is Well number one. Due to the malfunction of the well in February, the city replaced the pump with a submersible pump and dropped the pump an additional 200 feet. The cost was \$133,000 which SMB Bank stepped in with a gap loan while we waited for the funding to come in. We have received \$79,000 from the insurance and it has gone toward the gap loan and paid it down. The city has also placed an emergency grant with CDBG for the balance and are awaiting the answer over the next 4 to 6 weeks. We were unaware that one of Webb City's wells was down and was not able to receive enough water to keep all in water. Some did have some water. Mayor Griffin asked if there was any discussion. He also said he was thankful for Walmart for Water and sanitizer and for Shane Burns and Spire for Water,

Next Well number 2 , Over the last few years the city has been working with DNR for an approved site for the secondary well. We have finally got an approval on the site. Anderson Engineer is working on the details and there will be a secondary line with a telemetry for the 2 wells. This is what the remaining bonds from McKlinney will be used for. When it gets close to project they will be at council with all of the financing paperwork. Mayor Griffin said that the city will have all of the small debt paid by August, The Audits are on the Web site and we will start getting the minutes on there also. There will not be a tower at this time only a well. A tower will be phase 3 and will be done further down the road. This will improve the water pressure in Johnstown and East of 171.

Mayor asked if there was any questions.

Question was do we have audits in house or are they performed out sourced. Mayor Griffin said that Mense performs our audit and he does the County and other cities.

Question on the infrastructure and all the leaks. Mayor said after getting the well in we will be looking toward Grants and loans from DNR and USDA. Unfortunately to get these they require us to raise our rates.

Question was how much will the raise be. Larry Wald said that they would do a study before we get the loan or grant and tell us what we would have to raise to get their money.

Mayor Griffin said that as we are doing repairs that we are installing valves so that we do not have to shut the whole town down. There are still a lot of valves to replace but we have installed a bunch to.

Next the Mayor went over the sewer system. The city had a Grant study showing the worst mains that need either replaced or lined and manholes. The city has done some manholes. The city has had to replace a few sections of mains that have collapsed. The system is 60 to 100 years old. The City has 60,000 feet of Main and 200 manholes. We have a rotting truck to clean roots. A lot of sewer work has to be done with companies with the right equipment. American Recovery will be giving the city money for sewer and water repairs. Carterville is to get a total of \$362,000 for this infrastructure. Warren Myers said it will not all come at once but in phases and we have not been given a date for this money and it can only be used on water and sewer.

Mayor Griffin next talked about the street Projects. There has been no sources for money for streets. Our Street budget comes from sales taxes and consists of around \$70,000 a year. The last 3 years the city has paved Sharon, Gum and Bulger.

Question why Bulger and Gum. Larry Wald answered that the rains buckled and totally washed the roads out.

Mayor Griffin told the council that most were not on the council when \$800,000 bond was voted for. He told the citizens he is not for chip and seal.

Billy Harnden said that they tore up the whistle and now his yard floods. Larry Wald said that he would go and look at it.

Mayor Griffin told the citizens that the city refinanced the bonds last year to save the citizens money.

Question was where the dump trucks. Larry Wald said that being repaired.

Question when street bond pays off. Mayor said 2029.

Mayor Griffin said that we had tried to get a CDBG Grant but due to the 2010 census they said we did not meet with the LMI to be eligible and we were higher than Carthage and Webb City. We are hoping 2020 comes out better. We have tried to do door to door and mail out surveys to override, but did not get enough cooperation from the citizens.

The city has come up with a finance idea of \$380,000 to do Main Street and one block off of Main on all streets we will work with HSTCC to apply for a targeted area to match this with to get other roads done. We are working at acquiring Engineers soon. Question was about a RT 66 beautification grant. Mayor said that most of those funds have either dried up or had to have match money. Question was what Grants have we received. Mayor Griffin said that they had tried for the HGTV grant but did not receive it. He said that Will is always looking for Grants. If anyone hears of any just let him know.

Mayor Griffin said that they have checked into several grants but at this time they are asking for matching money.

Question that heavy equipment is going on North Tennessee and the road is getting worse. They are damaging the roads worse than they are.

Preston Reynolds asked the citizens their opinion on the paving Main Street and one block off Main. Opinions given were not Main, the city needs to do a whole street not just one block. first Street needs done its way worse. Main Street needs done to bring business in. Andy Martin thanked Preston for engaging the citizens. It is agreed that everyone wants roads fixed,

Mayor Griffin said ever time the city posts anything on Face book the city is barraged with bad comments and negativity. The city tries putting plans together and gets shot down. Instead of negative comments contact your council or Mayor so they can bring concerns to council. We need positive and Face book is very negative

Mayor Griffin told the citizens that he wanted to clear up about why he was gone during the water emergency. He told the citizens that he lost his job due to COVID and finally had got another job that he was not out of probation and he was scheduled to deliver a trailer that week before the emergency and he called in everyday several times a day,

He told the citizens he wants to get committees started he has been trying to get volunteers to fill out applications and then we had Covid. He would like to have park events and would like to include caring people to help the city grow.

Judy Martin said that she appreciates everyone coming out.

Comment from a citizen that Zinc needs paved it is in bad shape.

Also said was Main Street and the curbs.

Question on the recovery money for streets. Mayor said it is for sewer and water only.

Joan Shick said that Lincoln and the turn around after the houses going up the gravel is washing into her house and is making a muddy mess. Also Spire has left a hole in her yard and road. at 914 Lincoln.

The Grant for Route 66 is due April 26.

Question of who does the budget. Mayor Griffin said the City Administrator.

Debbie Cable next said that she had grown up in Cartersville and in the 50's there was a lot of pride The pride has been lost and that makes the town go down . She said she is proud of the council and know if we work together we can get the pride back.

Mayor Griffin said he would like to have another town hall in 2 or 3 months with opening up the concession and cooking hot dogs after the meeting. We need to educate who is the council of each ward. If you don't know talk to Debbie and she can help you.

Andy Martin said that their needs to be more transparency through social media. Want more actions from the council getting out and engaging the citizens. Even seeing and celebrating small wins. He admits that some of the posts have been disrespectful and the group is working on that. Council remember that actions speaks louder than words. We need to see the small victories. Everyone needs to be more engaged and to feel like they can have dialogue. Lastly more town halls the better he suggests one a quarter. He is here to see that Carterville thrives. Andy said that they would like to see an Economic Plan.

Alan Griffin told the citizens and the council that the Cemetery is now in the city limits and they need to have volunteers for May 15, 2021 to help clean up the cemetery for Memorial Day. This will start at 9 am Bring your chain saws, rakes etc. Also need volunteers on memorial weekend to collect donations for the cemetery upkeep.

He also said that every year the City partners with churches in the area for the great day of service to help with day projects that citizens need help accomplishing. We need volunteers for that day and also a list of your neighbors that may need help. We do this in end of September or first of October every year.

Joan Shick said that she appreciates the city meeting like this. She knows that the council hears a lot of negative but she knows that you are doing a lot for the city that no one knows

Alan Griffin said that the council does have to run by Roberts rules of order especially during Council meetings when they are there to conduct City Business. He said he is able to relax them a bit during the town hall but still needs to conduct some sort of order.

Bill Oakes asked Larry Wald to explain the smell that is a complaint up in Johnstown and him having cows on his property.

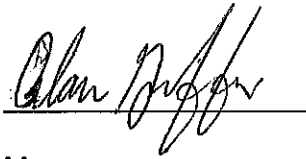
Larry Wald told the citizens that he is in compliance with DNR. He gets his regular checks to show he is in compliance and has had additional checks from DNR from complaints and has shown that he is in compliance each time. There was a sewer main break on 1st that has been repaired that was causing some of the odors. also on 5th street the puddles is caused by a water leak under PARS driveway. This has to be scheduled to be fixed on a weekend when they are not at work. What he puts on the property past 5th street is vegetables and a mix of manure to get the barren ground to start growing and it has. All of this has been documented and approved by DNR. As for my cattle and horses I am zoned Commercial and have the 11 acres to have the animals.

Mike Dudley said it is offensive to your neighbors and my uncle got run out of town for the same thing.

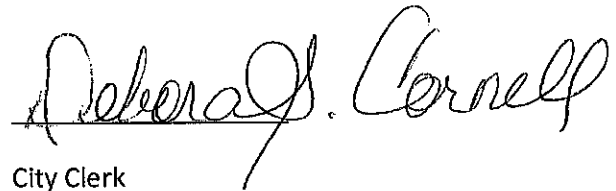
The next question is what are you spraying on that property because it stinks. Larry told them that he is spraying nutrient water to get the grass to grow and has a land application permit through DNR.

A lady from Arch street asked about taking the equipment down Arch Street and is there not another way to go. It has caused a big hole in the road at 407 Arch. Larry said due to the construction of houses on 1st street that was under construction he has had to use Arch as the alternative Road.

Mayor closed the meeting at 4:45.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan Buffum", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

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City Clerk

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PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	Joan Schick 914 N Lincoln ST, Centerville 417 825 4256	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES <u>SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR</u> SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	Jessica Vandaveer 908 N Tennessee 417-396-6595	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR <u>SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18</u>
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	Doug Joyce 402 E Harrison 417-826-8563	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE YES / NO	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	Bill Harnden 209 CARTER 417 483-0724	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	Debbie Cable 302 N. Tennessee 417-438-3359	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE YES / NO	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	Bob & Judy Miller 600 S. Maple 414-825-4166	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR <u>SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18</u>
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	Mike & Rebecca Dudley 203 S. Dickey 417-673-8444	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES <u>SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR</u> SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Lincoln</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE YES / NO	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	Loncky Myers 906 Oregon Dr (417) 435-3054	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES <u>SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18</u>
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PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Kimber Woodard & Ron Woodard</i> <i>112 W. Lewis</i> <i>417-483-7776</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE YES / <u>NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR <u>SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18</u>
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Christina & Justin Lawson</i> <i>407 S. Arch</i> <i>417-385-8460</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR <u>SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18</u>
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Hollie Crand</i> <i>411 N. Zinc Pl</i> <i>417-483-0780</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE YES / <u>NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR <u>SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18</u>
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Jody Parton</i> <i>303 S. Jefferson</i> <i>417-437-1242</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Bill & Alison Pendergrass - Enochs</i> <i>501 E. Main St.</i> <i>417-952-3838</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE YES / <u>NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>John & Jessica Knox</i> <i>216 N. Terry</i> <i>417 392 1498</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR <u>SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18</u>
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Sandy Wells</i> <i>502 N. Kentucky</i> <i>417-439-3643</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE YES / <u>NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Ann M. A. A.</i> <i>417-629-8584</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE YES / <u>NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18
PRINT NAME ADDRESS PHONE*	<i>Jim Feltz John</i> <i>1010 E. Main</i> <i>Carterville Mo</i> <i>417-207-1195</i>	INTERESTED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE <u>YES / NO</u>	FALL YARD SALES SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 OR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18

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