

Village of Carroll Council Special Meeting

Monday, March 31

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Carroll Village Council met in special session on Monday, March 31, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

Roll Call

Members of Council present were Linda Dattilo, Kenny George, Adam Tippet, Will Burns, Kevin Rinehart. Shelly Squibb was absent. Also, present was Mayor Preston Barringer and Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts. Solicitor Jeff Feyko was absent.

Visitors

Dawn Wyne, Jeff and Angie Craig.

Visitors Comments

Visitors made comments throughout the entire meeting.

Old Business

New Business

The mayor informed the council of the shortage in the water fund. He then went through the expenditures that have been expending due to water leaks during the construction process. The current expenses are approximately \$103,000. The expenditures have been submitted to DLZ Engineering to see if we can be reimbursed for some of the cost. DLZ has already stated that they were told that water loss is not reimbursable. There is no guarantee of reimbursement. The fiscal officer explained that she called Local Government Services to see what needed to be done. Local Government Services advised her that money could be advanced from the general fund to the water fund. This advance would need to be paid back within one year. There is also a transfer that can be done that is permanent. The advance is the best option. If for some reason the village is not able to pay back the advance, legislation can be changed to a transfer. They also stated that advances and transfers are not common practice and it is best to be paid back. They also said that council needed to raise rates in order to remedy the revenue issue in order to cover expenses. The meeting tonight was held for the council to discuss how much they felt needed to be advanced, in order for the solicitor to prepare legislation to be voted on. There will have to be another special meeting scheduled to vote on the legislation. A lot of discussion was made back and forth. Adam Tippet made a point of clarification in the minutes of November 2, 2025 that there was a motion of a 3% increase in water and a 3% increase in sewer. An amendment was then made to make the increase in water to 6% and sewer at 3%. There was a tie of three yays and three nays, with the mayor being the tie-breaker adopting the new amendment. Adam asked if there was something back then that could've help prevent this from happening. The fiscal officer stated, yes. She has been telling them for years that the water and sewer funds were low and rates needed to be increased. After the first water leak Will Burns stated that water and sewer rates needed to be increased to cover the leaks. He didn't foresee the situation getting any better and there should be enough funds to cover any emergencies. Will stated that replacing the water lines have been discussed. When you receive grants from the government the entity typically has to put a match to the grant of around 10-15 percent. The mayor stated that the water project has been estimated at \$11,000,000. After lots of discussion the council decide to advance \$150,000 from the general fund to the water fund. The fiscal officer will get this amount to the solicitor for legislation to be prepared. A Special Council meeting was set for Monday, April 6, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. to vote on the legislation.

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Resolutions

Next Meeting

The Special Council meeting was set for Monday, April 6, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no other business before council, Will Burns made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts, Fiscal Officer

Preston Barringer, Mayor