

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Preston Barringer called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members of Council present were Linda Dattilo, Will Burns, Kenny George, Adam Tippett, Kevin Rinehart, and Shelly Squibb. Also, in attendance was Solicitor Jeff Feyko and Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts.

Amend/Approve Agenda

Will Burns made a motion to amend the agenda to add **Ordinance 2026-06** for a second read, amend the agenda to show Ordinance 2026-06 to read as 2026-07, amend the Special Council minutes from March 23, 2026 to read that the mayor called the meeting to order and that the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m., amend the agenda to say March 10th under approval of minutes, and to add Ordinance 2026-08 to the agenda, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippett made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Visitors

Dawn Wyne, Dave Leffler, John Crutcher from the Carroll Lions Club, June Queen, Cora Bell and Addison Holowitz from the Bloom-Carroll FFA, Sherry Quail, Rich Parker, Dave Bichard, Marlene George, and Jackie Stoltz.

Visitors Comments

John Crutcher from the Carroll Lions Club came to ask permission from the council for street closures during their annual car show being held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 11:00 am-4:00 p.m. This car show allows them to give scholarships to students. John also asked for the council/mayor to be judges.

June Queen from the Carroll Community Festival came to request street closure for August 14th and 15th. She stated that Canal Street will not be closed.

June Queen came to ask about her property being annexed into the village, but noticed it was on the agenda.

Cora Bell and Addison Holowitz came to ask for a donation from the council for the AGVenture Program this year that is being held June 22-26, 2026 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sponsorships helps them buy t-shirts, snacks, supplies, etc. Each day will be a different theme. They do apply for grants for this program. Shelly Squibb asked how much the grant was for? Cora stated \$3,000. They will be accepting 180 campers this year. Sign ups start Thursday.

Jackie Stoltz passed on speaking. She said she had a question about annexation, but her question was already answered.

Approval of Minutes

Will Burns made a motion to approve the regular council minutes from council meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2026, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippett made a motion to approve the special council minutes from the meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Shelly Squibb made a motion to approve the special council minutes from the meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippett made a motion to approve the special council minutes from the meeting on Monday, April 6, 2026, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Approval of Bills, End of Month Reports, and Mayor's Monthly Statement

Each member received copies in their packet of computer-generated Management Reports for end of March (original to be signed by the Council and Mayor); Primary Checking Account Reconciliation (to be signed by Council and Mayor); paid bills and/or due bills.

Adam Tippett made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Committee Reports

Finance:

Monday, April 6, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members: Will Burns-Chairperson, Adam Tippett, and Shelly Squibb.

Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts and Mayor Preston Barringer were present.

Visitors: Dawn Wyne, Sherry Quail, Kevin Rinehart, Kenny George, Jeff and Angie Craig.

On the agenda was to discuss water and sewer rates, vehicle equipment, water line grants, paving grants, water meter replacement/repair, old business, new business, and any other business brought before the committee.

Vehicles/Equipment was discussed. The committee has decided it is not necessary at this time and subject was tabled.

Will Burns asked as of right now how many units are we estimating? The fiscal officer stated that there were twenty-four meters not working, of the twenty-four Debbie received four readings from James and four meters were fixed. Will Burns asked how long this has been going on? The fiscal officer stated a long time. Meters were being estimated when she was doing the billing. Will asked if at some point if there was training offered on the meters? The fiscal officer stated, yes, that the software company stated they could come here (which was

really expensive, because they are out of state), or could do training over the phone and walk whomever through the process while they were in the resident's home. Will asked that when James was talked to about the training, did he refuse the training? The fiscal officer said James stated he didn't think he was doing anything wrong. Will asked if the material he was using to fix the meters was approved by the manufacture? The fiscal officer stated she didn't know that answer. The fiscal officer did state that the meters are at their life end. They were installed in 2016. Shelly Squibb asked when he got the eight readings? The fiscal officer stated that James is given the list of meters that need fixed at least two weeks prior to the next billing. Adam Tippet asked if there was any rational of why he can't get the meters fixed, such as, not being able to get into a resident's home? The fiscal officer stated that is the reason the list is given to him so early, that allows him time to schedule appointments to get into resident's homes. Shelly asked if James made an appointment with Will, or did he just show up? Will said that it wasn't necessarily an appointment, but he did discuss it with him beforehand. Shelly stated that James just showed up to her house, he didn't call ahead with an appointment. Will said that he was sure that all the designs were not all done for the water line grant, but he would like to have the meter put in a pit at the curb so that the village does not have to go into resident's homes. Will feels that James should be forced to go through the training. The mayor stated he would find the email that has the plans with the water lines in it, that way Will could see it. Will feels this is a priority job. Dawn Wyne asked what the cost of a new meter was? The fiscal officer stated it was approximately \$200.00. Will stated with labor it would be more. Dawn asked if James does a daily/weekly activity log? She asked if that could be implemented? The answer was yes. The mayor stated part of the problem is the loss of manpower on and off. Adam asked if there was any interest in the job posting? The fiscal officer stated, no, that is part of the problem, there is no interest. Will stated with finances the village can't afford to pay the wages that an employee would want. Sherry Quail asked if the residents are notified if their meter isn't working? The fiscal officer stated, no. The mayor asked if we could do the job in reverse and call the residents? The fiscal officer stated that is why James is given the list, it is his job to schedule the appointments and get the meters fixed. The mayor requested that the office calls everyone to ask them to call James to setup an appointment.

Next discussed was the paving grants. Will stated that we haven't heard anything back from that grant. Jeff Craig stated that all the roads are going to need to be fixed from all the heavy equipment driving on them. Jeff also asked if the water lines were going to be done before the paving? He said it doesn't make since to do paving and then tear up to do the water lines. Will stated we have no idea when we will hear back from either grant. The mayor stated that he heard the water lines aren't as invasive as the sewer project.

The mayor stated that village employees are driving their own vehicles. Dawn Wyne asked if they were getting paid mileage? The fiscal officer stated they can, but they aren't turning it in. Kevin Rinehart asked if they are driving their trucks by choice? The mayor stated that no one has complained about driving their own vehicles. Adam asked to correct him if he was wrong wasn't the carryover from general fund from 2025 \$1,042,432.00? The fiscal officer stated that was the combined balance. The fiscal officer didn't give the carryover amount. Adam was just asking about the amount for the Honda Pioneer that was discussed.

Shelly asked what that was? The mayor stated it was a UTV. Adam was just asking because the mayor stated if a vehicle wasn't chosen, he was going to start presenting stuff. Will stated that was before we transferred money. Will stated his suggestion was the Kubota over any of the other UTV's that were looked into because it is a heavier duty UTV.

Lastly, water and sewer rates were discussed. Will stated that the village has spent everything they had fixing leaks and there will be more leaks with the rest of the project. The village loaned the water fund \$150,000 from the general fund. The way it is structured now it has to be paid back in one year. The committee was trying to figure out how to pay the \$150,000 back, assuming we don't get reimbursed? The mayor stated that Dawn earlier asked what our revenue was in water department, but didn't ask what our expenditures were. At the end of 2025 the village was short approximately \$4000. The village was already on the curve on losing money, and whatever money that's been in there the past ten years, or so was eaten up. We were already in a loose situation and we still are not bringing in enough revenue to cover expenditures. Will stated that in committee meetings he suggested a 7.5% increase in water and he was overruled by other committee members. Initially, when it went up for three readings it was 3%. Will said he made the suggestion to change it from 3% to 6% and he didn't think that was enough, but he could see what was coming. Will asked if they wanted to do this as a percentage or a flat fee, or last year's rates. He also thought about an assessment on each account, in order to pay back the loan. Adam went over the list of rate increases since the village was with Fairfield Utilities. Questions were asked from the residents about rate increases. The summary is the residents didn't feel it should be a flat rate that residents that used more gallons of water paid should pay more than residents that used less gallons. Shelly asked if Jeff has looked at the contract? If they are causing the problems the village shouldn't be paying for it. The committee went through different ideas and scheduled another committee meeting for Monday, April 13, 2026 to come up more solid numbers to assess to the utility bills.

Monday, April 13, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members: Will Burns-Chairperson, Adam Tippett, and Shelly Squibb.

Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts and Mayor Preston Barringer were present.

Visitors: Ed and Tammy Drobina, Bill Moore, Ted Blackstone, Bonnie McCarty, Rich Parker, June Queen, Dave Leffler, Deb Swingle, Dawn Wyne, Kenny and Marlene George, Matt Squibb, Sherry Quail, Mary and Jerry Rice, Kevin Rinehart, Linda Dattilo, and Jeff and Angie Craig.

On the agenda was to discuss water and sewer rates, old business, new business, and any other business brought before the committee.

Will stated that they had discussed in the past about a flat rate to cover the loan that was borrowed from the general fund to the water fund. A percentage increase was also discussed depending on a resident's usage. Adam stated as of the 9th of this month we have already cracked into the \$150,000 advance from the general fund to the water fund. The current balance is \$149,348.01. Adam stated that

there needs to be a lot more oversight on this fund, due to the advance. It has to be paid back in a year, or there will have to be another discussion about it becoming a true transfer. Will asked if there were any thoughts on what the percentage or amount should be? Shelly Squibb stated that it should be changed to a transfer and not a loan. The minutes state that transfers are not common practice, but that doesn't mean that we can't do it. Shelly had asked how many times have we done this since 2015 and she was told zero, so it's not like we make a habit of doing it. Adam was given a Cash Flow Summary by Fund and he was questioning the discrepancy of the \$19.95 in March, as opposed to the \$38,000 in April? The fiscal officer stated she would have to check into it. Shelly asked if we ever got a copy of the contract? The mayor stated that Solicitor Jeff Feyko has a copy of it. Shelly stated we should have looked at contracts from other phases about not getting reimbursed for water loss. Will said it is hard to show how much loss of water would have happened. Shelly stated the water is being lost due to construction and the village wants the residents to pay for it, she said "no it's not right, I don't know what the answer is, but that's not right." Will stated he understands that, but if we would have included that kind of stuff in the contract, we probably wouldn't be finishing the project because no one is going to come in here and take that kind of risk. Shelly asked who is overseeing what they are doing to know whose fault it is? Will stated that a gentleman from DLZ is inspecting the work. Will stated the water they are using for dust control is metered and being paid for by the construction company. Will feels like a lot of this falls back on DLZ because a lot of this stuff was not disclosed in the BID package. DLZ used Google Earth to draw things up and didn't field check it. They also knew from the first contractor and other work in the area that soil conditions around here are terrible and the water lines are in bad condition in the sense that any movement near or around them causes a potential break. Will doesn't feel at this time we should consider a "gift" from general fund to the water fund. He said we need to wait to see what we get back in reimbursement from the materials. Adam stated in previous meetings the loss totaled approximately \$103,000. He said the thought of the \$150,000 advance was there as a safety net in case of something similar happens during the rest of the project. Will said that was correct because his original recommendation was way lower than that. Adam felt they needed to wait, as he said earlier the village has already cracked into the \$150,000. Shelly asked if we get reimbursed where does that money go? Will said it will go initially into the water fund and then it will reimburse the general fund. Shelly said no I mean if we treat it as a transfer and we do get some of the money back, that money goes into the water fund, right? Will said it stays in the water fund. Shelly asked what is wrong with that? Adam said what if we get none back? Shelly said, ok? Will asked why would we artificially put money in the water fund, utilities should be self-sustained? They should not be funded by something else. Shelly said OK, but ours are not. Will said hence why we, Shelly intervened and said so if money goes back into it, then great we have money to pay for things that need paid out of water. Will said, right, but those funds should have been raised by the water rates, not the general fund. Shelly said well there were several years they weren't. Adam said talking about several years of historical rates that was prepared for them last meeting. Adam said he will say that this last year they were gaining ground, until October, November. Will stated that the village needed to keep in mind that we are not only looking at this project and this year, unfortunately the damage is done to the water lines, but the grant packages that we are applying for are going to require us to have money to go with that. We won't get grants if we have a zero balance, or

just day to day coverage. We will have to have a percentage to go towards it. Shelly asked in what month? Will said it depends on when the grants are set up. He said maybe Spring and would put out a BID in late summer, maybe August. If you want, to then at that time take general fund money and use that as our “copay”, but not hoping we still have money left after this raise. Will wants to leave as a loan, would like to see the them raise the rates some, because we need to be able to have a cushion. The other problem that could come about is that we don’t get the grant, the streets are paved, and everything is put back nice and we still have leaks. There has been water loss for many years, sometimes it’s an acceptable rate, the engineers say, but this has not been a perfect system up until these people showed up to the job sight. He would like to see another 7.5 to 9% increase with maybe not having to increase rates next year. Adam said based off of Will’s 7.5-9% increase the current rate is \$37.83 for the first 2,000 gallons at 7% would be \$40.67, with a 9% it would go up to \$40.23 and that number will be transferable on the 1,000-gallon price. Adam asked if we had heard anything back from the reimbursement? Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts stated, no, it was at least thirty days out. Will stated that the leaks have been a result of sewer work. He stated they should stop paying James out of the water fund, because what he is doing on this project is a direct result of the sewer project. He also feels Rich should not be paid out of water, either. Adam thinks they should be meeting more often because of the events. Will stated at the end would get together to set a meeting, probably back to every other month. He would like it to be prior to council in that month.

Will moved onto sewer rates. He asked how much more money are we going to be looking at if we borrow the full amount of the loan, which is approximately \$600,000, not any other bills, just the payment for the loan? The fiscal officer stated it was approximately \$30,000 more a year. Adam asked how many paying sewer customers do we have? The fiscal officer stated around 268 customers. Adam asked how long the tenure was for the loan? The mayor stated forty years. Shelly asked what did we raise the rates? Adam stated we raised the water 6% and the sewer 3%. Adam stated that the rate is currently \$19.11 for 1,000 gallons. The mayor stated that the two loans rounded up out of the sewer fund is \$44,000 for the one loan and \$20,000 for the second loan per year. This includes previous projects out of sewer, phase one and two. The committee discussed numbers and it would be around a 45% increase to cover the additional \$30,000 loan. The mayor stated he believes the loan was 3%. The subject was tabled.

Old Business

New Business

Adam would like to have a copy of the Cash Flow Summary by Fund in the packets for the water fund along with receipts, in order to keep a better eye on the fund

Visitors Comments

There were several residents that commented. There were a few that didn't like the situation we were in, but that's where we are now and it needed to be remedied. They understood that rates had to be raised and if it was a flat rate, then it should be spread evenly to every resident. However, the majority didn't want rates raised and didn't think it was fair that the residents had to pay for the water leaks.

In the end the committee chose not to do a flat fee or percentage increase.

Motions

Adam Tippett made a motion not to pay personnel out of the water fund, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor. Discussion was made it is available on the recording.

Adam Tippett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Old Business

New Business

Motions

Adam Tippett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Service: Did not meet.

Safety:

Monday, March 23, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members: Kenny George-Chairperson, Will Burns, and Kevin Rinehart. All members were present.

Mayor Preston Barringer and Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts were present.

Visitors: Adam Tippett

On the agenda was to discuss Center Street between Canal Street and Highland Ave.

Kenny George brought two diagrams to the committee concerning the parking on Center Street between Canal Street and Highland Ave. Kenny stated that people are parking on both sides of the street on Center, as well as close to the intersection. The committee discussed and agreed to allow parking on one side of the street. They would like to have four "no parking between the signs", and

three to four “no parking this side of the street” signs.

Will Burns made a motion to adopt side “A” of the drawings for the section of Center Street from the traffic light-controlled intersection, to Towpath Alley, with no parking on the north and west side of the street. Parking should start twenty feet from crosswalk on the south and east side of Center Street, with proper signage installed, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

New Business

Will Burns asked about the parking restrictions on Highland Ave. Kenny said he talked with the residents and they weren’t for it, so he is just going to leave as is.

Will Burns asked if there was any protocol to notify the Fire Department during street closures in the village? The answer was no. Kevin Rinehart stated the Sheriff’s Department should be notified, as well.

Kevin Rinehart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Rules: Did not meet.

Police Report

Police report given to council.

Zoning Inspector/Property Maintenance

David Bichard began as the new Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector on April 1, 2026. Will Burns reported for the month of March, 2026.

Zoning

Nothing new.

Property Maintenance:

There has been no progress on Wise Auto.

Solicitor’s Report

There are several new pieces of legislation for this evening. There is an ordinance for a Cybersecurity Program. There is emergency language included, but does not need to be adopted tonight. It needs to be adopted by June 30, 2026. The other piece of legislation is for Ordinance 2026-08 to accept the Queen Annexation. He asked council to consider passing as an emergency and bypass the three-read rule, as we are past the mandatory sixty-day waiting period.

Fiscal Officer’s Report

No report was given to council. The fiscal officer stated there was nothing new to report, just delinquent report, RITA report, and all the different meetings/trainings that she attended.

Mayor's Report

- The mayor said for the next finance meeting to be prepared for DLZ Engineering to come in and answer any questions. He asked them to coordinate with DLZ for a good time for them to come in.

Old Business

None

New Business

Will Burns would like him and possibly Kenny George to go around town to see what signs need put back up and give that list to JLD Construction.

Adam Tippett stated a resident reached out to him about getting a light installed at Highland Alley and Lock Street. The resident stated it is dark in that area and there has almost been several accidents. Will stated there is a light at that and it may be out. He said he was meeting with South Central Power Company next week and he will bring it up to them. Needing a stop sign at the alley was mentioned. The mayor will take care of it.

Motions

Will Burns made a motion to allow the Carroll Lions Club to use all of Park Street, Center Street from Market Street to the traffic light, Market Street from the point of the park to Lock Street, if needed, on May 9th, and they can use the crosswalks for road closure, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor, except for Adam Tippett who abstained due to conflict of interest.

*Discussion was made by Adam Tippett. Adam asked what time frame they needed the streets closed? John said between 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Will Burns made a motion for the Carroll Community Festival to utilize the park, all of Center Street to the traffic light, Market Street from the point of the park to Lock Street, Market Street to Long Alley to the intersection of Market and Center Street, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor. *Discussion was made by Adam Tippet. He asked what time on the 14th? June Queen stated 8:00 a.m. until Saturday evening on the 15th when finished. June asked if the village would put the No Parking Signs out? The fiscal officer asked what day she would like them put out? There was discussion made and either Wednesday, or Thursday night was settled on.

Shelly Squibb made a motion to donate \$2,000 to the AGVenture program, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor.

Ordinances

First Read

ORDINANCE 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM POLICY AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Adam Tippett questioned the numbering of the ordinances? The fiscal officer stated that number five was skipped.

ORDINANCE 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF 1.220 +/- ACRES (QUEEN ANNEXATION), DIRECTING THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR TO PROSECUTE PROCEEDINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECT IT, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

- Will Burns made a motion to bypass the committee and the three-read rule, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.
- Will Burns made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-08, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor.

Second Read

ORDINANCE 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A PROVISION TO ALLOW THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS AND DUCKS, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5 (TAP & SERVICE LINE REQUIREMENTS) OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF CARROLL UTILITY DEPARTMENT, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Third Read

Resolutions

First Read

Tabled

Executive Session

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 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 7:39 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts Fiscal Officer

Preston M. Barringer, Mayor