

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order November 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Striffler

Present: Mayor Thomas Striffler, Council Members Dick Pouliot, Rick Lipan, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish

Absent: Mike Henry, Joe Greene

Others in Attendance: Brent D. Morgan – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer, Charlie Sundblad – DPW Superintendent and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda with one addition under Regular Agenda: #5. Miller/Canfield Invoice. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Angie Daniels was present for LEAD Tuscola. Gary Rolka presented his SIGNATURE moments.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council – November 1, 2010
2. Finance Minutes – November 1, 2010
3. Invoices
4. Department Report
 - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Chief David Mattlin
 - c. Parks & Recreation – (Unavailable)
 - d. DPW/Water Report – Charles Sundblad
 - e. Blight Report – Jerry Thorp
 - f. WWTP – Curtis Wells
 - g. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Karen Snider

Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Lipan to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Request to Hang Banner – Caro 150 Winter Fest – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Pouliot to approve the banner request from the Caro 150 Winter Fest for January 10, 2011 to January 24, 2011. Motion carried.**
2. Discussion Regarding M-81/Burnside Intersection – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to implement Alternative 1 – Special emphasis can be placed on crosswalk pavement markings per MDOT specifications including Frank Street, and investigate and report back on what it would take to implement Alternative 2 –**

- Prohibit left turns from vehicles on W. Burnside and E. Burnside onto State Street, proper MDOT signage would need to be placed on the street and a request to place a no left turn box to hang from the traffic light and to proceed with police enforcement. Motion carried.** The Council would also challenge the DDA to come up with options for parking if the traffic light was changed. Directives were given to the City Manager as to information Council would like to obtain from MDOT.
3. **Gingerbread Village Requests - Moved by Lipan, seconded by Pouliot to approve the request from the Caro Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Gingerbread Village pending administrative review and to authorize the City Manager to approve the banner request pursuant to the city policy. Motion carried.**
 4. **Spicer Engineering Hooper Street Project – Need to set Finance Committee meeting. The Finance chair will get the date to the clerk.**
 5. **Miller/Canfield Invoice – Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to approve payment of the invoice to Miller, Canfield in the amount of \$5,621. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. DDA – Discussed crosswalk issues.
2. Planning Commission – Working on bylaws.
3. The Mayor reported that he has retained an attorney to work with the City on the division of assets with Indianfields Twp. Both the City and Township’s audits are on the State website now.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The manager reported that due to discussions with MMRMA regarding liability issues, he is setting the criteria for the hiring of part-time police officers to have 3-5 years of experience and that there will no longer be any ride along with the police. The manager handed out information regarding the Marijuana Act. A meeting is set with the Superintendent of Caro Public Schools to discuss the proposed upcoming DDA projects. A meeting is also scheduled with representatives from the Oakridge Condo Association to discuss lift station #10. An update was given regarding the energy grant.

CLERK’S REPORT:

1. The Board of Review is December 14, 2010 from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. This BOR is specifically for clerical errors such as miscalculations and hardships. Also, discussed the indemnification agreement between Indianfields Township and City of Caro. **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Lipan to approve the Indemnification Agreement between the City of Caro and Township of Indianfields and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document. 1 abstention (Kish). Motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION – Litigation Update – Moved by Lipan, seconded by Langmaid to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation. Roll call: 5 yes 2 absent (Henry, Greene). Motion carried.

Returned from closed session at 9:15 p.m.

Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer