

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order December 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Striffler

Present: City Mayor Thomas K. Striffler, City Council: Dick Pouliot, Joe Greene, Mike Henry, Rick Lipan, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish

Others in Attendance: Brent Morgan – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer, Charlie Sundblad – DPW Superintendent, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – Manuel Sapien expressed concern with the amount of his taxes. His property came into the City in November, 2009 and he thought that the taxes increased. Gordon Taggett had questions as to the ordinance amendment process.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes – November 15, 2010
2. Invoices

Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the consent agenda including the invoices as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Parks Ordinance #348 – Parks & Recreation Recommended Change - **Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to have the City Manager get with the City Attorney to draft language for an ordinance and to have the clerk check to see what other towns have and get the wording they use and to check for deed restrictions and with MMRMA and advise them that it would be for non profits and only after approval by the Council and ask MMRMA to give a written response which includes how it affects the City's insurance coverage and the affect it would have on the Cities' liability. Motion carried.**
2. Application for Fireworks Display Permit – Caro 150 Winter Fest – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to approve the request from the Caro 150 Winter Fest to have a fireworks display at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds on January 22, 2011 (ran date January 23, 2011). Motion carried.**
3. Foreclosed Property – Consensus not to take any action.
4. Resolution for Annual Application & Permit – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Greene to approve the application and permit for miscellaneous operations within State Trunkline Right of Way as presented and authorize the City Manager Brent D. Morgan to execute said document. Motion carried.**

5. Appointment of Committees – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to accept the recommendation of the Mayor to authorize the committee/commission appointments as highlighted on list attached to minutes. Motion carried.** (The appointments are the same as last year with the exception of terms).
6. 2011 Schedule of 2011 Meeting Dates – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the 2011 schedule of council meeting dates as presented. Motion carried.**
7. DDA Recommendation – NOI – Grant for Burnside/Sherman St Project – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the application for the grant for the Burnside/Sherman Street project with an estimated total cost of \$205,000 with a 25% local match from the DDA and hire Rowe professional services as the engineer. 1 no (Lipan). Motion carried.**
8. DDA Recommendation – Parking Map – **Moved by Langmaid, second by Henry to approve the parking map which indicates public parking and private parking for the downtown area and authorize any adjustments that are needed. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Finance – Chairman Pouliot reported that pursuant to the recommendation of the auditors, he did the 1st quarter review of invoices. Finance meeting scheduled for December 9, 2010 at 12 p.m.
2. Historical – Kish reported that commission worked on meeting schedules. They have an open seat on TACA board. Also the Tuscola County Community Foundation informed them that the Historical Commission was awarded \$1,000 grant from the Janks Fund and another \$500 from the Anne S. Laethem Fund.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The manager reported that three new firefighters are added to the fire department being Dillion Hollosy, Kyle Nordstrom and Jason Hemmerline. Crosswalk marking have been completed at all four legs of M-81 and Burnside Intersection and M-81 and Frank Street. Bids for snow removal were requested and due December 13, 2010. Manager met with representatives from Oakridge Condo Association and waiting to hear back from them.

CLERK REPORT:

1. The City of Caro will be involved in the recount on December 8 at the Tuscola Technology Center. The Unemployment Compensation merit rate is increasing from 2.61% for 2010 to 3.28% for 2011. The recodification project has been assigned to lead codification attorney, Bill Carroll. They asked that new ordinances be sent to them until they give us the cut-off date and than anything they receive after that date will be held for inclusion in the first supplement. The employee Christmas Party is December 17, 2010 at noon. It was the consensus of council to purchase the meat and beverage for the event.

Langmaid moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk