

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order April 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Striffler

Present: Mayor Thomas Striffler, Council Members Dick Pouliot, Mike Henry, Joe Greene, Rick Lipan, Charlotte Kish

Absent: Amanda Langmaid

Others in Attendance: Donald Beavers – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda with the following additions: Regular Agenda: 8. Set Budget Meetings, Committee/Liaison: 4. Community Promotions. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Herb Sheardy – Inquired as to the status of parking lot lights. Replacements are being sent at no cost to the City.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #430 – Sale of property in Industrial Park – Mayor Striffler opened the public hearing on the sale of the property in the Industrial Park. There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications and the letter to Indianfields Township regarding the Division of Assets dated April 19, 2010. Council thanked the Fire Department and the Police Department for their efforts with the heroic lifesaving actions displayed recently. This will be addressed in detail at a later time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council – April 5, 2010
2. Invoices
3. Department Report
 - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Chief David Mattlin
 - c. Parks & Recreation – Dale Benish
 - d. DPW Report – Charles Sundblad
 - e. Blight Report – Jerry Thorp
 - f. WWTP – Curtis Wells
 - g. Manager Report – Donald Beavers
 - h. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Karen Snider
 - i. Water Report – Charles Sundblad

Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried. Manager assured Council that the Parks & Recreation Master Plan has been completed and submitted to the State. Council would like to see the outcomes of the Blight Enforcements communications to residents. Also, Council would like to know who uses the facilities at the fairgrounds such as the shuffleboard, ball fields, etc.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Additional Public Comment/Close Public Hearing –**Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to close the public hearing on Ordinance #430, Sale of property in the Industrial Park. Motion carried.**
2. Decision on Ordinance No. 430 – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to adopt Ordinance No. 430, Sale of property in the Industrial Park. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent (Langmaid). Motion carried.**
3. Resolution in Support of MI Main Street Associate Level – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the City of Caro Resolution of Support for Application to the Michigan Main Street Associate Level. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent (Langmaid). Motion carried.**
4. Set Public Hearing – CDBG Parking Lot Project – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to set the public hearing on the CDBG Parking Lot Project for May 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.**
5. Proposed Ordinance No. 431 – Zoning of Sheardy Property/Set Public Hearing – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to set the public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 431 for May 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.**
6. Budget Amendments – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to approve the budget amendments as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried.**
7. Licensing of property – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to offer to extend the license agreement to Gary and Carol Mitchell ending June 30, 2011, pending compliance to the same terms of the previous license. Motion carried.** Manager to review the process of how to clear the title on the City property.
8. Set Budget Meetings – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to set the budget meeting for April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to receive the proposed budget. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. HRC Invoices No. 0107022, 0107439 & 0107440 – Leave on table.
2. RCL Pay Request #24 – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to approve payment of Pay Request #24 to RCL in the amount of \$23,429.31 subject to the Department Heads signing off. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Finance – Chairman Pouliot asked that Department Heads be given the recommendations he made as a result of the audit of the 3rd quarter review of invoices pursuant to the recommendation of the auditors. **Moved by Kish, seconded by Henry to accept the 3rd quarter report comments and recommendations by the Finance Chair. Motion carried.**
2. DDA – Discussed the lights in the parking lot for DDA. Advertisement will be going in the paper for bid on the dumpster enclosure.
3. Parks & Recreation – None.
4. Community Promotions – Greene will bring back some suggestions on items that could be purchased to use as give-a-ways such as mugs.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. Carter Point – State has requested that the City extend the Plat through August to get the paperwork completed. A new performance bond needs to be provided.
2. Meek, Ward, and E. Bush Project – Bids were received and the low bid had some errors. A recommendation should be available at the next meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Clerk has items to be addressed with Finance. A finance meeting will be scheduled when the items are prepared.

Mayor Striffler was presented with a Certificate of Merit from the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in recognition of Flying the American Flag.

Chief Newcomb advised Council on the incident that took place recently in the City and to recognize Officer Strasz and Officer Harding for their acts of heroism during what could have been a very dangerous and deadly situation.

Moved by Kish, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer