

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order June 7, 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, Charles Sundblad – DPW Superintendent, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda with the following additions: Regular Agenda – 13. Peerless Midwest Invoice; Committee/Liaison 2. Historical. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #432 – Ordinance to Impose Administrative Fees and Late Fee Charges on Property Tax Collection – Mayor Striffler opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. The City of Caro would impose a property tax administrative fee in the amount of 1% on all taxes collected. The City would also impose a late fee of 1% for all City taxes collected beginning the day taxes become delinquent and an additional 1% each month on the 1st day of each month thereafter until taxes are paid.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget – Mayor Striffler opened the Public Hearing on the proposed budget and explained the transfers from the General Fund to Streets and Sanitation. Council thanked staff and department heads for the hard work put into doing the budget.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes - May 17, 2010 and Special Minutes May 19 & 25, 2010
2. Personnel Minutes – May 27, 2010
3. Invoices

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Close Public Hearing – Ordinance #432 – Ordinance to Impose Administrative Fees and Late Fee Charges on Property Tax Collections – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Lipan to close the public hearing on Ordinance #432. Motion carried.**

2. Action on Public Hearing – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to adopt Ordinance #432 – Ordinance to Impose Administrative Fees and Late Fee Charges on Property Tax Collections . Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**
3. Close Public Hearing – Proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Henry to close the public hearing on Proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget. Motion carried.**
4. Action on Proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to adopt the FY 2010-2011 budget as presented. Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**
5. Set Sewer Rates – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to increase the sewer rates from \$7.52 to \$8.40 per 1000 gallons and the Caro Regional Center sewer rates from \$7.43 to \$8.31 and to retain the \$4.00 base rate and make the increase effective on the August 1, 2010 utility bills. Motion carried.**
6. Transfer of Sewer Repair/Replacement Money – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to transfer \$23,740 from the Sewer Replacement/Repair Savings to the Sewer Operating/Maintenance Cash to offset monies that were already spent on repair and replacement costs. Motion carried.**
7. Request for Banner – Old Engine & Tractor Show – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to approve the banner request from the Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Women’s Aux. for August 2, 2010 to August 16, 2010. Motion carried.**
8. HDC Pre-Application for USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant – **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Kish to schedule a public forum to be held on June 21, 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the City of Caro and the Human Development Commission regarding a 2010 Housing Preservation Grant pre-application to USDA Rural Development. Motion carried.**
9. Downtown Outdoor Movie – Majestic Sky Link – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to approve the proposed Outdoor Family Movie Night on the third Friday of the month at 8:45 p.m. being June 18, July 16 and August 20, 2010 and presented by Majestic Sky Link, LLC and Caro Parks and Recreation. Motion carried.**
10. Request for Fireworks – Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to approve the request from the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival for fireworks to be held on October 9, 2010 with a rain date of October 10, 2010 at the Caro Community Schools football field. Abstention (Henry). Motion carried.**
11. Village to City Decals – Sundblad obtained a quote from Larsen Graphics for City of Caro logo decals. Suggestions were given as to other places in Caro to obtain prices from also. **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to approve the request for**

proceeding with updating the reflective decals for the City of Caro. Motion carried.

12. VFD Evaluation Quotation from Rockwell Automation – Manager to get further clarification on qualifications of person from Rockwell Automation and Kendall Electric. Council has numerous concerns including life expectancy to certain equipment with existing corrosion from exposure to ferric chloride contamination. Manager given direction on how to proceed.

13. Peerless Midwest – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Greene to approve the additional work by Peerless Midwest in the amount of \$5,673. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. HRC Invoices #0107022, 0107439, 0107440 – Leave on table

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Set Policy – June 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Historical – Kish reported that the Historical Commission discussed obtaining grants, however felt it was a lot of work. They also discussed the possibility of getting a 501c status but felt it was not beneficial at this time. Talked about sanding the rough areas of the floor and laying the laminate floor. They want to close out the back of the roadhouse and use the front. Need to fix the windows and mural at the top of stairs. Also, Commission prepared a “Needs” list for the roadhouse.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. Manager gave an update on the Cars & Crafts weekend. The Meek, Ward and Bush project is on schedule with taps being installed in a timely manner. DPW staff hit a small gas line and the invoice is being negotiated. The labor on the extra work came in higher than anticipated. Sidewalks are about 60% done. Meeting with the assessor and Mayor to discuss an addendum to the assessor’s contract. Council would like the cost of in-kind services provided by the City kept track of for all outside activities.

CLERK REPORT:

1. The clerk reported on the upcoming election. Deputy Clerk going to election training June 16 and 17. Election inspector training is July 28 and 29. Newsletter is due out July 1.

Langmaid moved, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk