

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Charlotte Kish

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 Langmaid to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION – Fire Chief and Zoning Administrator David E. Mattlin is retiring from full time employment with the City of Caro effective July 23, 2010. Mayor Striffler and City Manager Morgan presented Chief Mattlin with a Certificate of Appreciation and a clock in recognition of having served the City for over 40 years. He has worked with diligence and integrity as an important member of local government. Chief Mattlin will take a part-time position as Fire Chief & Zoning Administrator beginning July 26, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance #433 – An Ordinance to Amend the Village (City) of Caro Zoning Ordinance #401 Mini Storage Facilities. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. Herb Sheardy expressed concern with the direction of the units and access and also did not understand why you could not sell out of the units. Debra Lipan submitted her written objections at the July 6 meeting (included in minutes). Mr. Gordon Taggett expressed his objections to the size of lots – 3 acres, only use 50% of area and fence – cost too much. Mr. Taggett would like to see the proposed ordinance referred back to the planning commission because he feels if it is adopted, it would stop any future growth in the City.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications. Concern with bridge jumpers at Chippewa Bridge. The signs that were previously put up have been stolen and the DPW Superintendent is in the process of getting more. Greene and Langmaid are interested in going to the MML Conference.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council – July 6, 2010
2. Personnel Minutes – July 9, 2010
3. Invoices
4. Department Report
 - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Chief David Mattlin
 - c. Parks & Recreation – Dale Benish (non-available)

- d. DPW/Water Report – Charles Sundblad
- e. Blight Report – Jerry Thorp
- f. WWTP – Curtis Wells
- g. Manager Report – Brent D. Morgan
- h. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Karen Snider

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Close Public Hearing – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #433. Motion carried.**
2. Decision on Public Hearing –**Moved by Henry, seconded by Pouliot to refer proposed Ordinance #433 back to the Planning Commission for strong review taking into consideration public comment, Mayor’s comments and letter from Majestic Construction dated July 6, 2010. 1 abstention (Lipan). Motion carried.**
3. Request to Hang Banner - **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Greene to approve the request from Relay for Life of Tuscola County to hang banners from 8-16-2010 to 8-23-2010. Motion carried.**
4. Associate Level Michigan Main Street Program Agreement – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to authorize the City Manager and City Mayor to execute the agreement for the Michigan Main Street Program Community Requirements and Expectations Agreement – Associate Level as presented. Motion carried.**
5. Agreement to Store Blacktop Grindings – TI Automotive Property – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Greene to authorize the City of Caro to store grindings from the millings of Hooper Street to TI Automotive property for the potential future use as a base for the Chippewa Trail extension and to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to execute an agreement for Storage of Blacktop Grindings on TI Automotive Property and any amendments associated with the agreement. Motion carried.**
6. Tuscola Area Airport Authority Request for 2010/11 allocation - **Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to authorize payment of the 2010/11 Tuscola Area Airport Authority in the amount of \$17,409. Motion carried.**
7. VDF Evaluation Report –**Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to send a letter to Curt Christeson of HRC and establish a committee consisting of the City Manager, Mayor and Mayor ProTem to discuss any response from HRC. Motion carried.**
8. MDOT Traffic Signal Control – M-81 & Wal-Mart Dr – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to participate in the maintenance and energy billings**

associated with the signal located on M-81 at the Wal-Mart Drive at an estimated annual cost to the City of Caro in the amount of \$182 and to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the MDOT cost agreement for traffic signal control. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. HRC Invoices No. 0107022, 0107439 & 0107440 – No action taken.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Set Personnel – July 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Set Finance – July 26, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
3. DDA – The DDA approved Rowe Professional Services to develop three site plans for Sherman Street “on-street” parking; E. Burnside Parking Lot and expansion of W. Burnside Parking lot. The purpose is to have projects ready to go in case grants become available. Also, the speakers are installed in the downtown area.
4. Parks & Recreation – The committee is working on programming. The City Manager gave an update on the meeting in the absence of Langmaid.
5. Reminder of Fair Booth Signup – Greene provided open dates for signup.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. Movie night good success. Hooper Street construction is underway. DPW Superintendent is working on the final punch list for the sidewalk project. Working on Meek, Ward & E. Bush payment.

CLERK’S REPORT:

1. The Clerk reported that she will be taking September 20-22 off. Also, the public accuracy test will be held July 20, 2010 at 2 p.m. The preliminary tests were done last week. The auditors are at the City July 19-23, 2010.

Taggett – Inquired as to a finish date for the sidewalks.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer