

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order September 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 (arrived at 8 p.m.), Charlotte Kish

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda with the following additions: Consent Agenda: 1. Council Minutes – August 16, 2010 and Committee/Liaison 4. Pumpkin Parade Representation. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – Gordon Taggett questioned the sidewalk on M-24 as to handicap accessibility.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications. Council discussed medical marijuana and the position of Council. The Manager will get information from other communities and it will be directed to the Policy Committee to possibly draft a proposed ordinance. Also, the Hooper Street project came in over the budget amount from Spicer. The Manager and DPW Superintendent were not made aware of the overages prior to them occurring. The Manager is working with Spicer on this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes - August 16, 2010
2. Invoices

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Appointment to Planning Commission – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to appoint Gordon Taggett to the Planning Commission with term ending November, 2010. Motion carried.**
2. Payment to Enterprise Facilitation – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to authorize the City Clerk to pay the amount of \$1,200 to the Enterprise Facilitation. 1 abstention (Striffler). Motion carried.** Mr. Ernesto Sirolli is the founder of Enterprise Facilitation and the Sirolli Institute. He has over 30 years encouraging local economic development. Mr. Sirolli will be at the MML Conference this year.
3. Request to Hang Banner – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to approve the request from the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival to hang banners for the**

Pumpkin Festival from September 27 to October 11, 2010. 1 abstention (Henry). Motion carried.

4. **Proposed Ordinance #433 – Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to set a public hearing on proposed Ordinance #433 – Amend Zoning Ordinance #401 (Mini-Storage) for September 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.**
5. **Proposed Ordinance #434 – Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to set a public hearing on proposed Ordinance #434 – An Ordinance to Create Planning Commission to be held on September 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.**
6. **Discussion on TI Automotive Property Exchange – Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to authorize AKT Peerless to perform a Baseline Environmental Assessment as authorized by the Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority on the City owned property located at the corner of Butler Street and Montague Street at no cost to the City. Furthermore, authorize the City Manager to discuss further the possibility of a property exchange with TI Automotive for the purpose of securing an easement to extend the Chippewa Trail. Motion carried.**
7. Discussion regarding Lift Station #10 – Mayor Striffler referred to the Finance Committee to be held on September 13, 2010 at 5 p.m.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

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

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Planning – Both proposed ordinances were dealt with.
2. Historical – Roadhouse – Volunteer put up dry wall. Will be painting shortly. May have a volunteer electrician do some work.
3. Updates on Punt, Pass & Kick – Things are going good. Having meetings on a regular basis to get things planned.
4. Pumpkin Parade Representation – Pro-Tem will stand in for Mayor.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The Police Dept building has been completed on the outside. A special thanks goes out to Fader and staff for doing such a good job. The manager commended Langmaid and Debra Lipan for taking over Punt, Pass and Kick. Had a meeting with Mr. Wilson from MDOT and gave update on projects. Requested they move the City limit sign. Met with crossing guards and made hourly cuts. Updated the Council on Spicer invoices and that they exceeded the contract amount. Will be taking Sept 24 off.

CLERK REPORT:

1. The clerk has been doing research on electronic bill paying and hopefully will have a proposal shortly. Also, the clerk is doing research on a backup system for Civic. Identification badges have been done for city employees. A draft policy regarding identification badges will be provided for approval.

Langmaid moved, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk