

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order January 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Striffler

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

Absent: Amanda Langmaid

Others in Attendance: Brent D. 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 with one addition under Regular Agenda: 4. Representative to 911 Board. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**COMMUNICATION:**

Mayor Striffler noted the communications. The manager reported that the Pista grit system has been fixed. It appears to have been a wiring problem. The City Manager and DPW Superintendent met with Michelle Zaverucha from the Tuscola County Road Commission to discuss the Colling Road Project and MDOT Small Urban Program Projects. The City Manager will get a map of the Small Urban area. The City Manager was directed to write a letter to Michigan Sugar regarding the strong odor.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Minutes – Regular Council – January 3, 2011
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
  - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
  - b. Fire Report – Chief David Mattlin
  - c. Parks & Recreation – (Unavailable)
  - d. DPW/Water Report – Charles Sundblad
  - e. Blight Report – Jerry Thorp
  - f. WWTP – Curtis Wells
  - g. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Karen Snider

**Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.** Discussion as to the Fire Department mutual aid calls and how they are being recorded. The City Manager will ask the Fire Chief to come to Council either February 7 or 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to answer Council questions.

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Draft Ordinance #437 – Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on Permits – Medical Marihuana - **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Greene to set a public hearing for**

**February 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. for draft Ordinance #437, an Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on Permits – Medical Marihuana. Motion carried.**

2. Proposal for Tire Disposal and Mosquito Abatement – The City Manager will advise the County that the City declines its offer to participate in the 2011 Tire Disposal and Mosquito Abatement offer at this time inasmuch as the City has other means in place for City residents. This will also give other local units of government an opportunity to take advantage of this proposal due to the limit of participants allowed per year.
3. Update Carter Point – The City Manager gave an update on the status of Carter Point and the performance bond. It appears that the performance bond does not comply with the requirement of the Development Agreement. A longer term bond is not an option. The manager discussed some options available. The City Manager will respond that the Council still wants a bond and a Letter of Commitment that they intend to put the sidewalk in place.
4. Representation on the 911 Advisory Board – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to recommend to the County the appointment of Lipan to serve on the 911 Advisory Board with Kish as an alternate if allowed. Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Policy – Greene passed out a draft ordinance and the lease has not been completed yet. Policy set for January 31, 2011 at 7 p.m. as Committee of the Whole. Could ask the City Attorney to be present to assist with process. Greene and Morgan will make the decision if his presence is necessary.
2. DDA – The downtown light heads are on a delay until more information is received regarding a sole provider. The DDA is asking for the lights to be uniform in all areas of downtown. The DDA agreed to pay 50% of the snow removal costs for snow removal in the DDA district after approval by the manager.

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

1. The City Manager reviewed his check list of items with Council. In addition to the ones listed, the manager will communicate with Mr. Fischer regarding Well #7. Also, the City Manager will get with representatives from Oakridge Condo Association to get their response to lift station #10. The Michigan Main Street training session will be held in Clare on January 20.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

1. Election Coordinating Committee – The clerk provided Council with a copy of the Caro Community Schools Election Coordinating Committee Agreement dated January 5, 2011.

Additional Public Comment – None

**Closed Session: Legal Opinion for Division of Assets - Moved by Lipan, seconded by Kish to go into closed session at 8:55 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the Legal Opinion for Division of Assets. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no 1 absent (Langmaid). Motion carried.**

Returned from closed session at 9:05 p.m.

**Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer