

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brent D. Morgan – 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: Communication #6. Letter from Sara Dost; under Committee 1. Set Personnel Meeting and 2. Gun Club Lease. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Request for IFT – MI-Tech Tooling. – Joseph Langenburg, President of MI-TECH Tooling, Inc. was present to answer questions. The project involves the purchase of equipment that will be used for manufacturing and inspection of custom cutting tools. The tax abatement request is at 50% for 12-years on an investment of \$250,000. No public comment.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes – October 3, 2011
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Chief David Mattlin
 - c. Parks & Recreation – (Not available)
 - 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.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Discussion/Close Public Hearing – MI-Tech Tooling – No further public comment.
Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing on the MI-Tech Tooling request for IFT. Motion carried.
2. Decision on Public Hearing – **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Greene to approve the Resolution Approving Application of MI-Tech Tooling, Inc. For An Industrial**

Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

3. DDA Recommendation – Sale of Property – Ransford-Wasik Development- Mark Ransford and Damian Wasik were present to explain their proposal. Mayor Striffler read the letter from Sara Dost as requested by Rex Ellsworth. Discussion regarding an appraisal and search to determine if any agreement exists as to the use of the property. The clerk provided a copy of the minutes from when the property was gifted to the City. **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to accept the recommendation from the DDA to sell the DDA building and move forward with a draft ordinance. Discussion: Pouliot stated that without a fair market value being determined on the property, he cannot vote in favor. Roll Call: 6 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.**
4. Request for Lease Agreement – Caro 150 Winter Fest – Discussion regarding security and the need to make sure the City is doing normal patrolling and not using those employees for security. **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Henry to approve the lease agreement contingent upon approval by the Liquor Control Commission and certificates of both liquor liability and general liability and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Lease Agreement. 1 no (Kish) Motion carried.**
5. Pay Application #2 – E. Burnside Parking Lot Project. – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Greene to approve Pay Application # two to J.R. Heineman & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$106,275.32 for the 2011 Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project.**
6. Rowe Professional Services Invoice – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to approve payment of the Rowe Professional Services Invoice #68009 in the amount of \$10,244 for the E. Burnside Parking Lot Project. Motion carried.**
7. Invoice from MDOT – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to approve payment of the MDOT Invoice #AP338886 in the amount of \$1,876.19 for the reconstruction work along Gilford Road from HWY M-81 to Hooper Street and to direct the clerk to make the proper budget amendments. Motion carried.**
8. Tuscola Area Airport – Request for 2011-12 Allocation – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to approve the Tuscola Area Airport allocation for FY 2011-12 in the amount of \$17,409. Motion carried.**
9. Annual Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Trunkline Right-of-Way - **Moved by Pouliot seconded by Kish to approve the Performance Resolution For Governmental Agencies and authorizing Brent Morgan, Brian Newcomb or Charlie Sundblad to sign necessary permits. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Set Personnel – October 26, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Policy - October 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. (Gun Club Lease & Blight)

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The City Manager reported that he attended the MML conference with Councilperson Greene. He will also be out of town on Friday and back on Tuesday. The Manager reported on the status of the POLC negotiations.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The clerk was given a plat book from 1902 containing the City of Caro. She will be presenting it to the Historical Commission for the Roadhouse with two stipulations; 1) It displays a donated by Don and Marie Wightman sign and 2) if anything happens to the Roadhouse, it remains the property of the City of Caro.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Gordon Taggett expressed concern with the area encompassed by the lease agreement for the Caro 150 involving alcohol and being a family area.

Council person Henry thanked all the City staff for their help with the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer