

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Present: City Mayor Thomas K. Striffler, City Council: Dick Pouliot, Mike Henry, Joseph Greene, Amanda Langmaid, Rick Lipan, Charlotte Kish

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brent Morgan – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to approve the agenda with one change by moving Additional Public Comment just above closed session. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – Herb Sheardy stated that he made comments regarding concerns he had regarding alcoholic beverages in the park at the last meeting and they were not in the minutes of October 17. Don Duggar spoke in opposition of the proposed sale of the DDA building. He feels it is going against the original intent of the building. Duggar said the building was given to the City from the Spagnuolo family for public use. He also objected to the proposed purchase price of the building and lot in the amount of \$50,100 and stated it was too low. A written objection was submitted by Duggar to the clerk. Sara Dost also spoke in opposition of the sale expressing concern about the music system, parking, what happens to the money as a result of the sale and stated that she hoped the Council would reconsider. Gordon Taggett commented on the sale of the building and the proposal in general. Mr. Sheardy questioned the use of the money from the sale of the property.

PRESENTATION – Tri Star (Pension) Jane Hagen, Vice President, Director of Retirement Plans and Scott Freeman, Portfolio Manager were present to review the status of the City of Caro pension plan. Ms. Hagen would like to meet with the Finance Committee and Treasurer regarding investments. The Clerk will send Ms. Hagen a copy of the Investment Policy and when the committee appointments have been made a meeting will be scheduled.

PRESENTATION - Mayor Pro Tem Dick Pouliot, on behalf of the entire council, presented Mayor Thomas Striffler with a plaque for his 18+ years of service on the Council and representing the citizens of the City of Caro. Councilperson Mike Henry presented Carol Striffler, wife of the Mayor, with a dozen roses and thanked her for her support and encouragement during the Mayor's years of serving the community.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes - October 17, 2011
2. Personnel Minutes – October 26, 2011
3. Policy Minutes – October 26, 2011
4. Invoices

Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to approve the consent agenda including the invoices as presented and add Mr. Sheardy’s comments regarding selling alcohol in the park in the October 17 minutes. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. FY 2010/11 Audit Report – Gary Anderson and Jamie Peasley, Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C. did a presentation regarding the budget ending June 30, 2011 at the Finance Committee of the Whole. **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Greene to accept the audit report for FY 2010/11 as presented. Motion carried.** City Manager was asked to thank the staff for contributing to the City receiving such a good audit report.
2. Draft Ordinance – Sale of Property/Set Public Hearing – A draft ordinance was presented to Council for the sale of property to Ransford-Wasik, LLC. – Discussed the money for the sale of the property would go into the general fund, however could make the money restricted, committed or leave as is. Also discussed a reverter clause that would require the purchasers to make certain designated building improvements in a certain amount of time or it would revert back to the city. Section 5 needs the words “purchase agreement and” **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to direct the manager to research the best legal options as to the ability to enforce a reverter clause or a performance bond to be included in the exhibit. Motion carried.** **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to set a public hearing for November 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. on the proposed ordinance for Sale of Property. Motion carried.**
3. Property Lease Agreement – Tuscola County Conservation Club – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to enter into the Lease Agreement between the City of Caro and the Tuscola County Conservation Club as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer to execute said lease. Motion carried.**
4. Request for Continuance of CDs – City Treasurer – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Langmaid to allow the CDs at Northstar Bank and Team One Credit Union to rollover automatically for a 12 month period and to authorize the City Mayor and City Clerk to sign the paperwork at Independent Bank necessary to put \$250,000 into a CD for 12 months at an APY of 0.55%. Motion carried.**
5. Request for Utility Cuts – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to approve the City of Caro to enter into a contract with Lois Kay Contracting for utility cuts for a total amount of \$10,951.50 as outlined in City Manager memo dated November 2, 2011. Motion carried.**

6. Lift Station #10 – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City of Caro and the Oak Ridge Pointe Condominium Association regarding lift station #10 as presented and with the easement description from Mr. Dunton. Motion carried.**
7. Snow Removal Bids - **Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to award the bid for snow removal to Jaster Construction during extremely heavy snowfall and excessive accumulation of snow at the rate of \$63 per hour for loader and \$62 per hour for dump truck. Motion carried.**
8. Parks & Recreation Resignation - **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Langmaid to accept the resignation of Marci LaValley from the Parks & Recreation Committee with regrets. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Finance – Chairman Pouliot reviewed the first quarter invoices per the auditors and made his recommendations.
2. Personnel – Chairman Henry reported on the City Manager performance evaluation. Had good discussion and City Manager will look into training opportunities and Chairman will be sitting down with the manager to do his contract. Encourage councilpersons to go to manager with any concerns.
3. Policy – Reviewed the weed ordinance and found it to be fine, however the implementation procedure needs to be worked out between City Manager and staff.
4. Historical – The commission was happy to receive the 1902 plat book. Janet Ihle will be resigning. The commission will be making a recommendation as to filling the slot and also reappointments.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

Manager Morgan gave an update to Council. Also he thanked Mayor Striffler for his years of service to the community.

CLERK REPORT: The Clerk reported that the election is Tuesday, November 8 at the Caro Municipal Building and encourages everyone gets out and vote.

Additional Comments – Mr. Sheardy questioned what the money is used for that comes from the Gun Club Lease. Council explained that there was no money involved.

Mayor Striffler stated that he appreciates having served on council. He feels it is time for a change with new people and new ideas. He strongly urged Council members to work together to reach a consensus. He said it is important to keep it civil and always respect each other's opinions and to always proceed with the best interest of City at heart. He encourage council members to consider moving forward to enhance the livability of our community, including infrastructure, streets and recreational. Levy civic clubs in moving forward with recreation. Need to continue to make the City of Caro a great place to live.

Closed session – POLC Union Negotiations – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing POLC Union Negotiations. Roll Call Vote: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**

Came out of closed session at 10:10 p.m. and reported that a tentative agreement has been reached with the POLC Union.

Langmaid moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk