

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order February 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Dick Pouliot

Present: City Mayor Pro Tem Dick Pouliot, City Council: Joe Greene, Mike Henry, Rick Lipan, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish

Absent: City Mayor Thomas K. Striffler

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Kish, seconded by Lipan to approve the agenda with the Clerk giving an update on SB 34. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance #437 – Impose a Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits for the Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana Within the City of Caro – The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing and explained the proposed ordinance. Gordon Taggett asked for clarification regarding the growing/dispensary of medical marihuana. No other public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem noted the communications. The City Manager will send a thank you to Susan Chambers for serving on the Planning Commission on behalf of the Council. Discussed the response letter from Michigan Sugar regarding the odor. The City Manager and Councilmember Greene will be taking a tour of the Michigan Sugar Plant and meeting with the environmental manager.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes – January 17, 2011
2. Policy Minutes – January 31, 2011
3. Invoices

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Close Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance #437 - **Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #437. Motion carried.**
2. Decision on Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance #437 - **Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to adopt Ordinance #437, An Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits for the Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana Within the City of Caro. Motion carried.**

3. Request for Banner – Tuscola County Community Foundation – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to approve the request from the Tuscola County Community Foundation to hang a banner for the Cardboard City on the Courthouse Lawn from May 2 – May 16, 2011. Motion carried.**
4. Request for Banner – Early on Program - **Moved by Kish, seconded by Henry to approve the request from the Early On Program at Highland Pines to hang a banner for the Annual Children’s Fun Fair from April 4 – April 18, 2011. Motion carried.**
5. Set Public Hearing – Close Out of CDBG Project – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to set a public hearing on February 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to close out the CDBG Project MSC 209012-ICE, the Water Improvement Project. Motion carried.**
6. Set Public Hearing – CDBG Grant Application – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to set a public hearing on February 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to hear public comment on a CDBG Application for Downtown Parking Lot Project located at E. Burnside Street. Motion carried.**
7. MML Membership Renewal Dues – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to approve payment of the MML Membership dues for 2011-12 in the amount of \$2,685. Motion carried.** Greene expressed concerns with MML and will draft a letter for council to review at next meeting.
8. Operator in Charge – Water Supply System – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to authorize the City Manager to contract with Scott Boshart to serve as the Operator in Charge in order to meet MDNRE rules. Motion carried.**
9. Board of Review Hours - **Moved by Kish, seconded by Henry to approve that the Board of Review shall meet not less than six hours each day and that the Board of Review shall meet at least three hours after 6 p.m. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Finance – Finance Chair Pouliot provided a written report on his second fiscal quarter financial review of invoices at the direction of the auditors. Also, the Finance committee received the second quarter financial report and no issues were noted. A list of transfers was presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. **Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to approve the list of transfers as presented by the City Clerk. Motion carried.**
2. Historical – Mark Putnam, Chair of the Historical Commission was present and gave update on the Roadhouse.
3. Policy Committee of the Whole – February 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The City Manager gave an update on the recent snow storm and thanked DPW and staff for the great job done in clearing the snow and being able to come to work. Jaster was called in to remove snow and that invoice will be split 50/50 between the City and the DDA. The manager also did a ride along with DPW employees. Chickie's 81 Smoke House has opened.

CLERK REPORT:

1. Update on SB 34 – The clerk gave an update on Senate Bill 34 which is the bill to eliminate the personal property tax. A public hearing is being held this Wednesday, February 9th, at 12:30 in Lansing. The effect it would have on the City is an estimated annual revenue loss of \$160,000.
2. Tax Collection – The winter tax collection is going fairly slow with over a million dollars in outstanding tax levy to be collected.
3. The Clerk is in the process of getting final figures to replace the server, clerk's computer, backup system and do the necessary updates to handle the BS&A assessing and taxing programs.

Additional Public Comment: Mr. Sheardy questioned the use of the grant that was being applied for and was told it is for the parking lot by Schall School.

It is the consensus of the Council to direct the Clerk to post the open position on the Planning Commission.

Langmaid moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk