

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order March 21, 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, Amanda Langmaid

Absent: None

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 Langmaid to approve the agenda with one Department Report added: Fire. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Herbert Sheardy handed out a letter to Council expressing his concerns.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes – March 7, 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 Greene, seconded by Lipan to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Proposed Budget FY 2011/2012 Schedule – Council set April 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for budget meeting.
2. Discussion of Parks & Recreation Summer Programs – Discussion took place due to declining revenue, regarding the encouragement and growth of recreational volunteers, collection of data of what programs already exist, awareness to the public, suggestions regarding possible fee schedule for pavilion and ball fields, and actions being taken by other communities. Also discussed putting together a promotional brochure and a short term park facilities improvement plan. **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to notify the school that the pool will not be part of the City of Caro Parks and**

Recreation summer plans this year. Roll call vote: 5 no, 2 yes. Motion failed. Moved by Lipan, seconded by Kish to have a joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Committee prior to the next council meeting. Motion carried. The City Manager will schedule the meeting and advise of the date and time.

3. Adjustments to Outstanding Accounts/Write-Offs – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to authorize the Clerk to write off the outstanding bankruptcy amount of \$8,424.64 minus the \$261.81 for sidewalk special assessment being a total amount of \$8,162.83. Motion carried.** The clerk also informed the Council of the status of the financials regarding the Unclaimed Property Act.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Policy – a. Park Lease – The park lease was reviewed by staff and the City Attorney and mailed to MMRMA. b. Fair Board Lease – Policy reviewed the lease and a lot of questions were raised. Further research needs to be done. Another Policy meeting will need to be scheduled.
2. DDA – Minutes enclosed. There is a meeting scheduled for March 22, 2011 to discuss the status of the MI Blueprint and the Main Street program and make recommendations as to what direction the DDA needs to proceed.
3. Representative Damrow will meet with council March 25, 2011 at 4 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The City Manager will set up a meeting with a representative from TI Automotive to discuss the trailway. RFP's went out as to (a) Video Inspections of Sewers; (b) Sale of Used Equipment, and (c) Mowing Noxious Weeds/Grass. The Manager explained his reasons for putting the Parks & Recreation discussion on the agenda. May want to discuss fair board lease at the meeting if time allows. Council member questioned status of Well #7. Manager to consult with attorney. Also council inquired as to status of Lift Station #10.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The Board of Review met today and reviewed approximately 46 properties. They will be meeting again tomorrow. Also, the new server, clerk's computer, Barracuda backup, and extra hard drive have been installed as well as the BS&A assessing software.

Additional Public Comment:

Mr. Taggett asked about the scheduling of the Parks & Recreation meeting.

Mr. Sheardy feels the Parks and Recreation programs should break even.

Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer