

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order May 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Striffler

Present: Mayor Thomas Striffler, Council Members Dick Pouliot, Rick Lipan, Mike Henry, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish (arrived 7:55 p.m.)

Absent: Joe Greene

Others in Attendance: Brent D. Morgan – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Langmaid to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – MI Tech Tooling Request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption – The request is for a 50% tax abatement on eligible equipment for a period of 12-years.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – R&S Tool & Die Request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption - The request is for a 50% tax abatement on eligible equipment for a period of 12-years.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes – May 2, 2011
2. Budget Minutes – May 4, 2011
3. Policy Committee Minutes – May 9, 2011
4. Invoices
5. 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 Langmaid to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Close Public Hearing – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to close the public hearing on the MI Tech Tooling Request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request. Motion carried.**
2. Decision on Public Hearing – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Lipan to approve the Resolution Approving the Application from MI Tech Tooling for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Kish, Greene). Motion carried.**
3. Close Public Hearing – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Langmaid to close the public hearing on the R&S Tool & Die Request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request. Motion carried.**
4. Decision on Public Hearing – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to approve the Resolution Approving the Application from R&S Tool & Die for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Kish, Greene). Motion carried.**
5. Request from L.E.A.D. Tuscola – Charitable Gaming License – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Lipan to approve the Local Governing Resolution For Charitable Gaming Licenses. 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Kish, Greene). Motion carried.**
6. Procurement of Tasers for Caro Police Department – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the purchase of two X-2 units with cartridges and dataport download software for a cost of \$2,910.65. Motion carried. Moved by Lipan, seconded by Langmaid to approve the updated General Order #2 pertaining to the use of force which includes Electronic Control Devices (ECD or “Tasers”). Motion carried. Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to authorize the City Manager to submit the MMRMA Grant Application for the RAP (Risk Avoidance Program) for the purchase of two tasers. Motion carried.**
7. DDA Recommendation – Grease & Dumpster Enclosures – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Pouliot to support the recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority and direct the City Manager to co-author a letter with the DDA Chairman to business owners notifying them that grease containers will not be allowed in dumpster enclosures and that the DDA is having all dumpster enclosures power washed. Motion carried.**
8. Request from Caro Chamber of Commerce – Fair Booth – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Lipan to authorize the sharing of the fair booth with the Caro Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$47.50 with Council member Greene being the chair on behalf of the Council and that Council members will not be responsible for the money bag. Motion carried.**

9. Set Public Hearing on Proposed FY 11-12 Budget/Tax Levy – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to set the public hearing on the Proposed FY 11-12 Budget/Tax Levy of 16.1643 mills for June 6, 2011. Motion carried.**

10. WWTP Proposal – Secondary Digester Cover – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the HRC Engineering proposal for an amount not to exceed \$11,000 and authorizes a committee to approve a contractor to remove the cover and the possible removal of biosolids for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried.** The committee consists of the Finance Committee.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Policy – A joint meeting was held between the Policy Committee and the Fair Board to discuss fairground lease.
2. Planning – A draft Ordinance is at the City Attorney for review. A public hearing was held on the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment regarding medical marihuana facilities.
3. DDA – Minutes in packet. At the DDA meeting on May 11, 2011 the Board passed a motion to pay for 50% of the paint removal and coldplastic installation of the \$5,867.30. The manager will schedule PK Contracting to perform the service and the city will pay 50% of the \$5,867.30 out of Major Street Fund.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The City Manager reported that we need to set a Finance meeting on Lift Station #10. A meeting has not been scheduled for the Parks & Recreation subcommittee. The manager prepared a Request for Proposals which will be discussed by the subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

Finance Committee will meet Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

Kish gave an update on the EMCOG meeting that she attended. She also has a CD if anyone is interested.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. I will be out of the office May 27 and May 31, 2011 and on vacation August 15-19, 2011.

The manager reported that the clerk and manager will be meeting with AFSCME representatives on May 19 to review ground rules for union negotiations. The police are in the process of switching unions.

Kish would like to attend the FY2011 Thumb Public Officials Conference on June 7. The clerk will register her.

Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.
Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer