

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order May 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Striffler

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brent 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:** Pouliot commented on the achievement of getting the main terrorist as a result of the 911 situation. It is an example of American perseverance to bring closure to what happened.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance #436 – An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #348 – Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks –** This ordinance has been under review for some time and a lot of research and hard work has gone into preparing the ordinance. A special permit may be approved by the City Council after consideration of several factors. The special permit is conditional and contingent upon the execution of a lease agreement.

Mayor Striffler asked for Public Comment.

Gordon Taggett – Council did a good job and he approves of it.

Tim Carleton – Felt Council put a lot of thought in the ordinance and he supports it.

Debra Lipan – Agrees that Council did a good job and supports the ordinance.

Herb Sheardy – Council took due diligence and did it the way it should be done and did not rush into it.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Council Minutes – April 18, 2011
2. Budget Meeting – April 25, 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 #436 - **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #436. Motion carried.**

2. Decision on Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance #436 - **Moved by Greene, seconded by Pouliot to adopt Ordinance #436, An Ordinance to Amend the Caro Ordinance Number 348. 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.** Appreciation was expressed to the Policy Committee for their hard work.
3. Recommendation from Parks & Recreation – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to authorize \$13,000 for programming and of that amount of \$13,000 would include money to hire someone to coordinate the programs and our cost for the pool for a 12- month period. 3 yes, 4 no. Motion failed. Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to authorize \$16,000 for programming and pool for a 12-month period and authorize the manager to fill the programming coordinator function. Roll call: 4 yes, 3 no. Motion carried.** Personnel Chair and Parks & Recreation liaison will serve on committee to work with administrative staff to work out details.
4. Sale of Used Equipment - **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Lipan to authorize the manager to accept the bids on vehicles #1, #2 and #5 for the received amounts. Motion carried. Moved by Kish, seconded by Lipan to authorize the manager to re-bid for a two-week period vehicle #3 and #4 and if the City does not get at least \$4,000 for vehicle 3 and \$1,500 for vehicle 4 he will try to sell them by advertising equipment for sale for that amount. Motion carried.**
5. MI Strategic Fund Grant Agreement MSC 210028-DIG – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to direct the City Manager to execute the MI Strategic Fund Grant Agreement MSC 210028-DIG on behalf of the City of Caro. Motion carried.**

#### **ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None.

#### **COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Policy – Working on fair board lease, making a few adjustments and setting up a meeting with representatives from the fair board and policy committee members.
2. Finance – Received written report.
3. Historical – Mark Putnam, Chair of the Historical Commission was present and gave update on the Roadhouse.

#### **MANAGER COMMENTS:**

The Gleaners are interested in using Bieth Park on Saturday, May 6, 2011. A revised budget will be presented to Council Wednesday night. The DDA sent out a RFP for lawn mowing and seasonal maintenance. The bid was awarded to Total Lawn Care. There are miscellaneous items to be done such as power washing and painting of dumpster enclosures. These items will go before the DDA Board. The painting of crosswalks was discussed and the manager will get a revised estimate from PK Striping. The DPW staff will be able to do some of the work. The work will include Lincoln and Sherman crosswalks. The manager will check into the warranty of the work by PK Striping. The manager will check with the DDA to determine how much they are willing to contribute to the project. Also, the WWTP was about 6 inches away from having a sanitary sewer overflow. WWTP had an issue with their secondary digester cover collapsing. **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to get HRC engineers here, remove the digester cover and get cost on repair or replace and determine how to fund it. Motion carried.**

**CLERK REPORT:** None

Additional Public comment – Mr. Sheardy expressed concern regarding problems with the past engineers and suggested the city look at a different firm. He also felt the issue of out of city residents using the Parks & Recreation programs was not addressed.

**Moved by Lipan, seconded by Langmaid to go into closed session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of union negotiations. 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**

Returned to open session at 10:25 p.m.

**Moved by Henry, seconded by Pouliot to authorize the manager to contract with our labor attorney for legal assistance regarding union negotiations. Motion carried.**

**Langmaid moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk