

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order June 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Striffler

Present: City Mayor Thomas K. Striffler, City Council: Dick Pouliot, Joe Greene, Mike Henry, Charlotte Kish

Absent: Amanda Langmaid, Rick Lipan

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – Herb Sheardy inquired as to what EMCOG stands for. (Eastern Michigan Council of Governments).

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget – Mayor Striffler opened the Public Hearing on the proposed budget and explained the transfers from the General Fund to other funds. Council thanked staff and department heads for the hard work put into doing the budget.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes - May 16, 2011
2. Finance Minutes – May 19, 2011
3. Invoices

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Close Public Hearing – Proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Henry to close the public hearing on Proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget. Motion carried.**
2. Millage Rate Consideration – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Greene to approve the millage rate at 16.1643 for the City of Caro. Motion carried.**
3. Action on Proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to adopt the FY 2011-2012 budget as presented. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Langmaid and Lipan). Motion carried.**

4. Lift Station #10 – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to accept the Finance Committee’s recommendations as outlined in Finance minutes dated May 19, 2011 and to authorize the City Manager to get the legal documents prepared for an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Motion carried.**
5. Foreclosed Properties – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Greene to authorize the City Treasurer to sign the “first right of refusal” for the parcels presented. Motion carried.**
6. Request for Banner – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the banner request for the annual Old Engine and Tractor Show from August 1 – August 15, 2011. Motion carried.**
7. Parks & Recreation Program Bid – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Henry to authorize an agreement with the Village of Cass City for \$4,900 for the parks and recreation summer programs, making sure the fee structure is higher for non-residents and authorize the City Manager and Mayor to work out the details and enter into an agreement with Cass City. 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Langmaid and Lipan) Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Update on Fair Booth – Joe Greene - Greene will bring a sign up sheet to the next meeting for working the fair booth. He will also look at things to be used for give-a-way. A meeting was held with the fair board and they should be ready to put a draft lease together.
2. Finance – Two members of the finance committee as well as the City Manager met with representatives from HRC and Gerace Construction regarding the issue with the secondary digester in preparation of removing the damaged cover. Gerace Company has removed other digester covers and are a very capable company. The digester rollers have already been removed.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. DDA did significant improvements at Atwood Park. The DDA did not have their regular meeting in June as they are waiting on additional information regarding the Parking lot grant. They will be holding a meeting at the end of the month. PK Striping completed the striping downtown. The manager reported that the Historical Commission will be getting a sign at the Roadhouse that will match the rest of the signs for City. The RFP has been issued for the electrical upgrade at the Roadhouse and is due on June 15. The manager will get an update on the progress of the video being done for the next meeting.

CLERK REPORT:

1. The City Manager, Council member Kish and I will be attending the Emergency Management training June 7. I will be attending the BS&A tax training on June 14

and my deputy on June 15. The July newsletter will be going out July 1. Tax bills will also be mailed on July 1.

Taggett – Concerns: 1)sandwich board signs; 2) trees at corners; and 3) dog issues.

Council would like a calculation of costs to the City for cars & crafts.

Mayor Striffler announced that he will not be running for Mayor in the upcoming November election. Mayor Striffler has served the City of Caro since 1993.

Henry moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk