

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order October 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

Present: Mayor Dick Pouliot, Council Members: Mike Henry, Joe Greene, Rick Lipan, Gordon Taggett, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish

Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Lipan, seconded by Greene to approve the agenda with one addition under Committee Reports: 2. EMCOG. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – None

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance #445 – Ordinance to Repeal Sections 16-61 through 16-63 of the City of Caro Code. Mayor Pouliot opened the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #445.

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance #446 – Ordinance to Amend Section 16-60 of the City of Caro Code. Mayor Pouliot opened the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #446.

The Manager reported that the Chief of Police and City Manager reviewed the Fireworks Ordinance and found that it was not in compliance with the State. The City Manager pointed out the changes that needed to be made.

Mayor Pouliot asked for public comment on either proposed ordinance. None noted. The Mayor stated that he would leave the hearings open a little longer in case others came in.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Pouliot noted the communications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes October 1, 2012
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - a. Police Report - Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - c. Parks & Recreation
 - 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 Kish to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Close Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance #445 – Mayor Pouliot asked for additional discussion. None noted. **Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #445. Motion carried.**
2. Decision on Proposed Ordinance #445 –**Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to adopt Ordinance #445 – Ordinance to Repeal Sections 16-61 through 16-63 of the City of Caro Code. Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**
3. Close Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance #446 – Mayor Pouliot asked for additional discussion. Questions as to permit needed if not days mentioned in Ordinance. **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #446. Motion carried.**
4. Decision on Proposed Ordinance #446 –**Moved by Kish, seconded by Taggett to adopt Ordinance #446 – Ordinance to Amend Section 16-60 of the City of Caro Code. Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**
5. DDA Recommendation – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to refer back to DDA Board for a recommendation. Motion carried.**
6. Interim City Manager Contract – The Mayor explained that the City Manager accepted a position in Milford. The City Manager’s last day will be November 2, 2012. **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to enter into a contract for City of Caro Interim Manager with Tom Striffler with the terms outlined in the proposed contract presented to Council. Motion carried.**
7. Manager Search Process – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to hire Voorhees Associates, Frank Walsh to use for the City of Caro’s manager recruitment process. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Spotlight – November 5, 2012 – Greene
2. EMCOG (East Michigan Council of Governments) Report – Kish attended a meeting on October 12 and gave Council an update. EMCOG had their election of new members and also set upcoming meeting dates. Updates were given on trails, MI Coastal Great Lakes Water Trail Project and Wind Energy and the effect on Gratiot County. Kish informed Council that the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development announced a new grant opportunity for county fairs to make building and other capital improvements to their fairground facilities. The grant proposals deadline is November 15, 2012.
3. Finance – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Caro 150 pay the lump sum of \$450 to the City of Caro to cover the cost of one Caro Police Officer assigned to the Caro 150 with the understanding that the Caro 150 contract with the Tuscola County’s Sheriff’s posse and pay for no less than 4 members at any**

time and that the fence will encompass the entire area and moreover approve the amended agreement as presented. Motion carried.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Morgan explained that it has been a pleasure serving the residents of the City of Caro and he is happy to see that the transition is going so smoothly. He also stated that it was a difficult choice to leave Caro but it would put him closer to family in the Metro Detroit area. Sherman Street water hookups should be done this week. Mr. Carpenter will be at the next meeting to give an update. The trail way project is moving forward. Mr. Zaharie submitted his site plans and they are at Rowe Engineering.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The City of Caro Election Commission met and reviewed the candidates for election inspectors for the November 6 General Election. Also, Public Act 271 of 2012, took effect August 15, 2012 and deals with Receiving Boards. According to the BOE, the receiving board used to be a "may" have and now it is a "shall" have. Therefore, the Election Commission adopted a Resolution Establishing a Receiving Board for the City of Caro. There are a large number of absentee ballot requests this election. The clerk gave an update on the repair/maintenance money for lift station #10.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Sheardy asked why people's comments are not put in the minutes.

CLOSED SESSION – AFSCME Union Contract – Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing AFSCME Union Contract. Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Came out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to approve the mediation settlement dated September 24, 2012 and implement it into a contract and execute. Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer