

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order November 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

Present: City Mayor Dick Pouliot, City Council: Mike Henry, Joseph Greene, Gordon Taggett, Charlotte Kish, Amanda Langmaid

Absent: Rick Lipan

Others in Attendance: Thomas K. Striffler – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer, Brian Newcomb – Caro Police Chief, Mike Carpenter - Rowe Professional Services, Bill Bushaw – Tuscola County EDC Board Chairman and other guests

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – Mr. Sheardy questioned the fuel surcharge.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Herb Sheardy owns and operates A-1 Rental & Concrete located at 1251 W. Caro Road, Caro, MI. The business offers party & equipment rentals, mobile mix concrete & septic tanks, propane tank refills, mini storage units, signs, banners and more.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes - October 15, 2012
2. Finance Committee of the Whole – October 15, 2012
3. Invoices

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Request to Fly Honorary Flag – On August 3, 2012 Senator Green had a Capitol Flag flown in Lansing in honor of Lauren Hood. Lauren has Hurlers Syndrome and is undergoing treatment at the University of Minnesota. The “Flag” was presented to Lauren’s family on September 23 at her benefit dinner. The University of Minnesota also granted permission to have the “Flag” flown there to honor all the children and their families and all the people who helped Lauren in Minnesota. The “Flag” was flown there as a symbolic thank you to everyone. Mr. Anderson is before Council to request permission to fly the flag at City Hall in Caro as a symbolic thank you for the love and support given by the people of Caro and surrounding community. The flag will travel next to McComb Elementary School where Landon Hood, Lauren’s brother is a first grader. It will then travel to Kingston Elementary School where Colleen, Lauren’s mother is a teacher. This is a way to say “thank you” for all the support from the community. **Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to authorize the “Flag” to**

- be flown at Caro City Hall when it is delivered to staff. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no. 1 absent (Lipan). Motion carried.**
2. **Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator – Moved by Taggett, seconded by Kish to approve the Resolution For Designation of Street Administrator naming Thomas K. Striffler, Interim City Manager as the Street Administrator for the City of Caro. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no. 1 absent (Lipan). Motion carried.**
 3. **Signature Card Approval - Payroll – Moved by Kish, seconded by Taggett to authorize the City Clerk to do a new signature card to add Thomas K. Striffler, City Manager to the payroll account along with the City Clerk and in the absence of either/or the City Manager and City Clerk, one of the other authorized signature(s) would be used. Motion carried.**
 4. **MDOT Invoice for Sherman Street–Local Portion and Update - Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to approve the payment of the MDOT invoice #AP347829 in the amount of \$157,263.42 for the W. Sherman Street local portion of the project. Motion carried.** Michael Carpenter from Rowe gave an update on the project.
 5. **Request from Clerk – CD’s – Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to authorize the entire balance of the CD’s to automatically rollover at Northstar Bank, Independent Bank and Team One Credit Union and authorize the City Mayor and City Clerk to sign any paperwork pertaining to these transactions if necessary. Motion carried.**
 6. **EDC Allocation Request – Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the Tuscola Economic Development Corporation allocation in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried.**
 7. **Set Finance Committee – Police Vehicle, 1st Qtr Financial – Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid that the Finance Committee meeting be set for November 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to review the Police Vehicle, 1st quarter report and agreement with the Tuscola County Road Commission. Motion carried.**
 8. **Fuel Surcharge – Attachment F Revision – Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to approve the revised Richfield Equities Attachment F, City of Caro Fuel Surcharge Sheet as presented. Motion carried.**
 9. **Budget Amendment – Election Supplies – Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to authorize the clerk to amend the City of Caro election budget, supply line 101-191-740-000 by an additional \$2,000. Motion carried.**
 10. **Snow Removal Bids – Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to award the snow removal bid to Henry Jaster Construction in the amount of \$63 per hour for loader/operation and \$62 per hour for dump truck/operator. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Historical – The Roadhouse open house was a success. The Commission thanks Mr. Taggett for the work he has done at Roadhouse. Historical Commission would like the Council to tour the building and see what the issues are. They are concerned with lighting in the front of the building especially when meetings get out later in evening.
2. Business Spotlight – December, 2012 –Henry will get.
3. Update on Manager’s Search – The Mayor gave an update on the manager’s search. It is going well according to an email he received and 14 resumes have been received to date with another two weeks to go.

MANAGER COMMENTS: Striffler handed out a proposed schedule for office hours. He is using Morgan’s cell phone. Cummins Bridgeway has started working on DPW loader which is ahead of schedule. A Category F Grant has been applied for to do Columbia Street; however no determination has been made. Striffler will be getting with Mr. Sundbald to discuss some local street projects. Will be reviewing the Small Urban Task Force projects. Well #1 roof needs to be replaced. Striffler gave an update on a problem with a radiator at the WWTP and Lift Station #10. Noted that the part-time police officer staffing will need to be evaluated to supplement the vacancy in the position.

CLERK REPORT: The Clerk showed Council the new voting booths and gave an update on the large amount of absentee voters.

Additional Public Comment: None

Henry moved Langmaid, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk