

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order December 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

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

Absent: Gordon Taggett

Others in Attendance: Thomas K. Striffler – Interim City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – Gary Rolka questioned a possible purchase on a business.

COMMUNICATION: Noted by Mayor Pouliot.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes December 3, 2012
2. Special Council Minutes – December 4, 2012
3. Personnel Minutes – December 3, 2012
4. Invoices
5. 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 Greene, seconded by Kish to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Recommendation from DDA – Notice of Intent – DIG Program – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to approve that the City of Caro submit a Notice of Intent for 2012 DIG grant for the Sheridan Street Project and assure that local matching funds would be immediately available should the grant be received. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Taggett). Motion carried.**
2. Chamber of Commerce Memorandum – Susan Holder was present to answer questions regarding the memorandum. **Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Caro Chamber of Commerce, City of Caro and Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.**

3. Appointment of Committee/Liaison – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to approve the appointments of Committee/Liaison positions as presented by the Mayor. Motion carried.**
4. Banner Request from Caro 150 Winter Fest –**Moved by Lipan, seconded by Kish to approve the request from the Caro 150 Winter Fest to hang banners from January 7 – January 21, 2013 for the Caro 150 Winter Fest and Snowmobile Races. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. TACA Building Review – Ad Hoc Committee – The committee toured the building and identified various items referred by TACA that needed to be addressed for safe use of the building and saw several building issues that the City needs to address to avoid deterioration of the building.
2. Business Spotlight – January 7, 2013 – Sunny Physical Therapy, LLC

MANAGER COMMENTS:

Interim City Manager Striffler stated that the Police Chief is in the process of hiring a part-time police officer. Also, 36 applications were received for the DPW position. The DPW Superintendent hopes to have someone on board by the first part of January. The Manager got the grant application submitted for the demolition of the Wilbur building at the fairgrounds. Had Curtis Stowe from Building Codes look at a few other houses in the City that are in a severe blight situation. Sundblad will get an electrician down to the roadhouse to check out the back light. The sign for disc golf has been put up at the fairgrounds. The Tuscola County Road Commission Agreement is ready for signatures. The Planning Commission is having a public hearing tomorrow night on rezoning of property for the Tuscola County Medical Facility. The Manager will be having a second meeting with employees regarding health care options on Wednesday. The plow truck is about 2-3 weeks away from delivery.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk read a thank you card from the Millerov Family. The Clerk will be out of the office on December 21 and December 26. City offices will be closed December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1.

Discussed brush being put out to the road after the ending date per the City Policy. It was determined that the DPW crew should pick up the brush and revise the policy for next year. This policy revision will be addressed at the Policy Committee. All brush picked up now will need a letter sent by the City Manager notifying them that it is after the pick-up date.

Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to direct staff to prepare a draft ordinance to extend the moratorium on the medical marijuana to be presented at the next meeting. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Sheardy questioned the timelines that it takes for a matter to be completed from the time it goes to Planning and then to Council. He felt a building should be completed in 90 days. Also, he would like the City to have an in-house engineer.

February 23, 2013 will be the Caro Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year at the Knights of Columbus. Any nominations can be submitted to Caro Chamber of Commerce at 429 N. State Street.

Moved by Langmaid, seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer