

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order February 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brent Morgan – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer, Charles Sundblad – DPW Superintendent, Brian Newcomb – Caro Police Chief and other guests

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – None

INTRODUCTION OF FIRE CHIEF – A selection committee comprised of Joe Greene – Personnel Chair, Dave Mattlin -former Fire Chief and Brent Morgan – City Manager performed interviews and by unanimous decision the position was offered and accepted by Randy Heckroth on February 3, 2012. The decision was based on education, ability, training and experience. Chief Heckroth was sworn in and introduced to the Council and public. Former Chief Mattlin was recognized for his service while Fire Chief. Mrs. Heckroth and Mrs. Mattlin received flowers from the Caro Fire Department.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Pouliot noted the communications.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes - January 16, 2012
2. Finance Committee of the Whole – January 25, 2012
3. Invoices

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Sherman Street Project Recommendation – Finance Committee –**Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and to go forward with the Sherman Street Project with the reduction in the sewer fund from \$154,000 to \$65,000 and use the General fund to pay for engineering by showing the expenditures by the percentage of the project expenditures in the funds and showing transfers from the general fund. Motion carried.**

2. Design Engineering Sherman Street Project – Finance Committee – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to award design engineering only to Rowe Engineering due to the time constraints in the amount of \$64,300 for the Sherman Street Project. Motion carried.**
3. Financial Transfers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report – Finance Committee – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to direct the Clerk/Treasurer to make the Building and Ground transfers from the other funds and also the Sanitation fund transfer from General fund in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried.**
4. Fire Hall Exhaust Extraction System – Finance Committee – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Taggett to accept the recommendation from Finance to approve the quote from Nederman for the repair of the exhaust and bring it back into working order in the amount not to exceed \$5,500 and direct the City Clerk/Treasurer to amend the budget to reflect this expenditure. Motion carried.**
5. Consideration of Business Spotlight – Consensus of Council to continue the Business Spotlight beginning March 5. Council member Henry will get March business.
6. Request to Hang Banner – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to approve the request from Tuscola ISD, Early on Program to hang a banner for their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Fun Fair from April 16 – 30, 2012. Motion carried.**
7. Appointment to Parks & Recreation – Refer the applicant to Parks & Recreation for a recommendation.
8. Medical Marihuana Moratorium Discussion – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to set a public hearing for February 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. on the draft Medical Marihuana Ordinance referred to Council by Planning. Roll Call: 4 yes, 3 no (Kish, Henry, Pouliot). Motion carried.**
9. Dept of Public Works Request – Well #1 Repair – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Greene to hire Northern Pump & Well to fix Well #1 for costs of \$8,810.23 and amend the budget to cover the expenditure. Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. None

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Manager Morgan reported that due to the lack of information provided, he would be doing a RFP for the E. Congress project. The land division request has gone to the Almer Township Assessor for Lift Station #10. The Chamber of Commerce 2011 Citizen of the Year is Saturday, February 25 at the Knights of Columbus. HDC is doing a Walk for Warmth. Further information was

received regarding the union negotiations. The manager attended the Tuscola County Commissioners' meeting regarding the DDA tax capture.

Kish felt that there are many trees on Fremont Street that need attention.

The commercial assessment figures are not available yet.

DPW Superintendent will arrange for a spring cleanup day with Richfield Equities.

The manager will check into the Flood Plain Plan status with county.

**CLERK REPORT:** The Clerk informed the Council that she will be on vacation August 24-31, 2012 and that she also has over 3 weeks of vacation to use by July 9. Richfield Equities is charging the City \$26.85 per month as a new MI Landfill fee that is the result of a new Senate Bill No. 449 signed into law and effective September 21, 2011. This law states that the surcharge shall be passed through and collected from any person who generated the solid waste or facility. The Election Commission for the City of Caro met and reviewed and approved the election inspectors for the February 28 Primary Election. Also, we purchased 4 sets of crowd control posts and bases. This will help direct voters to the proper voting location. The cleaning service has been instructed to begin cleaning in the fire hall. The Chamber of Commerce newsletter is on their web by going to: [carochamber.org](http://carochamber.org), click on the left side under visit the chamber and in the middle of the page

**Langmaid moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk