

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order March 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

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

Absent: Amanda Langmaid

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:** Debra Lipan, President of the Caro 150 Winter Fest, came before Council to dispute an invoice received from the City of Caro for police security during the Caro 150. The Mayor referred the issue to the Policy Committee to review the information presented by Debra Lipan and bring back a recommendation to Council. The meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposed Ordinance - Moratorium – Medical Marihuana – Mayor Pouliot opened the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits for the Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana Within The City of Caro at 7:42 p.m. Mayor Pouliot asked for public comments. Mr. Sheardy felt the City has expended enough money in legal fees and that the City should not just kick it down the road. No further comments.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 6.23 of the City of Caro Code as to the flood hazards section. Mayor Pouliot opened the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 6.23 of the City of Caro Code (Flood Hazards Section). Mr. Sheardy asked what the flood plain area is now. Mayor Pouliot explained that no residents are involved in the flood plains.

No further public comments. Mayor Pouliot left the public hearing open and continued with the agenda.

### COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Pouliot noted the communications.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes March 5, 2012
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
  - a. Police Report/2011 Annual Report & Monthly – Chief Brian Newcomb
  - b. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth

- c. Parks & Recreation – (Not available)
- 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 Lipan, 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 - Moratorium – Medical Marihuana – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance to Impose A Moratorium On the Issuance of Permits For The Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana Within the City of Caro. Motion carried.**
2. Decision on Public Hearing – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Henry to approve the Ordinance #441 to Impose A Moratorium on The Issuance of Permits For The Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana Within the City of Caro. Motion carried.**
3. Close Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 6.23 of the City of Caro Code (Flood Hazards Section) – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 6.23 of the City of Caro Code (Flood Hazards Section). Motion carried.**
4. Decision on Public Hearing – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to approve Proposed Ordinance #442 to Amend Section 6.23 of the City of Caro Code (Flood Hazards Section). Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. DDA – The DDA discussed the budget with emphasis on the declining revenues and the DDA tax capture. Also discussed the purchase of property from Don Sines and the RFP for lawn care and watering.
2. Spotlight – April 2, 2012 – Thumb Cooling & Heating

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

1. The City Manager reported that the City received the certificate of completion and close out letter from the Michigan Strategic Fund for the E. Burnside Parking Lot Improvement Project. Nederman completed the work in the fire hall regarding the exhaust. Manager gave update on Lift Station #10 and next action is to meet with City Attorney. The manager thanked the police, firefighters and DPW workers for a great job done during the flash flood and also thanked the residents for cooperating during the event and after the event. There will be a meeting with Sam Moore

regarding Parks & Recreation. The manager will be out of the office March 20 and 21 at the MML National Capitol Conference.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

1. The clerk reported that the Board of Review met with about 25 residents. The Luder Road dump is scheduled to open April 14 according to the Almer Township Supervisor.

Council member Henry announced that he will not be at the April 2 meeting.

Council would like the Fire Chief to attend the next council meeting and explain the procedure for blowing the siren.

Chief Newcomb reported that an audit was conducted on the L.E.I.N. by the Law Enforcement Information Network Audit Division of the Michigan State Police and he was proud that his police officers passed 100%.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Sheardy wanted to know what the Council means when they refer to elephant ears.

**Moved by Taggett, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer