

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Amanda Langmaid

Others in Attendance: Brent Morgan – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG Parking Lot Improvement Project – E. Burnside Street. Mayor Pouliot opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. It is necessary to hold a public hearing on the CDBG Parking Lot Improvement Project MSC 210028-DIG to meet the requirements of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for the Community Development Block Grant funds.

Herbert Sheardy inquired as to the status of the as built plans for the E. Burnside Parking Lot.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – Steve Erickson – Mr. Erickson is the Tuscola County EDC Director and has purchased the building previously known as Jack's Toyland. He is living above the store at this time. Mr. Erickson's son opened a sign business on the first floor. His son is designing all types of signs including paper, banners, rope, plastic, light up, vinyl graphics, and wood signs. Mr. Erickson is waiting on approval of a franchise to introduce another business into the store. Mr. Erickson is also looking for a 4000 sq ft building in the downtown area to be used for a retail store.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

### CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes - February 20, 2012
2. Invoices

**Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to approve the consent agenda including the invoices as presented. Motion carried.** There was a question as to the DTE invoices. The clerk will bring a breakdown of the DTE to the next council.

### REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Additional Public Comment - Close Public Hearing – There was no further public comment. **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing on the CDBG Parking Lot Improvement Project Closeout. Motion carried.**
2. Action on Public Hearing – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to approve the closeout of the Community Development Block Grant Parking Lot Improvement Project MSC 210028-DIG. Motion carried.**

3. Proposed Ordinance to Impose Moratorium – Medical Marihuana – Set Public Hearing - **Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to set a 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 for March 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.** The council was provided the comments from the public hearing from February 20 to review and note any comments or concerns.
4. Proposed Ordinance – Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Area – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to set a public hearing on a Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 6.23 of the Caro City Code of Ordinances for the Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Area for March 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.**
5. Recommendation from the Parks & Recreation – Summer Programs – **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Taggett to authorize the City Manager and the City Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding or contract with the Village of Cass City for Parks and Recreation Programs and to finalize the number of programs, details and requirements, and also to provide Council with a final report listing the number of City of Caro participants and to create a two tier rate being one for actual City of Caro residents and another for outside of the City of Caro rates. Motion carried.**
6. Set Finance Meeting – Tri Star Investment Presentation – **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Henry to set a finance meeting for March 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of a Tri Star Investment presentation and the clerk will ask for the information in advance. Motion carried.**
7. Request from Caro Chamber of Commerce – Cars & Crafts Weekend 2012 – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to approve the request from the Caro Chamber of Commerce for the Cars & Crafts Weekend 2012 and authorize the City Manager to advise them that water meters will be utilized for the event and usage will be paid for by the Caro Chamber of Commerce; contingent upon final review by administrative staff and all department heads are to provide the clerk with the costs expended by the City for the event. Motion carried.**
8. Request from Caro Chamber of Commerce – Garage Sale Permit Fees – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Taggett to approve the request from the Caro Chamber of Commerce for the City to waive the garage sale permit fee for sales registered through the Caro Chamber of Commerce for June 1-2, 2012. Motion carried.**

#### **ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

#### **COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Historical Commission – Kish reported that the members are concerned about getting grant money and not able to use it. Suggestions from Council that a plaque be put up by the entry of the roadhouse explaining how the roadhouse came into existence. Kish suggested to the members that they put together a timeline for different things they want to get done.
2. Business Spotlight – April 2, 2012 – Taggett will get and advise the clerk.

#### **MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Manager Morgan reported that the clerk and manager met with all the department heads and got their budget numbers. Almer Charter Township Board will be addressing lift station #10 at their next meeting. The manager will be at a MML Municipal Finance meeting in Lansing tomorrow and another meeting Friday where they will discuss Public Acts 54 and 152. Infrastructure still continues with Sherman Street project. The manager reported on the election and how nice the fire hall looked.

The Mayor and entire Council deeply appreciates the cooperation of the entire Fire Department and making sure the fire hall was in top shape for the election and the work of the DPW and would like that message conveyed to the entire staff.

**CLERK REPORT:** The Clerk reported that she is in the process of settling with the County on summer and winter taxes. The election went extremely well thanks to a great group of election workers.

Additional Public Comment: Sheardy expressed that Council did not listen to the people during the sale of the DDA building downtown; however listened to all the people not in the City on the marihuana issue. Mayor Pouliot explained his position to Mr. Sheardy and felt his comments were inaccurate.

Mayor Pouliot directed the clerk to try to set Mayor Exchange Day for the first week in July and bring the results back to Council.

**Henry moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk