

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order June 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

Present: Mayor Dick Pouliot, Council Members: Mike Henry, Rick Lipan (arrived 7:40 p.m.), Gordon Taggett, Joe Greene, Charlotte Kish

Absent: Amanda Langmaid

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: Mr. Sheardy had questions regarding budget items.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Pouliot noted the communications. Greene and Kish indicated an interest in attending the MML Convention. Kish will give an answer at the next Council meeting. Henry and Kish showed interest in attending Mayor Exchange Day with Vassar.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes June 4, 2012
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - a. Police Report - 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 Henry, seconded by Kish to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Budget Amendments FY 2011/12 –**Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to adopt the City of Caro Resolution of Adoption for the FY 2011-12 Budget Amendments as presented. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Langmaid). Motion carried.**
2. Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 1082– **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to adopt Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 1082 Amending 1978 PA 368, Entitled**

Public Health Code. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Langmaid). Motion carried.

3. **Resolution Approving Consent Judgment – Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to adopt the Resolution Approving Consent Judgment, Indianfields Township vs City of Caro. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstension (Kish), 1 absent (Langmaid). Motion carried.**
4. **Recommendation from DDA – TIFA Approval – Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to accept the recommendation from the City of Caro DDA to execute the drafted TIFA Agreement with Tuscola County. Motion carried.**
5. **Richfield Equities Contract – Moved by Lipan, seconded by Taggett to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Richfield Equities for 3 ½ years per the same terms as the current contract. Motion carried.**
6. **Mutual Aid Referral – Police Department – Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to refer to the Policy Committee to review the Counties’ mutual aid policy. Motion carried.** The Policy Committee will meet August 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
7. **Banner Request – Tuscola County Fair – Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to approve the request from the Tuscola County Fair to hang a banner from July 9 – July 23, 2012 for the fair. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. DDA – Minutes in packet.
2. Spotlight – July 2, 2012 – Dr. Tim Sala
3. Fair Booth Signup – All those interested in working the fair booth, please sign the sheet.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

1. The manager reported that he will be at a Finance Committee meeting tomorrow in Lansing. The Mayor and Clerk will need to arrange the closing for the Congress Street property. Also, the committee needs to meet on the language and design for the for sale sign. The easement was received for the trailway and forwarded on to T.I. Automotive.

CLERK’S REPORT:

1. The clerk reported that the audit will begin the week of July 23.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CLOSED SESSION – AFSCME Union Negotiations – Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to go into closed session for the purpose of AFSCME Union Negotiations. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no. 1 absent (Langmaid). Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 9:55 p.m.

Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to secure the services of the law firm of Braun, Kendrick to represent the City of Caro on all outstanding and future labor negotiations, employment disputes and employment related litigation on specific matters which Council may deem appropriate at any time and to specifically obtain the services of attorney Robert A. Kendrick and any other full member of the law firm for \$175 per hour of legal work and any associate of the law firm for \$150 per hour and that this representation will continue on an indefinite basis with termination of services effective upon providing written notice to the law firm at any time. Motion carried.

Moved by Kish, seconded by Lipan to appoint Personnel Chair Greene and past Personnel Chair Henry to represent Council and work on the contract language and appoint Mr. Morgan, City Manager to be the representative for the City of Caro and be the working voice with Mr. Kendrick. Motion carried.

Moved by Lipan, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer