

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order July 15, 2013 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: Jared Olson - City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – Elroy Kusters and Russell Tibbits addressed the Council regarding a lawn mowing invoice on their property. Mr. Sheardy expressed concern that a portion of City property grass is over 8” long.

COMMUNICATION: Noted by Mayor Pouliot.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Sweet Tooth Bakery & Café – Tammy Gonzales and her husband owns and operates the Sweet Tooth Bakery & Café located at 113 N. State Street. In addition to the baked goods, they are offering a daily special from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. They are working on getting a website up and running within a couple of weeks.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes July 1, 2013
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - c. Parks & Recreation – Jared Olson
 - 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 Lipan to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Medical Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance Draft/Set Public Hearing – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to set a public hearing for August 5, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. on the proposed Medical Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance. Motion carried.**
2. Request for Write Off of Bad Debts – Mayor Pouliot, Mayor Pro Tem Henry and City Treasurer will meet to review the bad debt list.
3. Recommendation Regarding Brush Chipping Policy – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to adopt the revised City of Caro Brush Chipping Policy. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Business Spotlight – August 5, 2013

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The Manager reported that the DTE Electric Company has been installing SMART meters in a number of communities. There will be an opt-out option that has an initial fee and monthly charge. The electric meter readings automatically use a radio frequency network instead of an on-site reading method. There are some health concerns and privacy issues. Some communities are doing resolutions supporting the opt-out. There will be more discussion at another meeting. Three RFP's went out, one for a new DPW truck, another for the master plan and the third for the mill and overlay of Monroe Street. The City received a draft of the water reliability study and administration will review it. The final copy will be delivered along with all the information. The county dispatch ran a report for the total fireworks calls to our Police Department over the period of July 3rd to around noon on July 5th. There were a total of 7 calls with 6 of those coming in between the times of 10 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. The other call occurred at 10:45 a.m. on Friday morning. As for the fire department, there was one brief fire call that went out as a grass fire which was supposedly caused by fireworks but it turns out that it was very small and put out by the caller with just a bucket of water. The fire department had a relatively quiet 4th of July. The City Manager will be at the Michigan Local Government Managers Association summer conference next week Wednesday – Friday. The Columbia Street Open House was held on July 10 for those interested in learning more about the project. The participants that attended were highly in favor of the project but wanted to know more about the access in and out during construction and driveway access. The City of Caro representatives and Rowe Professional Services were able to answer all questions.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported that the auditors began today at 1 p.m. The audit is scheduled for the entire week. Michigan Election law allows for a City to switch to even years for their elections instead of the odd year. Terms would extend an additional year for those in office. It would not affect the upcoming November election. The clerk explained the process. This will be on the agenda at a later date.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Sheardy questioned a debt write off and also concerns regarding the low attendance of City of Caro residents participating in Parks and Recreation programs.

Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Henry to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk