

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order January 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

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

Absent: Rick Lipan

Others in Attendance: Jared Olson - City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS – None

COMMUNICATION: Noted by Mayor Pouliot and referred letter from Karen Kubiak to the City Manager to handle.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes - January 6, 2014
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 Kish, seconded by Langmaid to approve the consent agenda including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried. Discussed the need to review the Mutual Aid Agreement with police. Referred to the City Manager to review with the Police Chief and he will get copies from other communities and put material together so it can be referred to committee.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Purchase of Downtown Decorations – DDA Recommendation – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the purchase of decorations from Display Sales Incorporated in the amount of \$20,480 for the downtown area. Motion carried.**
2. Draft and First Read of Medical Marijuana Ordinance - **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Kish to acknowledge the draft Medical Marijuana Ordinance as the first read and set a public hearing for February 3, 2014 on the draft ordinance. Motion carried.**

3. Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines/Asset Test – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to refer to Finance Committee to set an amount for the poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test and bring back to Council. Motion carried.** Finance Committee set for January 29, 2014 at 8:15 a.m.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Rebuttal to State Boundary Commission – Mayor Pouliot gave a synopsis of the 30 day rebuttal sent to the State Boundary Commission by the Attorney for the City.
2. Business Spotlight – Kwasny Automotive – February 3, 2014
3. Personnel – Greene has the forms to be filled out by council members to do evaluations on the City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The Manager reported that the Planning Commission meeting to be held on February 11 will be used for goal setting and future land use for the Master Plan. The leases that are being worked on will go back to Finance Committee on January 29. The Manager gave an update on the employee safety program. The budget schedule will be put in the next Council packet. The Manager will be out of the office January 31. A letter was received from the City of Caro attorney regarding the Historical Commission. The manager was directed to share the letter with the Historical Commission members and discuss the issues.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk informed Council that she will be out of the office February 3-5, 2014. The Deputy Clerk will be filling in for Council on February 3. At the last clerk's meeting, Election Source did a demonstration using the new election equipment. The equipment is getting old and if mandated by the State to replace the equipment, there will possibly be some grant opportunities. Almer Township paid off their sewer bond, reconciled their sewer account and returned the balance of \$576.87 to the City of Caro pursuant to the agreement between the City of Caro and Almer Charter Township.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Sheardy questioned the fire on E. Frank and also the ownership of the Indianfields Cemetery if it was to come into the city.

Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Taggett to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk