

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order December 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

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

Absent: Charlotte Kish

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:** Mr. Sheardy had a question regarding the meeting schedule which will be explained under that agenda item.

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT –** Caro Community Schools –Mike Joslyn, Superintendent for Caro Community Schools and Henry Knier, Secretary of the Board of Education was this month's business spotlight. Mr. Knier focused on the business aspect of Caro Community Schools while Superintendent Joslyn provided information on an upcoming bond proposal. At the election in February, the Caro Community Schools will be asking for support of a 2.6 mills bond for improvements and upgrades to the campus. The bonds would generate \$12.5 million for the improvements. An informational meeting will be held at the Caro High School cafeteria on December 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Noted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Council Minutes - November 17, 2014
2. Invoices

**Moved by Greene seconded by Langmaid to approve the consent agenda including the invoices as presented. Motion carried.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. City of Caro Slogan – The Council was asked to participate in the Caro Chamber's rebranding project which was to pick a word to go with "cultivate" that is unique to what the City represents. Also, Council was asked to make a decision on two colors to be used with the logo. The logo has small leaves that the colors blend in with. Once the word and color are picked, it becomes part of the City's brand and no other business can have access to that. **Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to adopt as a logo/slogan "Cultivate Community" with the City Attorney drafting an**

- agreement with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Caro colors will be blue and green contingent upon the graphic designer creating the logo proof and it going back to Council for final approval. Motion carried.**
2. **Defined Benefit Contribution Request –Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Greene that the City of Caro will not make a contribution to the Village of Caro Retirement Plan (sponsored by the City of Caro) for plan year ending July 31, 2015. Motion carried.**
  3. **Resignation from Barbara Jenshak – Historical Commission – Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry to accept the resignation from Barbara Jenshak from the Historical Commission with regrets and direct the City Clerk to post the vacancy. Motion carried.**
  4. **Finalization of Increased Engineering Services for Columbia Street – Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to refer this matter to Finance Committee, review the additional information and bring a recommendation back to Council. Motion carried.** Finance set for December 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
  5. **Thumb Area Tourism Council, Inc. - Moved by Taggett, seconded by Langmaid to approve the Thumb Area Tourism Council, Inc. renewal for the 2015 year in the amount of \$300. Motion carried.**
  6. **Set Council Meeting Dates – Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to adopt the Council Meeting Dates as presented. Motion carried.**
  7. **Code of Ordinances Supplement #3 – Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Greene to authorize the City Clerk to proceed with the third supplement to the City of Caro Code of Ordinances in the approximate amount of \$1,109. Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Historical Commission – No report.
2. Business Spotlight – January 5, 2015 – Due by December 29 to Clerk.

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

1. MMR will be doing a CPR and first aid class this week for the employees.
2. All CDL's are completed and the city will be doing Confined Space and Competent Persons training next.
3. Parking restrictions have gone into effect now until the end of March.
4. This Saturday there will be a "tree and quilt" event at the Caro Roadhouse.
5. Street light work will be completed today and decorations will be put up.

**CLERK REPORT:**

1. Board of Review – December 9, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
2. Winter tax bills were mailed.

3. City Hall will be closed December 24, 25, and 31 and January 1, 2015.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Sheardy asked if the electricians will be doing all the lights up and down the main street.

**Henry moved Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk