

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Mike Henry, Charlotte Kish

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE #452 – An Ordinance to Utilize Chapter 27 to Provide For The Caro Historical Commission. Public Hearing opened at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Sheardy questioned how donations will be handled for the Historical Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Additional Public Discussion on Ordinance/Council/Motion to Close Public Hearing – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Taggett to close the public hearing on proposed Ordinance #452. Motion carried.**
2. Decision on Ordinance #452 – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to table the ordinance until the City Attorney reviews additional language and bring back to Council. Motion carried.**
3. Appointment to Historical Commission – **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Greene to table the appointments to April 21, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.**
4. Bids for Noxious Weeds – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to award the 2014 noxious weed/grass to low bidder Total Lawn Care for their quoted price. Motion carried.**

5. Bids for Citywide Mowing – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to award the citywide Seasonal Mowing to Chris E. Landscaping in the amount of \$3,200 per month. Motion carried.**
6. Spring Clean Up – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Greene to approve the Spring Clean Up day for the City of Caro to be on May 3, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.**
7. Façade Rendering Approval – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to approve the contract with Spicer Group and allow the City Manager and City Clerk to sign and complete all necessary paperwork in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 as approved by DDA. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Henry, Kish). Motion carried.**
8. USDA-CF Emergency Response Vehicle Grants – **Moved by Lipan, seconded by Taggett to authorize city staff to complete and submit the USDA-RA Community Facilities Vehicle Acquisition grant application. Motion carried.**
9. Tuscola County Community Foundation Banner Request – Cardboard City – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Taggett to approve the banner request from the Tuscola County Community Foundation for Cardboard City Sleep out on the Courthouse lawn from May 1 through May 12, 2014. Motion carried.**
10. SBA Request – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to deny the request from SBA Communications for the lump sum buy-out of the Communications Site Lease located off Park Drive. Motion carried.**
11. Parks & Recreation – 2014 – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to approve the proposal from Greater Thumb Recreation Association for 2014 summer recreational programming in the amount of \$6,998. Roll Call: 3 yes, 2 no, 2 absent (Henry & Kish). Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Business Spotlight – May 5, 2014
2. Capital Conference Report – Council Member Greene gave an update on the Capital Conference.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City Manager reported that he will be filling the full-time position at DPW with the top candidate and will continue to fill the two part-time positions. Discussed planting trees throughout areas of the city. The city received a check from MDOT for \$17,000 for our Act 51 supplement. It was an unbudgeted revenue and \$4,000 of it went into local streets. This is the fund that the money for the trees would be expended. The trees will cost approximately \$3,500. **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to approve \$3,500 for purchase of tree planting**

across the City of Caro. Motion carried. We are on schedule for the budget timelines and the Manager, Clerk, Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem will be doing their initial review before presenting a draft to council.

CLERK REPORT: The Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be attending the mandatory election training on April 9, 2014 for clerks. The audit is scheduled to begin the week of July 14. Jared and I are going to look at flooring and carpeting for our remodel project.

Additional Public Comment: Mr. Sheardy asked that if the city purchased one car and could get one car free, why not purchase two cars and get two cars free. The City Manager explained how the funding works. Mr. Sheardy also questioned how the city is going to determine where to plant the trees and how big the hole is going to be.

Langmaid moved, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk