

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order May 19, 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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Budget FY 2014-15 – Mayor Pouliot opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. The Mayor reviewed the revenues and expenditures for each fund. The City Manager reviewed the capital outlay and projects for each fund. Mr. Sheardy asked about airport wages and equipment rental.

COMMUNICATION: Noted by Mayor Pouliot. Michigan Sugar is applying for a permit for the replacement of two coal-fired boilers with a relocated natural gas-fired boiler. **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to ask the City Manager to draft a letter to DEQ regarding the coal-fire boilers change out and ask if there will be a change in the emissions or odor and will they be discharging into the City of Caro's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried.** This will be brought back to Council on June 2, 2014 so if Council has any additional questions or comments, please get to City Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – May 5, 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 – Not Available
 - e. Blight Report – Jerry Thorp
 - f. WWTP – Curtis Wells
 - g. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Karen Snider

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Discussion on Millage Rate/Approval of L-4029 – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to approve the L-4029 with the 2014 Tax Rate being set at 16.1643 mills. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no 1 absent (Lipan). Motion carried.**
2. Additional Public Discussion/Council/Motion to Close Public Hearing – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Greene to close the public hearing on the Proposed Budget FY 2014-15. Motion carried.**
3. Decision on FY 2014-15 Budget - **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to approve the Resolution of Adoption of the FY 2014-2015 Budget. Roll Call: 6 yes, 0 no 1 absent (Lipan). Motion carried.**
4. Caro Municipal Building Bid – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to approve the total expenditure of \$35,250 and enter into a contract with Rickwalt Building Solutions LLC for the city hall project and authorize the clerk to make the appropriate budget adjustments. 1 abstention (Henry) Motion carried.**
5. Request from Chamber of Commerce to Share Fair Booth – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Taggett to decline the offer from the Caro Chamber of Commerce to share a fair booth this year and will reconsider next year. Motion carried.**
6. Foreclosed Properties – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Kish, to authorize the City Treasurer to sign the Waiver of First Right of Refusal inasmuch as the properties have no public purpose. Motion carried.**
7. Set Policy Committee - **Policy Committee set for May 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.**
8. Sidewalk Special Assessment – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to authorize City Administration to create and submit a report for proposed special assessment for sidewalk replacement per article 46 of Chapter 30 in Section III of the Caro Code of Ordinances. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Planning – Taggett reported that a copy of the Master Plan will be available June 2 for Council. The Council must authorize the Planning Commission to set a public hearing.
2. Business Spotlight – June 2, 2014 – Edward Jones

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The Manager reported that the Columbia Street Construction Project is going very well. The substantial completion date is still June 15. The tree project was completed in good time. Approximately 20-25 volunteers showed up for the project. Hopefully next year even more volunteers will come forward. Edward Jones will be the business spotlight for June 2. The Chamber of Commerce after hours will be at Caro Rental. The grant application for the Luder Road Bridge grant has been submitted. Even with the large amount of rain in the past few days, the I&I is fine.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk informed Council that she will be out of the office on May 28 and a good possibility of June 2. City Hall will be closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 26.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Sheardy wanted to know if the state is going to make the main street a two lane highway. Also, did anyone look at Kester Street?

Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk