

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order July 7, 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, Charlotte Kish, Gordon Taggett

Absent: None

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:** Lew Werth expressed concerns with weeds and tall grass, and weeds down Luder Road. Also, has concerns with trailers in yards that are parked on the grass. He stated that he would like Council to set up a committee to look at Zoning and Blight rules and come up with some recommendations to best serve the residents of Caro. Ruth Kunka questioned why the police are only opened from 8 a.m. until noon and had questions as to police staffing and shortage of police officers. She also had concerns with the large holes in streets and the condition of some sidewalks. Other concerns were cars speeding down W. Washington, why the blight officer was only part time, the fireworks ordinance not being followed and trash cans being only in the downtown area and not from the first light coming into town and the last light going out of town. Carol Quinn – Felt the city was changing and there is a need for more police officers. She feels there are good people moving out of Caro and there should be a way to keep them here. Mrs. Quinn has concerns with some businesses that are closing and she wants to see Caro grow. Mr. Sheardy – Council needs to keep an even keel and not go overboard. Feels it is hard to keep a balance and this is important. Mary Ashcroft-Seehagen – Loves living in Caro but has concerns with traffic speeding down Gilford Road and pedestrians walking down the middle of the road. She has concerns with the blight and has talked several times to the blight officer. She stated that she would like to see more enforcement by police officers and blight. Trailers are parked on the grass or in the streets and nothing is being done. Also, the sidewalks are not maintained in the city. (This is a synopsis of the concerns of these individuals).

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:** Mr. Barry W. Cronin Financial Advisor to Edward Jones is located at 451 N. State Street, Suite #1 in Caro. Mr. Cronin is here to help people achieve their financial goals. He can be reached by calling 989-672-0142 or [barry.cronin@edwardjones.com](mailto:barry.cronin@edwardjones.com).

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Noted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Council Minutes - June 16, 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. Pay Application #1 – Columbia Street – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to approve the Pay Application #1 to MDOT for the Columbia Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$26,260.13. Motion carried.**
2. Pay Application #8 – Sherman Street – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to approve Pay Application #8 to MDOT for the Sherman Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$9,495.50. Motion carried.**
3. Workers Comp Election – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to authorize the clerk to cast votes for Christine Burns, Frank Campbell and Elva Mills on behalf of the City of Caro Council. Motion carried.**
4. Furniture Purchase – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to authorize the Clerk to purchase furniture for the offices that were remodeled not to exceed \$15,000 as budgeted. Motion carried.**
5. Sidewalk Staff Report – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to accept the report of necessity submitted from staff along with authorizing the City Manager to issue statements of repair to individual property owners within the special assessment districts per City Ordinance 326. Motion carried.**
6. MML Convention – Greene, Kish and Langmaid showed an interest in attending the MML convention to be held in Marquette October 15-17 at Northern Michigan University.

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Historical – Minutes enclosed.
2. Parks & Recreation – Minutes enclosed.
3. Business Spotlight – August 4, 2014 – Have name to clerk by July 30.

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

The City Manager reported that Columbia Street is substantially completed. The traffic lights are finished. DEQ permits are needed for the removal of brush and limbs in the Cass River.

**CLERK REPORT:** The face lift to the interior of City hall is complete with the exception of a few paint touch ups. It has not been touched for over 15 years and was a much needed project.

Additional Public Comment: Mr. Sheardy asked how many parcels of the sidewalk special assessments belong to the City.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

**CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation – Harding v City of Caro - Motion by Taggett, seconded by Greene to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**

**Langmaid moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk