

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order September 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Henry

Present: Council Members: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Henry, Joe Greene, Charlotte Kish, Amanda Langmaid, Rick Lipan, Gordon Taggett

Absent: Mayor Dick Pouliot

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 –

Mayor Pro Tem Henry explained that the City of Caro received a box of apples from the City of Wenatchee in Washington State as part of a challenge between them and the City of Caro and the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival. Voting is being done online for your favorite blizzard being either apple or pumpkin.

Drew Stark announced that the American Legion Post 7, Caro, MI is holding a dinner on October 26, 2014 at 2 p.m. celebrating a memorable day in honor of a native son of Caro, Maynard H. Smith. The dinner will be held at the American Legion Hall on Frank Street. Mr. Smith was recognized by the Department of Defense with the Congressional Medal of Honor award.

Pat Chisholm questioned the estate, garage and other sales that require a permit and has restrictions while there are all kinds of other signs around Caro and nothing being done about them.

Ruth Kunka asked why a PA system could not be put in the council room to make it easier to hear council members during the meetings.

COMMUNICATION: Noted by Mayor Pro Tem Henry.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – September 2, 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 – Charlie Sundblad
 - 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. Request from Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival - Fireworks – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Greene to approve the request from the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival to approve a permit for Wolverine Fireworks Display Co. Inc. for fireworks at Caro Community Schools, 301 N. Hooper Street, Caro, MI 48723 on October 4, 2014 with a rain date of October 5, 2014. Motion carried.**
2. Winterfest Lease 2015 – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Greene to approve the proposed park agreement as presented including the Caro 150 Winterfest pay the rental fee plus the lump sum fee of \$450 to the City of Caro to cover the cost of one Caro Police Officer assigned to the Caro 150 with the understanding that the Caro 150 contract with the Tuscola County Sheriff’s posse for no less than 4 members at any time. Motion carried.**
3. DDA Vacancy- **Moved by Greene, seconded by Taggett to accept the recommendation from the DDA and appoint Evan Osentoski to the DDA Board with term ending November, 2016. Motion carried.**
4. Appointment to Election Commission – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Lipan to appoint to the Election Commission Richard Pouliot, City Mayor and Adelia Jones, as the qualified elector and to pay \$200 per day per election inspector and \$250 per day for each chair with no compensation paid to the Election Commission. Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. DDA – September 10, 2014 (Minutes attached)
2. Business Spotlight – October 6, 2014 - Get to the Clerk by September 30.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The DDA grant was submitted for \$20,000 to cover the upgrade of lights. This will include one block both ways of the current lights. Water projects are finishing up this week. We have two services left to hook up to the new main. The sidewalk special assessment notifications were completed and will be mailed tomorrow. The city manager will be contacting the policy committee to schedule a meeting to go over the revised ordinances received from the city attorney. We received a shipment of apples from Wenatchee in response to the pumpkin that was mailed to them. The Small Urban Task Force will be provided money to do the Almer and Frank Street projects. Three new part-time police officers have been hired.

CLERK’S REPORT: Today was the last day to pay property taxes without penalties. Once again I would like to remind everyone that October 6 is the last day to register to vote for the November 4 General election.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Sheardy would like to know how much money is collected from garage sales. He also stated that several street lights are out.

Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk