

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order September 2, 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 Greene to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS** – Nancy Matuszak – Stated that she is a resident of Caro and that she is the caretaker for the Moore-Vaughn house on N. Almer Street. It is for sale for \$265,000. She feels it is a Caro landmark and important enough for the City to consider the possibility of subsidizing some public use money.

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:** Plant It! Hydro is owned and operated by Andrew Hiser. He opened the business on September 1 of last year so he has been in business for one year. The business is located at 418 W. Frank and is open from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Plant It! Hydro offers indoor and hydroponics grow supplies.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Noted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Council Minutes - August 18, 2014
2. Invoices

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

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

1. Pay Request #3 – **Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to approve the MDOT pay request #3 for the Columbia Street Project in the amount of \$4,403.53. Motion carried.**
2. MEDC – LED Street Lighting Grant – **Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to authorize the submittal of the MEDC-LED Street Lighting Project grant application contingent upon approval from the Caro Downtown Development Authority during their September meeting. Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**

3. Act 51 Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions– **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to approve submittal of the 2014 Act 51 Annual Certification packet along with authorizing the Street Administrator and City Treasurer to sign all related documents. Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Historical Commission – Have new keys for front and back doors of the roadhouse. Patriots’ Day Event is going to be held September 13 and 14. The wreath ceremony will be September 13 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mary Seehagen has been working on the gardens and they look wonderful. There will be a Soldiers Event held the weekend prior to Veteran’s Day. The Quilt Event will be merged with the Christmas trees.
2. Business Spotlight – October 6, 2014

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

The City Manager reported that two businesses have filed paperwork with the Michigan Tax Tribunal which are the buildings that used to house Farmer Jacks and Wal-Mart. They are still in the very early process. The water projects are almost complete. Staff will be hooking up the services after the pressure and water tests are completed. The city attorney is working on ordinances referred from the Policy Committee. At the next council meeting, the manager will ask for a public hearing to be set regarding the special sidewalk assessments. Gave update on railroad crossing on E. Frank.

**CLERK REPORT:** The November 4 election is only 8 weeks away. The last day to register to vote for the November election is October 6. The clerk and deputy clerk took another election class today and completed the certification. Garbage will be picked up on Friday of this week due to the holiday.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Sheardy questioned why the city DPW employees could not clean out the basins for MDOT.

**Langmaid moved, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk