

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order January 19, 2015 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

Absent: Gordon Taggett

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

15-M-008

**Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

PRESENTATION – MMRMA – Tim McClorey, representative from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, presented the City of Caro with a check in the amount of \$40,974 that represents the distribution of excess net assets for year ending June 30, 2013. The City is a pool member of MMRMA that provides liability and property insurance. MMRMA consists of approximately 250 members. Refunds are based upon sustained longevity and General Fund contributions and claim loss history.

PRESENTATION – Caro Exchange Club Forest Annual Report – Ron Laeder gave an update to Council pursuant to the agreement with the City of Caro. He feels that the Forest is very well utilized and enjoyed. There is not a problem with trash because the people that utilize the trails help to keep things clean. There is an annual trail walk and the proceeds go to Caro Youth Projects.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes – January 5, 2015
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - a. Police Report – 2014 Annual and December, 2014 – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - c. Parks & Recreation – None
 - d. DPW/Water Reports – Charlie Sundblad
 - e. Blight Report – Jerry Thorp
 - f. WWTP – Curtis Wells
 - g. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Karen Snider

15-M-009

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Acceptance of Cascade Air Trailer

15-M-010

Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to accept the Cascade Air Trailer from the Tuscola County Emergency Services for the City of Caro's Fire Department. Motion carried.

2. Budget Amendments and Transfers

15-M-011

Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Henry to authorize the clerk to make the attached budget amendments and transfers. Motion carried.

3. Truck Route Removal

15-M-012

Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to prepare a draft ordinance removing E. Congress and Montague Streets from the designated truck routes within the current ordinance 36-236 and to add the entirety of S. Almer Street as a classified truck route and bring back the draft ordinance to Council for first read. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Finance – 2nd Quarter Financial Report

15-M-013

Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to accept the 2nd quarter Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

2. Business Spotlight – February, 2015 – Let Clerk know by January 28, 2015
3. Greene handed out the Tuscola Area Airport Authority Audit and the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Audit, both with year ending June 30, 2014 for review if anyone so desires.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The Manager reported that three Requests for Proposals (RFP's) will be going out being 1) Bio-solids Removal; 2) Fire Department SCBA; and 3) The engineering for S. Almer Street for both design and construction. The sidewalks will be going out for bid shortly. The City will be receiving a grant from the Rotary Club in the amount of \$5,000 for the Playscape project which is moving forward. There will be a budget schedule of dates in the next Council packet.

CLERK REPORT:

The clerk reported that the election ballots are here and absentee ballots are being sent out. The last day to register to vote at the February 24 election is January 26. The Clerk will be on vacation the first week in February. The Deputy Clerk will be doing minutes for the February 2 Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: Michigan Tax Tribunal Litigation – City Attorney Gary Crews present for closed session.

15-M-014

Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to go into closed session for purposes of consulting with legal counsel regarding the Michigan Tax Tribunal Litigation inasmuch as an open meeting may have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the public body. Roll call: Yes – Greene, Lipan, Henry, Kish, Langmaid, Mayor Pouliot; No – 0; Absent - Taggett. Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

15-M-015

Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to confirm Gary Crews as the attorney for the City of Caro for two Michigan Tax Tribunal cases and appoint the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem to be on the negotiating team for the two cases and when the team reaches an agreement, they will be bring the agreement back to council for approval. Roll Call: Yes – Greene, Lipan, Henry, Kish, Langmaid, Mayor Pouliot; No – 0; Absent: Taggett. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Sheardy asked if Kester Street is a truck route and if not should it be classified as such?

15-M-016

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

Karen J. Snider
City of Caro Clerk