

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order February 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

Present: City Mayor Dick Pouliot, City Council: Mike Henry, Joseph Greene, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish (7:37 p.m.), Gordon Taggett

Absent: Rick Lipan

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

15-M-023

Moved by Greene, seconded by Langmaid to approve the agenda with a revised invoice list as provided. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance #457 that Amends Sec. 36-236 – Truck Routes. The Mayor explained that the purpose is to remove Montague Street and East Congress because they are not designed to handle heavy truck traffic. South Almer can handle heavy truck traffic and therefore by adding from M-81 to Park Drive would include the entire street and not just a portion.

Herb Sheardy asked if anyone has had contact with Michigan Sugar regarding using Kester Drive versus Almer Street.

David Mattlin stated that he applauds the move to remove E. Congress as a truck route.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance #458 that will impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits for the Sale or dispensation of medical marijuana within the City of Caro.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes – February 2, 2015
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - b. Fire Report – Annual and Monthly 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-024

Moved by Kish seconded by Langmaid to approve the consent agenda including the revised invoice list as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Additional Public/Council Comments on Proposed Ordinance #457 – None.
2. Motion to Close Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance #457
15-M-025
Moved by Henry, seconded by Langmaid to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #457. Motion carried.
3. Decision on Proposed Ordinance #457
15-M-026
Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish adopt Ordinance #457 to amend Section 36-236 of the City of Caro Code. Roll Call: Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - Lipan. Motion carried.
4. Additional Public/Council Comments on Proposed Ordinance #458 – Mr. Sheardy feels it should be adopted.
5. Motion to Close Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance #458
15-M-027
Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #458. Motion carried.
6. Decision on Proposed Ordinance #458
15-M-028
Moved by Taggett, seconded by Henry to adopt Ordinance #458 to Impose A Moratorium On The Issuance Of Permits For The Sale Or Dispensation Of Medical Marijuana Within The City of Caro. Roll Call: Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - Lipan. Motion carried.
7. Approval to Proceed With Roll for Sidewalk Special Assessment-
15-M-029
Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to authorize the city assessor to create and present a special assessment roll of all lots and parcels of land within the districts that are benefited by the improvement for review and certification at the March 2, 2015 City Council Meeting. Roll Call: Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - Lipan. Motion carried.
8. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Bids
15-M-030
Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to accept the bid from Argus-Hazco for the purchase of sixteen new Scott SCBA units and equipment as presented at a cost not to exceed \$101,000. Motion carried.

9. MML Membership Renewal Dues

15-M-031

Moved by Greene, seconded by Taggett to authorize the clerk to pay the invoice from the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues including the Legal Defense Fund covering the period 4/1/2015 – 3/31/2016 in the amount of \$2,870. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Planning – Approved the site plan for the Caro Health Plaza.
2. DDA – Met and passed resolution to ask council to move forward with the amendment to the TIF plan
3. Business Spotlight – March 2, 2015 – Let Clerk know by February 25, 2015

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The Manager reported that the DDA lawn care, citywide mowing, and noxious weeds Request for Proposals will be going out as well as the N. Almer Street project and biosolids. Waiting on a draft contract with DTE for the total streetlight LED upgrade for the next fiscal year. It will be brought to council as soon as possible so it can be included in the budget. In the last fall we had a group of property owners submit a request to pave the alleyway adjoining their properties via a petition of special assessment. The city cost will be 50% and the other 50% will be split between the property owners based on footage. The Attorney will review the process and it will begin this spring for a July action of pavement. There has been an official change to the FOIA law and those changes will begin on July 1. We will be reviewing the city policy and procedures in the coming weeks to ensure that we meet the new requirements. A report will be brought back to council. The manager will be gone Friday, February 20 and back on February 26.

CLERK REPORT:

The clerk reported that Jamie Peasley is officially a partner with ATBD. We also received official notice that Signature Bank became Talmer Bancorp on February 6. The Fair Board's last insurance check was received. The clerk and deputy clerk will be working Saturday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. to assist with any absentee ballots for the Tuesday, February 24, 2015 election.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

15-M-032

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

Karen J. Snider
City of Caro Clerk