

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Present: City Mayor Dick Pouliot, City Council: Mike Henry, Joseph Greene, Rick Lipan, Gordon Taggett

Absent: Charlotte Kish, Amanda Langmaid

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

#### **15-M-045**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Necessity For Proposed Sidewalk Improvements/Special Assessments. The clerk read letters from Jeff Walby and Lois Mis regarding repair/replacement of sidewalks to their property. An Open House was held just prior to Council to give property owners an opportunity to discuss their sidewalk profiles, plans, specifications, estimated costs and special assessments.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Noted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Council Minutes – March 2, 2015
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
  - a. Police Report – 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-046**

**Moved by Greene, seconded by Taggett to approve the consent agenda including the revised invoice list as presented. Motion carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Additional Public/Council Comments on Necessity for Proposed Sidewalk Improvements/Special Assessments – Mr. Sheardy asked how the trees are handled when the sidewalk is replaced. Concern as to the roots of trees damaging new sidewalk.
2. Motion to Close Public Hearing on Necessity for Proposed Sidewalk Improvements.  
**15-M-047**  
**Moved by Taggett, seconded by Lipan to close the public hearing on Necessity for Proposed Sidewalk Improvements/Special Assessments. Motion carried.**
3. Decision on Public Hearing  
**15-M-048**  
**Moved by Lipan, seconded by Henry to approve the Necessity for Sidewalk repair and authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of the special assessment sidewalk roll. Roll Call: Yes – 5, No – 0, Absent (Langmaid, Kish). Motion carried.**
4. Cardboard City Sleep-Out – Future Youth Involvement  
**15-M-49**  
**Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the request from the Future Youth Involvement to host their annual Cardboard City Sleep-out on April 25-26, 2015. Motion carried.**
5. Set Spring Clean Up Date  
**15-M-050**  
**Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to set the Spring Clean-up for Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.**
6. Tuscola County Tire Collection Site Agreement 2015  
Council decided not to participate at this time.
7. Resolution Establishing Election Commission for the City of Caro  
**15-M-051**  
**Moved by Taggett, seconded by Lipan to adopt the Resolution Establishing an Election Commission for the City of Caro for the May 5, 2015 election. Roll Call: Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent (Langmaid, Kish). Motion carried.**
8. Appointment to Election Commission  
**15-M-052**  
**Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to appoint 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.**
9. Bids for Mowing Noxious Weeds  
**15-M-053**

**Moved by Henry, seconded by Taggett to approve the low bid from Chris E. Landscaping and Lawn Care for cutting of noxious weeds/grass in the amount of \$40 per 8,000 square feet and no additional cost for each 2,000 square foot increments thereafter. Motion carried.**

10. Bids for Seasonal Lawn Mowing

**15-M-054**

**Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to approve the low bid for the 2015 Citywide Seasonal Mowing from Chris E. Landscaping and Lawn Care in the amount of \$800 per week. Motion carried.**

11. Bids for Engineering – N. Almer Street Reconstruction Project

**15-M-055**

**Moved by Lipan, seconded by Henry to approve the contract with Gourdie-Fraser and Associates to do the Design and Construction Engineering on the N. Almer Street Project in a total amount of \$73,550. Motion carried.**

12. DTE LED Light Contract

**15-M-056**

**Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the DTE LED Light Upgrade initiative at a cost not to exceed \$62,490 and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to complete and submit all needed documents. Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. DDA
2. Business Spotlight – April 6, 2015 – Let Clerk know by April 1, 2015

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

The manager reported that the budget session will be in May, and will be setting a meeting in April. COTY tickets are available from the manager. The Capital Conference is on March 24 – 25, 2015. The Police car was delivered and is at NAPA getting outfitted.

**CLERK REPORT:**

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Sheardy questioned the commercial tire pickup and who maintains the LED lights?

**CLOSED SESSION:** Michigan Tax Tribunal Litigation

**15-M-57**

**Moved by Lipan, seconded by Henry to go into closed session at 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of the Michigan Tax Tribunal Litigation. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Langmaid, Kish). Motion carried.**

Return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

**15-M-058**

**Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to have the City's legal counsel negotiate and finalize a settlement based on the last offer received from Wal-Mart. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Langmaid, Kish). Motion carried.**

**15-M-059**

**Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to have the City's legal counsel negotiate and finalize a settlement based on the last offer received from Novogroder. Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Langmaid, Kish). Motion carried.**

**15-M-060**

**Moved by Taggett, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.  
Motion carried.**

Karen J. Snider  
City of Caro Clerk