

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order April 20, 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, Charlotte Kish, Amanda Langmaid

Absent: None

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

#### 15-M-070

**Moved by Greene, seconded by Landmaid to approve the agenda with one addition under communication being Michigan Sugar Company letter dated April 15, 2015. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:** Al Michel from the Pub Tavern complimented the DPW staff on the great job they did with snow removal this past winter.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING –** The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Ordinance No. 459 Approving Amendment to Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan of the Caro Downtown Development Authority.

City Manager Olson explained that the original plan was adopted in 1986. There have been amendments to the original plan in 1997 and 2001. The amended plan contained an extensive list of projects to be undertaken. The 2015 Plan Amendment extends the duration of the Amended Plan to allow for completion of the projects described in the Amended Plan. If adopted, the plan would be extended to terminate on March 31, 2036.

Public Comment: None.

No Council Comment.

Clerk: No communication to note.

The Mayor will leave the public hearing open.

Mr. George LaJoie asked why there is no more businesses in the DDA area.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING –** The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Project.

The City Manager stated that the City is in the process of doing a sidewalk special assessment on properties where the sidewalk repair is adjacent to the property owner. The split cost is 75% to the City and 25% to the property owner. Estimates have already been sent out to every property owner affected by this assessment. The City will contract the work out and old sidewalk will be removed, new sidewalk will be placed and rehabilitation will be done to the property.

Public Comment: Mr. Sheardy questioned the legalities of the special assessment. Mr. Clark asked how it affected the Library.

Council Comment: Mr. Henry and Mr. Greene commented on why the sidewalk work was being done.

Clerk: The clerk read a letter from Dolores Gray expressing concern with a Maple Tree in front of her residence.

The Mayor will leave the public hearing open.

PRESENTATION: Chemical Bank – Mr. Robert Wolak, Community President for Chemical Bank presented \$5,000 to the City of Caro for the Bieth Park Playscape Project.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Noted.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Council Minutes – April 6, 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-071**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Additional Public/Council Comments on Proposed Ordinance #459 Approving Amendment to Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan of the Caro Downtown Authority. None.
2. Motion to Close Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance #459 Approving Amendment to Downtown and Tax Increment Finance Plan of the Caro Downtown Authority.

**15-M-072**

**Moved by Kish, seconded by Taggett to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #459 Approving Amendment to Downtown and Tax Increment Finance Plan of the Caro Downtown Authority. Motion carried.**

3. Decision on Public Hearing  
**15-M-073**

- Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to approve Ordinance #459 Approving Amendment to Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan of the Caro Downtown Authority. Roll Call: Yes – Henry, Kish, Langmaid, Taggett, Greene, Lipan, Mayor Pouliot. No – None, Absent - None. Motion carried.**
4. Additional Public/Council Comments on Special Assessment Roll for Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Project.  
Chuck Rondo asked the procedure for Special Assessments. Mr. Sheardy asked about Hooper Street and raising the sidewalk.
  5. Motion to Close Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll for Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Project.  
**15-M-074**  
**Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to close the Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Project. Motion carried.**
  6. Decision on Public Hearing  
**15-M-075**  
**Moved by Greene, seconded by Taggett to adopt the Special Assessment Roll for the Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Project. Roll Call: Yes - Kish, Langmaid, Taggett, Greene, Lipan, Henry, Mayor Pouliot., No - None, Absent None. Motion carried.**
  7. Sidewalk Construction Bids  
**15-M-076**  
**Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to approve the Sidewalk Construction Bid from A.J. Rehmus and Sons for \$75,774 and the Hooper Street corner at the unit price quoted. Motion carried.**
  8. Almer Township Dump  
**15-M-077**  
**Moved by Taggett, seconded by Henry to enter into an agreement for the 2015 dump season at the same cost as the last two years of \$3,500 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried.**
  9. Set Special Council Meeting  
**15-M-078**  
**Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to set a Special Council meeting for April 29, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. to accept the first draft of the FY2015-2016 proposed budget. Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. DDA – Minutes in Packet
2. Planning Commission – Approved site plan for Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement.

3. Parks & Recreation – No quorum but had a meeting. Reviewed programs and new playground equipment.
4. Business Spotlight – May 4, 2015 – Let Clerk know by April 29, 2015

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

The manager reported that an RFP will be going out for the WWTP roof. The DPW staff are flushing hydrants throughout town during night hours so small amounts of rust may be noted in the water. The Fire Department received their 6X6 Polaris Ranger 800 Utility Vehicle. Also received their new SCBA units. May 18 the City Manager and Clerk will be at a training in Bay City. The budget is coming together. So far \$49,600 has been pledged for the playscape program. June 13 is the installation date for the playground equipment. Need between 25-30 volunteers to help out.

**CLERK REPORT:** Received word today that the grant was awarded from the Janks Foundation for Music in the Park in the amount of \$600. The money is used to help subsidize the musicians for participating in the events at Atwood Park.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Sheardy asked about the streetlights being fixed downtown and the LED lights.

**15-M-079**

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

Karen J. Snider  
City of Caro Clerk