

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order February 1, 2016 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, Brian Rickwalt

Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

16-M-022

Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda with the addition of one invoice to the US Postmaster. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER – Clerk Snider administered the oath of office to Brian Rickwalt.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Pouliot opened the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #461 – Impose a Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits for the Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana within the City of Caro. Mayor Pouliot read a memo from City Manager Olson which explains the background. The Mayor asked for public comment. Herb Sheardy asked how long the City has been doing these 6 month moratoriums. Robert Eschenbacher expressed concern with the selling of marihuana.

PRESENTATION: Caro Exchange Club Annual Report – June Kennedy handed out a forest guide that showed where the benches, bird, bat and squirrel houses are located and what and where different trees are located. The Caro Exchange Club hosts an annual Trail Walk. The forest is located at the corner of M-24 and Gun Club Road and is approximately 35 acres. The forest is also prime habitat for many animal and wildflower species. The next trail walk is scheduled for August 27, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS:

16-M-023

Moved by Kish, seconded by Lipan to approve the communications as noted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes – January 18, 2016
2. Special Council Minutes – January 18, 2016

3. Invoices

16-M-024

Moved by Kish, seconded by Henry to approve the consent agenda including the invoices and additional invoice as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Additional Discussion on Proposed Ordinance #461 – Herb Sheardy asked if we pay our attorney every time the City does a moratorium.

2. Close Public Hearing

16-M-025

Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance #461 as presented. Motion carried.

3. Decision on Proposed Ordinance #461

16-M-026

Moved by Greene, seconded by Taggett to Adopt Ordinance #461 – An Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits For the Sale or Dispensation Of Medical Marihuana Within The City of Caro as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

4. Resignation to City of Caro Zoning Board of Appeals

16-M-027

Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to accept the resignation of Jerry Bernhardt from the Caro Zoning Board of Appeals with regret and send a thank you for his service. Motion carried.

5. Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

16-M-028

Moved by Kish, seconded by Lipan to approve the appointment of Thomas Striffler to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jerry Bernhardt. Motion carried.

6. Resignation to Planning Commission – Brian Rickwalt

16-M-029

Moved by Taggett, seconded by Greene to accept the resignation of Brian Rickwalt from the Planning Commission due to an appointment on the City Council and thank him for serving on the Commission. Motion carried. The Mayor directed the City Clerk to advertise the two vacant positions on Planning Commission.

7. Finalize Council Committee Appointments

16-M-030

Moved by Henry, seconded by Taggett to accept the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint Brian Rickwalt to Policy Committee and Capital Projects, and also to be the Parks and Recreation Committee liaison. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Historical – Kish reported that the Historical Commission is having difficulties with advertising their upcoming events. They would like to find different ways to get the word out. Council made some recommendations. Upcoming events are Porcelain, Salute to Korean War Veterans, sports related event and a houseware display. In the upcoming budget, the commission would like to purchase a digital frame, a computer and have an electrical outlet put in upstairs at the museum.
2. Planning – Taggett reported that there was a public hearing for a conditional rezoning of a parcel on E. Frank Street. The city attorney is in the process of drafting an ordinance for the conditional rezoning. On February 9, 2016 there will be another public hearing on another conditional rezoning of Caro Community Hospital property.
3. Business Spotlight – March 7, 2016 – Let Clerk know by March 3, 2016.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The Manager reported that The Fire Department will be getting their pickup painted red in the near future. There was a small area in the downtown area where there was a street light outage but hopefully will be resolved this week. The DPW ad will run until February 5. The city will have a reply as to the Police Department position by February 8. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan update will be coming up. The City Manager will be out of the office a couple of days towards the end of the month.

CLERK REPORT:

The clerk was contacted regarding a presentation at Rotary on February 22, 2016 at noon. Judge Thane and Tuscola County Clerk are responsible for the program and are asking if any Council members are willing to go to the Rotary meeting and talk on the background of Council and what council members do. The luncheon is \$7.00; however, if you are willing to present at that meeting, the fee will be waived. The Certificate of Deposit expires at Northstar Bank on February 4, 2016 and has an automatic renewal for a 15 month period at 1.14%.

16-M-031

Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to authorize the rollover of the CD at Northstar Bank for an additional 15 months at the rate of 1.14% interest. Motion carried.

Jane Hagen from Tri-Star contacted the clerk about the City of Caro's Investment Policy Statement with Tri-Star regarding the deferred benefit retirement plan and asked that Council approve the clerk's signature on the policy. This is normally handed out at the end of the presentation; however, there was an oversight.

16-M-032

Moved by Kish, seconded by Taggett to authorize the clerk to sign the TriStar Investment Policy Statement as presented to Council. Motion carried.

The clerk will be out of the office from Friday, February 5, 2016 noon until Friday, February 12, 2016.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Susan Holder announced that the Caro Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual Citizen of the Year on February 20, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus and everyone is invited.

16-M-033

**Moved by Taggett, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Motion carried.**

Karen J. Snider
City of Caro Clerk