

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order August 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

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

Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

16-M-163

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: Christopher Flagg spoke regarding his objections to the Smart Meters and the City Council adopting a new updated resolution. Mr. Flagg feels the resolution should ask the Michigan House and Senate to pass the Analog Meter Choice Bill, HB 4916 or a similar legislation that would permit customers to have an analog meter at no cost. The matter was referred to the City Manager. Mr. Sheardy also commented on the Smart Meters.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Caro Community Schools Mike Joslyn, Superintendent, gave an update on the construction bond project that contains several different projects as part of the \$12.5 million in upgrades. There is concern that some of the projects will not meet their deadlines; however, this is contributed a lot to a shortage of construction workers and other unanticipated obstacles. Several projects have been completed or nearly completed such as new fencing at Schall, new playground equipment at Schall, new lockers at McComb, restrooms updated, new gym floor at Schall, new lighting in certain areas at McComb and the high school and other projects.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Minutes – July 18, 2016
2. Personnel Minutes – July 25, 2016
3. Invoices

16-M-164

Moved by Henry seconded by Taggett to approve the consent agenda including the additional invoices as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Bids for 2017 Pickup Truck

16-M-165

Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to approve the low bid for the truck which came from Moore Motors with the total price not to exceed \$27,305 for the purchase of a 2017 F-250 standard cab four wheel drive pickup as quoted. Motion carried.

2. Bids for 4X4 Diesel Utility Vehicle

16-M-166

Moved by Taggett, seconded by Rickwalt to approve the low bid for the new Utility Vehicle which came from Farm Depot at the quoted price of \$16,800 along with authorizing the sale of the current 2003 Kawasaki Mule by public surplus online auction as to obtain the best possible resale of the surplus equipment. Motion carried.

3. Set Finance Committee

A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Historical Commission – No report.
2. Personnel – Chairman Greene reported that the Personnel Committee did a performance evaluation on the City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer and both received an outstanding evaluation.
3. 4th Quarter Financial Report

16-M-167

Moved by Henry, seconded by Lipan to accept the 4th Quarter Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Henry reported that the final budget figures turned out better than expected inasmuch as the general fund revenue came in over budget and the expenditures under budget and thanked the staff for helping to make that happen.

4. Business Spotlight – September 6, 2016 – Let clerk know by August 31, 2016.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City Manager reported that the RFP for local street work has been issued and will be advertised. Responses are due on August 11, 2016 and will be presented at the August 15, 2016 Council meeting. This also applies to the Chippewa Landing Pavilion roofs. N. Almer Street is moving along. The new water main is in and all the sanitary structures have been replaced. They are now working their way north on the sub-base. Street light work will be taking place this week and should be done by Friday. Tomorrow is the big election day.

CLERK REPORT: The clerk reported that the election is tomorrow and would encourage everyone to get out and vote. Clerk Snider thanked Chief Heckroth, DPW Superintendent Sundblad, City Manager and staff for their help with setting up the precincts for the election. Frankenmuth Credit Union will be up and running before too long and brings with it an opportunity to have one more place to diversify the city money.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chief Heckroth reported that Wayne Robinson is retiring after almost 29 years of serving the City of Caro Fire Department. He will be moving up north. Andrew Ritter also will be leaving due to moving out of County. Heath Peters will be filling one of the vacancies as a fully trained and certified volunteer firefighter.

The Council is pleased to announce that the City of Caro Fire Department has successfully received a public protection classification of 05/5Y as part of the ISO's Public Protection Classification Program.

16-M-168

**Moved by Taggett, seconded by Lipan to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.
Motion carried.**

Karen J. Snider
City Clerk/Treasurer