

CARO CHARTER COMMISSION  
DRAFT MINUTES  
6/26/09

Richard Ransford, Chair. Al Jones, Vice-Chair. Don Duggar, Clerk

Members Thomas Baird, Wm Bortel, Kerwood Crutchfield,  
Joe Greene, Debra Lung-Lipan, David Mattlin

The meeting of the Caro Charter Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Richard Ransford at 3:10 P.M. on Friday June 26 2009 at the Caro Municipal Building 317 S State St Caro MI 48723.

In attendance were Richard Ransford, Joe Greene, Al Jones, Don Duggar, Tom Baird, David Mattlin, Kerwood Crutchfield and Debra Lung-Lipan. Also in attendance were Caro Clerk Karen Snider and Manager Don Beavers.

Commissioner Bill Bortel took his seat at 3:15 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the minutes of the meetings of 4/14/09 and 6/23/09 with the following changes;

Jones/Greene, move to approve the minutes of 4/14/09 as presented. Carried yes 9 no 0.

Greene/Crutchfield, move to approve the minutes of 6/23/09 with the following changes; change the reference to Sec 8.4 (c) to Sec 8.7 (c), and change the reference to Sec 14.4 to Sec 14.1. Carried yes 9 no 0.

The commission also reviewed the suggested changes made by Consultant Beach from the questions from the 6/23/09 meeting. The commission reviewed each suggested change and adopted the following by resolution:

Sec 5.9 Crutchfield/Lipan move to change the reference to "90" days in the second line of Sec 5.9 to "60" days and to add the word "Position" in the second sentence, the new text to read "The appointment shall be for the position..." Carried yes 9 no 0.

Sec 8.7 (c) and (d) Greene/Crutchfield move to replace the first sentence of Sec 8.7 (c) with the following; "Be adopted at the meeting at which it is introduced by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of council members present and may be given immediate effect upon publication" and to replace the word "elected" in Sec (d) with the word "present" to the end of the sentence to read; "...of council members present and,"

Sec 8.9 (a) Jones/Mattlin move to replace the first sentence in this section with the following' "No ordinance is effective until it is published." and to capitalize the first word in the second sentence. Carried yes 9 no 0

Sec 10.24 Bortel/Baird move to add the following text as the entire Sec 10.24; "No City income tax shall be levied without a referendum being first held for a vote by the city electorate or as otherwise permitted by law". Carried yes 9 no 0.

Sec 15.12 Greene/Mattlin move to replace entire text of Sec 15.12 with the following: “Unless as otherwise required by law, the requirement contained in this Charter for the publishing of publication of notices, ordinances or proceedings of city council or other city boards, commissions or authorities, shall be met by publishing the notice at least once either (a) in a newspaper published in the English language for news of general character, with general circulation at regular intervals in the city at least one (1) year immediately prior to the publication of notice’ (b) by posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the city, or (c) posted on the City’s web site, cable site and/or the internet. Prima facie evidence of such publication shall be in the form of an affidavit of the printer or publisher of the newspaper, or his or her foreman or principal clerk attached to a copy of the notice.

In the case in which the charter requires the mailing or posting of notices around the city or on the internet, the affidavit of the officer or employee responsible for such mailing or posting, that such notice was mailed or posted shall be prima facie evidence of such mailing.” Carried yes 9 no 0.

Jones/Crutchfield move to adopt the following resolution “At the June 26, 2009 meeting of the Charter commission it was resolved, that the Charter Commission of the Village of Caro does hereby adopt the foregoing proposed City of Caro Charter and the Clerk of this Commission is hereby instructed to transmit the same to the office of the Honorable Jennifer Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan in accordance with the provisions of the statute, for her approval.” Carried yes 9 no 0

The Commission then discussed the timing of the charter election and asked Clerk Snider to develop a schedule with the goal of having the election on 11/3/09 if possible.

Crutchfield/Baird move to adjourn at 4:05 P.M. Carried

Respectively submitted

Don Duggar  
Clerk of the Charter Commission