

## **APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The following members of Council and City Departments were present: Troy Roundy, Chase Pederson, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilmen Fandrich and Trader, and Leo Ryan.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Linda Schuster, Leasa Lura, Sylvester Zurn, and Scott Tanata.

Mayor Erdmann informed he has received a resignation letter from Councilman Trader that he has accepted.

Sylvester Zurn addressed Council. He stated that Public Works does a great job on mosquito control. He stated he was in city hall last fall to inform PWD Wolsky about trees/shrubs blocking line of sight on corners and the stop sign at 2<sup>nd</sup> St N and Hwy 281. He also inquired about fixing the alleyway behind the post office. Mayor Erdmann stated if alleys are gravel the city takes care of them, but if they are paved the property owners are to take care of them. Mr. Zurn also stated the railroad crossings at 7<sup>th</sup> St S and 1<sup>st</sup> St S are in bad shape. He also inquired on a railroad quiet zone.

Scott Tanata addressed Council on the gravel in front of his house and stated that no grader has been by all summer.

Mayor Erdmann thanked the residents for their comments.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Smith, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held June 12, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve consent agenda items:

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor:  
#1005 to Foster County 4-H Council for a raffle board and #1006 to Carrington Senior Citizens for a raffle.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Olson, to approve the street closure application from CCEDC for OK Tire Round Up Car Show for July 29, 2023 on Main Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave to 10<sup>th</sup> Ave from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to have the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 278, an ordinance granting a franchise to Daktel Communications, LLC, D/B/A Dakota Central Telecommunications of Carrington, ND.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FIRE DEPT:**

Chief Wangen reported 3 calls last month, truck 22 has an issue with the pressure relief valve, unit 23 has been repaired as it had a threaded bushing completely rusted through, Chief

will be presenting grain bin safety at NDSU field days, and August 9<sup>th</sup> is the open house at the fire hall for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **FINANCE & LEGAL:**

Mayor Erdmann reported on call pay for police department was discussed, the city received \$19,444.49 for the early season snow removal grant, the new city website is setup and a reminder to subscribe to receive our news and alerts, city hall is partnering with Sheridan Animal Hospital on a vaccination clinic on July 26<sup>th</sup> to increase the number of animals licensed in the city, and we are recommending residents to sign up for auto pay of your utility bill to help with short staffing at city hall. The committee recommends increasing our NDIRF state fire & tornado debris coverage and looking into equipment breakdown coverage.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Olson, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Arick Scherr to the Special Assessment Commission for a six year term. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to eliminate the number of employees required for the on call policy regarding the police department. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to approve purchase of police department 5 new tasers with the Eagles gaming grant to cover \$7,500 with the remaining amount of \$7,551 being paid from fund 228. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Olson, Pederson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Smith, to increase our NDIRF State Fire & Tornado insurance coverage for debris removal from \$10,000 to \$100,000 per building for an additional \$4 annual premium per building. The following voted in favor: Smith, Roundy, Pederson, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to change the city's policy 2.12 Training and Development from quarterly training courses for existing employees to new employees only. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CCEDC:**

Mayor Erdmann reported there are no funding requests this month.

### **AIRPORT:**

Airport Manager Wolsky reported that the runway and rehabilitation project has been closed out and final striping of the runway has taken place and Jennifer presented the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

### **POLICE:**

Mayor Erdmann reported they had a special meeting on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. They discussed the Dodge Charger and got trade in value amounts on the Charger and Ford pickup with additional cost of \$2000 for equipment removal toward purchasing a new Tahoe. Equipment costs for a new Tahoe would run \$15,000 - \$18,000. Sheriff Johnson has indicated interest in purchasing the Charger for Foster County. Assistant Attorney Geroux stated if the value is over \$2,500 there needs to be an advertisement of bids or our Ordinance needs to be revised.

**TREE BOARD:**

Smith reported they met June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the city was awarded two grants from the ND Forest Service for the America the Beautiful 2024 tree removal up to \$10,000 and for the America the Beautiful 2024 replanting up to \$5,156, advertisement for bids were placed for our fall 2023 removal project, and the committee will meet on July 25<sup>th</sup> to open any bids received.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilman Roundy reported on tonight's meeting. Kelly Hagel and Travis Dillman were present. Hagel's project is moving forward. Westside water expansion is not moving forward. The second bore failed when they pulled the pipe back. Travis Dillman will be having a meeting with CP Rail and Braun Intertec. The water plant is having septic tank issues. There was a water break at 7<sup>th</sup> St N. Lift station #3 had an electrical issue that was repaired by Dakota Pump and Control. PWD Wolsky will be asking Sherbenske's to vacuum down some of the lift stations. City hall shingling project is complete. ND Rural Water will have a training here in Carrington on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Two bids were received for a new loader, one from RDO for \$30,815.34 per year and Butler for \$31,085.88. Due to RDO not meeting bid specifications, it was recommended to go with Butler.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to accept the bid from Butler in the amount of \$31,085.88 for a 7 year lease, 5,000 hours. The following voted in favor: Olson, Pederson, Smith, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

Roundy reported that 18 building permits, 1 excavation, 1 demo, and 1 moving permit were issued.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to approve the committee reports as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Pederson, Smith, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Olson, to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Jennifer Gast, Auditor

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Tom Erdmann, Mayor