

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, November 13, 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, Neil Fandrich, Chase Pederson, Tyler Hoggarth, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Pam Jerome.

Absent: Auditor Gast

Also present: Leasa Lura, Kelly Hagel, Becky Hagel, and Justin Johnson.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held October 9, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1014 to Foster County Fair Board for a calendar raffle and #1015 to Friends of Carol Sherman Benefit for a raffle.
- b. To approve CCEDC's request for an Annual Light Parade on December 4th at 5:30pm on Main St from the PD to Farmer's Union Insurance.
- c. To approve the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2923 amended Gaming Site Authorization to include twenty-one.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance #279 to repeal and re-enact Chapter 9, Sections 0102-0128 of the City of Carrington Municipal Code, relating to dangerous buildings and building officials duties.

A motion was made by Smith, to approve the first reading of Ordinance #280 to repeal and re-enact Chapter 34, of the City of Carrington Municipal Code, relating to the maintenance of junk.

Kelly Hagel addressed council regarding his property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Assistant Chief Wolsky reported 5 calls since the last report, both checks from the Insurance Premium came in and due to the efforts of the Chiefs Association and Insurance Commissioner Office the total between the 2 had increased since last year, and they had helped with the Carol Sherman benefit.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported they had reviewed bids for city hall furniture, transferring Municipal court to District court, Auditor Gast has filed liens for outstanding bills, Sales tax will be over \$500,000.00 this year, Health contract & premiums, donation from Waste Management of \$1,500.00, and Auditor Gast was asked by ND League of Cities to be one of six individuals to review the required Auditor's certification program that has to be completed within one year of hire for new Auditor's for updates, accuracy, and suggestions for improvement.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich to approve Rough Rider Industries updating City Hall desks and credenzas, up to \$28,000.00, with cost coming out of account 217. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Smith, Fandrich, Roundy, Olson, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Auditor Gast interview & negotiate a cleaner for City Hall and the Police department. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve a 15% immediate increase in pay for the Police Department, with starting pay for a new officer increased to \$58,477.33. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, Roundy, Fandrich, Smith, and Pederson. Against: None.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to approve specific to the Police Department: When under staffed, officers may be on call time. Any officer on call for 12 hours or more will be granted up to 6 hours of call back pay. In the event the officer is called out more than the 6 hours, the actual call back pay will apply. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Fandrich, Smith, Roundy, Hoggarth, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve Mayor Erdmann continuing negotiations with Foster County to transfer Municipal to District Court. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Pederson, to approve Auditor Gast sign 2024 BCBS health plan renewal. The following voted in favor: Smith, Fandrich, Pederson, Hoggarth, Olson, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Olson, to approve \$1,500.00 annual donation from Waste Management to be awarded to Carrington Community Endowment Fund. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve CCEDC's recommendation to approve Hayden House's application for the scholarship program with the city's commitment of \$4,250.00 paid in 4 payments over two years. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, Roundy, Fandrich, Smith, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Hoggarth, to allow the marketing of the Industrial Park at \$5,000.00 per acre. All voted aye. Motion carried.

LIBRARY:

Councilman Roundy reported minutes in packet.

POLICE:

Councilman Pederson reported they had met tonight and discussed Dennis Freeman of Headlock's LLC permit to extend liquor license to wrestling building, Holiday with Hero's on Dec 6, 2023, and discussed traffic and parking citations.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich to approve Headlock's LLC liquor extension to the wrestling building on December 9, 2023 from 4:00pm to 10:00pm with security and sidewalk roped off. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported on proposed tractor lease with snow blower attachment, Westside water expansion tie in was pressure tested, SORN 20/20 lease agreement, water production report, 2 water breaks, snow storm, brown totes and tree boxes are done for this year, Bio Girls would like to use Armory again this year, having issues with the boiler at the Armory, and Wolf & Miller went for training October 17 – 19, 2023.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Pederson, to allow Bio Girls to use the Armory basement at no charge for 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve signing a 12 month contract with Chem-Aqua for \$404.33 per month for maintaining the boiler at the Armory. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Roundy, Pederson, Smith, Olson, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 8 building and 2 moving permits were issued.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Pam Jerome, Deputy Auditor

Tom Erdmann, Mayor