

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:27 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, Jesse Nelson, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilman Hoggarth, Attorney Ryan and Public Works Director Wolsky.

Also present: Leasa Lura, Ken Wangen, Michele Seil, Alissa Morgan, Jesse Becker, and Linda Schuster.

Mayor Erdmann extended congratulations and appreciation to Deputy Auditor Pam Jerome for achieving the 110% Award with the ND League of Cities leadership training program and her commitment to the city.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve minutes of the council meeting held February 9, 2026. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smith, to approve the consent agenda item(s):

- a. To approve Planning & Zoning's recommendation of appointing Shane Wendel to fill the remainder of Darin Esser's term.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Michele Seil, Library Director, gave the annual report on 2025 activities at the library. The Mayor thanked Seil and the library board for their high energy, activities, and grant writing to make our library the best in the state.

A motion was made by Olson for the first reading of Ordinance 285. An ordinance repealing Chapter 32 and enacting Chapter 35 of the City of Carrington Municipal Code, relating to flood damage prevention.

A motion was made by Fandrich for the first reading of Ordinance 286 with the correction of a proposed 3% fee. An ordinance granting a franchise to Daktel Communications, LLC, DBA Dakota Central Telecommunications. Finance & Legal recommends the fee increasing from 1.25% of annual gross operating revenues to 3%.

A motion was made by Nelson for the first reading of Ordinance 287 with the correction of a proposed 3% fee. An ordinance granting a franchise to Midcontinent Communications, DBA Midco. Finance & Legal recommends the fee increasing from 1.25% of annual gross operating revenues to 3%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 4 calls for service, March 16th will be the meeting with townships to discuss 2027 contracts, working on replacing wildland turnout gear project, unit 24 is on schedule for repair from last summers accident, unit 27 is back with a new pump, received notice

the SIRN project testing will be late summer early fall and projected to be on the system early 2027, and the green truck was sold to Woodworth Rural Fire District.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported still waiting on Sanitation contract and Waste Management's feedback, discussed how to fund MXU/meter replacement project, and 1% city sales tax is down \$75,000 from this time last year.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported the annual meeting for CCEDC is April 9th at the Chieftain.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Olson, to give preliminary approval for a Commercial Building Improvement grant to Central Pharmacy for a lighting replacement project at 40% cost share reimbursement. The estimated cost of \$15,000 will equal a \$6,000 cost share. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to give preliminary approval for a Commercial Building Improvement grant to Arrowwood Prairie Co-op for a remodel of the C-Store kitchen area of \$65,000 approximate cost at 25% cost share reimbursement up to \$30,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to approve a \$2,000 Stay at Home/Return to Work Grant to Aaron Neumiller employed at Larsen Plumbing with \$1,000 paid now and \$1,000 paid in July. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Roundy, Fandrich, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to approve a Community Connection grant to Carrington City Library for their Story Walk project for the 250th Celebration which requires a 20% match at \$2,100. The following voted in favor Fandrich, Olson, Smith, Nelson, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve the bid from Schroeder Sawyer Service for \$7,500 to remove trees and clean up the site by the walking path near the Industrial Park. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported no meeting has been held yet.

POLICE:

Councilman Nelson reported they met tonight and there were 245 calls for service in February and \$12,500 was received from the Eagles gaming to cover one year of the Axon contract. The mayor stated we had 2 individuals seeking employment, part-time and one for the academy, did not work out.

TREE BOARD:

Councilman Smith reported there was a meeting on February 26th. Went over this summer's schedule to replace 25 trees, will work with last year's homeowners who had trees removed last year to see if they'd like replacement, and will be working with TcNursery on ordering trees.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported a water break on 7th St N near Heartland Ready Mix was fixed and a new hydrant was installed, J&R Dirtworks cleaned the storm ditch from the lagoon to the lagoon road with additional work this spring, sanitary sewer repair on 2nd St N between 1st and 2nd Ave, and an ad will be placed for a temporary summer help position.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve hiring an NDSU Professor to help with the energy analysis required for the City Hall furnace grant application at a cost of \$70 per hour, not to exceed \$500. All vote aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Councilman Roundy reported 2 building permits were issued for February.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor