

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, April 8, 2024 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, Tyler Hoggarth, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilmen Fandrich and Olson and Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Linda Schuster, Leasa Lura, Aaron Fauss, Robin Simonson, Michele Seil, and Jessie Becker.

Aaron Fauss addressed council asking for clarification on the 48 hour parking ordinance when you have more than one driver in your household and nowhere to park. Mr. Fauss also wanted to know if he needed to spend money on installing a “dummy” driveway so he has off street parking. The Mayor agreed with Chief Bittmann that proposed changes could be looked at modifying the ordinance.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held March 11, 2024 and the special meeting on April 2, 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1026 to Carrington Health Center Auxiliary for a raffle and #1027 to John Raymond O’Hara Post 25 American Legion.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Michele Seil, Library Director, gave the annual library report which included an update on projects, information on their collection, financial highlights, and data on events and attendance. Councilman Pederson thanked Director Seil, the Library Board, and employees for all they do and how lucky our community is to have an involved library. Mayor Erdmann echoed Councilmen Pederson that we greatly appreciate Director Seil and the board taking the library to a whole other level with extra work and dedication and it has a major impact on our city. The library is also recognized statewide for being one of the towns with a real active library and positive environment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 3 calls since the last report, the lighting grant was approved with a 50/50 share to update to LED, SCBA’s were reconfigured, wrote a grant for the Community Foundation grant, and the annual Schroeder/Dunn memorial benefit in honor of Al Trader was a huge success.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported the hay land contract will be put out for bids on a three year term, the old city hall office furniture will be offered to employees first for bids before the public

as the value is under \$500 and if no employees bid, bids will be opened to the public, continue to look at the NDPERS Public Safety Plan and will take a closer look at budget time.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported on a new program that CCEDC is recommending to provide humanitarian relief for individuals from Ukraine and to enhance our businesses with potential employees. Ukrainians could move here on a two year program and fill some of our many job openings. CCEDC provided a \$2,000 grant in CCEDC funds to Hollydazzle Salon for startup expenses.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve CCEDC's recommendation of a new incentive program called Carrington Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant. A maximum reimbursement of \$7,500 from CED funds per application. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Roundy, Smith, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Roundy, to approve reimbursement of \$5,124.00 to the Garden Gate for the Commercial Building Improvement Grant, previously approved. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Hoggarth, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation of approving a Commercial Building Improvement Grant to Chad & Amy Wobbema per grant guidelines of 25% of the total project costs up to \$30,000. The following voted in favor: Smith, Hoggarth, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve CCEDC's recommendation of approving a Carrington Uniting for Ukraine application from Tom Erdmann to be a sponsor. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Pederson, Hoggarth, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

POLICE:

Councilman Pederson reported there were 221 calls for service in March, 2 different terrorizing charges, 2 good drug arrests, a failure to register sex offender, 56 warnings were issued for chapter 34 ordinance pertaining to vehicles, and Bittmann worked with Principal Helseth and picked out the National Safety brochures. The new Tahoe is in but won't get detailed with police equipment until June.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported Jason and Travis are working with Mike Neis on the Central City Lumber 2nd St S addition as far as sewer and if a lift station is needed, NDDOT Carrington Division working on getting city water, some old equipment will be put out for bids to the public, SIRN 2020 agreement has been drawn up for review, 2023 Safe Water Drinking Act certification was approved by the state, lead service line inventory sent out by Interstate Engineering has only a 8% response rate and will work on advertising, street sweeping started, crack sealing will start either April 15 or 22, lagoon cell #3 samples, if approved, will be released, cleanup week will be May 30 – June 1, brown totes resume April 29, still working on armory repairs, discussion on armory vandalism, updating cameras, and opening it from 7 am – 5 pm.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 1 building permit was issued.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Tom Erdmann, Mayor