

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, April 13, 2026 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, Tyler Hoggarth, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilman Nelson and Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Kelly Hagel, Ken Wangen, and Linda Schuster.

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

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Roundy, to authorize the Attorney's office to do quiet title action for Auditor's Lot 126. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Hoggarth, Fandrich, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to issue a 2026 Beer/Wine On/Off Sale and Liquor License effective June 1, 2026 to TKOlson LLC. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Hoggarth, Roundy, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried. Councilman Olson abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Roundy for the second reading and final passage of Ordinance 285. An ordinance repealing Chapter 32 and enacting Chapter 35 of the City of Carrington Municipal Code, relating to flood damage prevention. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Olson, Smith, Fandrich, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson for the second reading and final passage of Ordinance 286. An ordinance granting a franchise to Daktel Communications, LLC, DBA Dakota Central Telecommunications. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Fandrich, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Councilman Roundy abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Hoggarth for the second reading and final passage of Ordinance 287. An ordinance granting a franchise to Midcontinent Communications, DBA Midco. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Olson, Roundy, Hoggarth, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 6 calls for service, spaghetti feed went well, townships agreed to a \$500 (equally adjusted for partial contracts) increase for 2027 contract and then \$75 a year after that, applying for grants on the wildland gear replacement and awarded a \$15,000 grant from ND Forest Service, and looking to address the fan strobe effect the new lights created.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to authorize Mayor Erdmann to sign the 3-year sanitation contract with Waste Management effective May 1, 2026 and expiring April 30, 2029. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to transfer the abandoned cash of \$12,090 from the General Fund 100 to the Gaming Grant Fund 246, dedicated toward body cameras and AI transcription for the Police Department. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Erdmann reported city sales tax is behind last year's record but on pace to 2024 numbers and discussion was held on dangerous buildings and utilizing Economic Development fund for associated costs.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Smith, to approve disbursement to Arrowwood Prairie Co-op for a Commercial Building Improvement grant project costing \$67,485.99 with 25% of eligible costs for a grant of \$16,871.49. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, Smith, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Hoggarth, to correct the previously approved Commercial Building Improvement grant approval from 25% to 40% cost share in accordance with grant guidelines. Total project cost was \$80,055.65 with 40% cost share is a reimbursement of \$32,022.26 to Schulz Plumbing. The following voted in favor: Olson, Roundy, Smith, Hoggarth, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Erdmann reported the CCEDC approved a one-time payment to Maertens Welding for \$1,750 from CCEDC funds to the city with no repayment required to the business for the BND interest buydown amount.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to preliminary approve a Commercial Building Improvement grant application from Foster County Abstract & Title for total project cost of \$6,050 with 25% of eligible project costs subject to documentation on grandfathered exception to the business in a residential area. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they met April 9th with Interstate Engineering providing an update on the Airfield Lighting project, bid opening will be April 17th at 1:30 pm, went over the 20-year capital improvement plan, looking to improve drainage on the south side of new hangar to drain to the west, the windsock will be replaced, and waiting on a technician to repair the AWO system.

LIBRARY:

Councilman Roundy reported the minutes were in your packet. The trees have been cleaned up along the walking path in the industrial park for the upcoming Story Walk project and additional mowing will occur.

POLICE:

Councilman Hoggarth reported they met tonight and there were 296 calls for service in March, and the Chief will conduct interviews for the open position, and the Chief plans to go around beginning May 1st talking to residents about junk ordinance.

TREE BOARD:

Councilman Smith reported 25 trees have been ordered from TcNursery with approximately 12-15 already claimed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported working with Interstate Engineering on the lead copper inventory with two guys going door to door to complete inventory in early May, Dakota Growers Pasta Plant is having issues with sediment buildup on hot water lines with Interstate to analyze and our Aqua-Pure representative to assist in determining cause, highway 281 south street lights are city responsibility with Jason to reach out to Northern Plains Electric to get cost estimates of standards, storm/ditch cleaning to continue on northside of town, 1st St S and 13th Ave S sanitary sewer was filmed and will need repair, Agroliquid is possibly doing a building expansion, lagoon discharge has been approved from DEQ with one cell currently being discharged, city wide cleanup June 4-6, city hall furnace project is ongoing, boiler plumbing and maintenance completed at the armory, Jayden Hochhalter has resigned from Public Works, one application was received for summer temporary position with an interview this week, survey from Northern Plains on the Cendak project was received, and there was a conference call with Daniel Schwartz about storm water survey grant, county multi-hazard mitigation plan needs to be renewed, and nothing new to report on highway crossing grant.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve applying for a 50/50 ND Department of Commerce grant to update interior and exterior lighting at the water plant. The quote from Gussiaas Electric has an estimated cost of \$17,125. All vote aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 1 building permit and 1 demolition permit were issued for March and Planning & Zoning is working on a rezoning application from Will Partlow.

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

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

The Board of Equalization meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 pm at city hall.

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 8:20 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor