

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:30 PM. Council President Troy Roundy presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Absent: Mayor Erdmann, Councilmen Fandrich and Pederson, and Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Linda Schuster, Leasa Lura, Karen Evans, Brett Ehni, and Sheila Harrington.

Brett Ehni, of the New Rockford Eagles, addressed Council asking for renewal of their gaming site authorization at the Shamrock Bar. This item will be addressed under consent agenda items.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held April 8, 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve consent agenda items:

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1028 to Carrington Youth Center for a sports pool and #1029 to Carrington Youth Center for a bingo.
- b. To approve the Mayor's Arbor Day Proclamation for May 16, 2024.
- c. To waive sewer charges for the Carrington Park District's swimming pool first fill of the season.
- d. To approve the following game site authorization(s) from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025:
 - a. American Foundation for Wildlife at the Five Spot.
 - b. Sykeston Community Club at CBS' Bar & Grill.
 - c. Midway Aerie 2923 at Shamrock Bar.
 - d. Carrington Wrestling Booster Club at the Chieftain.
- e. To approve records to be destroyed May 2024 per the state records retention schedule.

The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve a street closure application, subject to paying the \$30 fee, from the Foster County Fair from June 19-22, 2024 on 16th Ave S from 3rd St to 4th St. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 2 calls since the last report, half of the new lights have been installed, tile floors were stripped and waxed, and received verbal confirmation that the FD was awarded the Carrington Community Endowment grant toward the lighting project and purchasing 6 more SCBA batteries and a charger.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Council President Roundy reported that bids were not opened for the city hall office furniture as a quorum was not obtained for the committee meeting. Bids were opened at City Council.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hoggarth, to accept the following bids from Bessette Motors for \$400 for the city hall office furniture, a bid for the John Deere X340 riding lawn mower for \$513 from Merdyna Guthmiller, and a bid for the Woods DS 96 rotary mower for \$1,111 from Travis Carr. The following voted in favor: Olson, Hoggarth, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to approve the Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant application from Tyler Carr for \$6,400. The following voted in favor: Smith, Hoggarth, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve the Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant application from Arlo Stedman for \$4,500. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Smith, to approve the Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant application from Arlo Stedman for \$3,100. The following voted in favor: Olson, Smith, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Jason Wolsky, Airport Manager, reported they had met last Thursday and final payment was approved to Knife River Materials, CIP meetings will be held in July in Jamestown, cleanup of the Mattern property continues, and the sump pump in a hangar failed and will be replaced.

LIBRARY:

Council President Roundy reported that new security cameras are in place with a new policy and signage in place, and the Great Plains Food Bank Summer Meals Program will run through the library with pickup Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4-5 pm and Thursdays from 9:30-10 am., working on Summer Reading program, 3-year review of emergency plan was approved, and Jason and the Mayor are working on getting their parking lot fixed.

POLICE:

Committee did not meet due to lack of a quorum. Chief Bittmann reported 254 CFS, 2 terrorizing charges, 1 DUI, 1 menancing, new Officer Lentz is training, and 60 vehicles were tagged for chapter 34 for no registration, however, a correction will be issued as it was for excessive parking.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve the Axon training and certification for the tasers at \$9,824.20 to be paid with five year payment plan. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded Hoggarth, to approve 2 new cameras for the Silverado and new Tahoe for \$24,439.20 with a five year payment plan. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

TREE BOARD:

Doug Smith reported they had met April 10th, the tree order has been placed to TC Nursery for 25 trees, Jennifer has received phone calls of residents wanting trees, Jason and Kathy to mark

trees for next round of removals, 2023 Tree City Application submitted by Jennifer was approved, and grant funds of \$10,000 received for last year's tree removal project.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilmen Smith reported they met and discussed Bohlman Trenching cleanup at the water loop project, bid opening on PW equipment, NDRW training to be held at the fire hall on May 15th, re-doing counters in the lab part of the water plant, high service building getting 3 new windows, lights south on 281 getting replaced, and releasing water out of lagoon with tests with good numbers.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve the SIRN 2020 Tower lease and use agreement authorizing Mayor Erdmann or Council President Roundy to sign. The following voted in favor: Olson, Hoggarth, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to authorize AA to use armory board room temporarily, while the courthouse is out of use, the second Wednesday of the month. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 15 building permits were issued and Planning & Zoning is having a public hearing on setback variance application from Foster County Fairboard.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Troy Roundy, Council President