

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, June 9, 2025 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, Melissa Magnuson, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann**arrived late, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan and Councilman Nelson.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Leasa Lura, and Linda Schuster.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve minutes of the council meeting held May 12, 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

a. To approve the following 2025 Fireworks applications:

Joshua Sherman, Arlie Brandvold, Christopher Vettel, and AT Fireworks.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to approve Foster County Fair Board's application for a street closure on June 18 – June 21, 2025 on 16th Ave S from 3rd to 4th St. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve a resolution setting the Auditor's bond at \$2,000,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 7 calls for service, the new truck is at Patriot Fire being outfitted with a target online date of late July/early August, all trucks passed pump test with one having a valve issue to be addressed, applied for the NVFC/State Farm Insurance grant, and two members resigned with Chase Pederson elected as Captain to replace Brad Weninger.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported they discussed the sanitation proposal from WM, municipal ticket revenue of \$67.00 received from Foster County Clerk of District Court for April 2024- May 31, 2025 which was 20% of ordinance fines (all traffic go to the state), handicap doors will be fixed and a new light installed at city hall once parts are received, water meters for Stutsman Rural Water and the Chieftain to be fixed, MDU to complete an energy analysis for the grant for a new furnace at city hall, and went over record 1% city sales tax collections year to date.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hoggarth, to allow a subcommittee consisting of Mayor Erdmann, Councilman Roundy, Auditor Gast, and PWD Wolsky to make changes to the city's building and property coverage with additional premium not to exceed \$4,100 by the July 1 renewal. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported Eddy's Eats (Eddy Yuja) was approved for a start-up grant for \$2,500 for a new food truck from CCEDC funds, Kramer Skills Academy (Jamison Kramer) was approved for a start-up grant in the amount of \$250.00 from CCEDC funds, the Floral Shop LLC dba Petals & Stems submitted a CCEDC funding application for assistance in purchasing the business contingent upon securing additional funding, and Gabriella Abud has been hired as the new CCEDC Executive Director with a starting salary of \$62,000, and up to a \$1,000 per month benefit package to include health insurance/dental/vision premiums, and a 3% IRA match.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Smith, to give preliminary approval on a Commercial Building Improvement Grant for Foster County Public Health with 25% of the reimbursement funds up to \$30,000 to be disbursed from CED funds and 15% of the reimbursement funds up to \$20,000 to be disbursed from CCEDC funds. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to give preliminary approval on a Commercial Building Improvement Grant for CHI St. Alexius-Carrington for outdoor concrete, pillars, and small building siding updates with a CED cost share of 25% up to a total of \$30,000 as per grant guidelines. Estimated project cost of \$81,582.07. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve a Daycare Provider Grant application from Ellen McLamb, owner of Darline's Kiddy Corner, for \$1,000 in funds for each new full-time spot at the daycare to be paid out 50% now, 25% in 6 months, and 25% in 9 months up to \$10,000 as per grant guidelines. The following voted in favor: Smith, Fandrich, Roundy, Olson, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they met last June 5th with Interstate Engineering providing an update on the Airfield lighting improvement project with cultural and environmental studies being awarded, all land leases have been returned except two, Roadway Services will finish crack sealing this week, the Slater hydrant repair was completed by J&R Dirt works, and the meeting with the State Aeronautics Commission is set for July 22, 2025 at 10 am.

POLICE:

Councilman Hoggarth reported 356 calls for service in May, a few part-time officers have been working, and the Chief will be getting an estimate for a new Tahoe for next year.

TREE BOARD:

Councilman Smith reported they have distributed trees for planting with eight new trees going in at the westside park and two trees were planted for the Arbor Day celebration.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilmen Roundy reported the water plant, lagoon, and lift stations passed NDDEQ inspection, substantial increase in water usage from Stutsman Rural water, mosquito sprayer had a solenoid replaced and will need to be calibrated, discussion on responsibility of frontage road by Ryan Larson and Heartland Ready Mix, water plant pickup has a shift cable that needs to be replaced, Shawn Neumiller is working on the Ferris mower, and no applications for open positions.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 11 new building permits issued in May.

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

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

Adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor