

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Tuesday, August 12, 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, Jesse Nelson, Tyler Hoggarth, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan and Chief Bittmann.

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

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve minutes of the council meeting held July 14, 2025 and special meetings on July 24 and 30, 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to contribute \$300,000 from Sales Tax Fund 218 toward lowering District 14-1 Special Assessments for taxable year 2025. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 5 calls for service, the new truck is coming back August 25 with training on the truck to be held, and the department received a \$10,000 grant from the New Rockford Eagles gaming to repair the Ford grass truck pump that is failing.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported they are still in negotiations with Waste Management on the sanitation contract, there will be a public hearing on a charitable gaming site authorization policy next month, received a bid for a new PD Tahoe but will table for 6 months, ND League of Cities annual conference is September 17-19 in Bismarck, and the 1 cent city sales tax is \$173,000 ahead of this time last year.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to fund the Main Street watermain replacement project from Capital Project Fund 316. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to authorize Mayor Erdmann to sign BNY Third Party Custodian Agreement (collateralized Municipal Deposits) and to authorize Auditor Gast, Deputy Auditor Jerome, Council President Roundy, and Council Vice President Fandrich to be authorized signers. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Fandrich, Nelson, Smith, Olson, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to approve the sale of 970 Main St to SWZ LLC for \$2,500 plus \$500 toward closing costs. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Nelson, Smith, Hoggarth, Olson, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Erdmann reported Rainbow Gardens is applying for a \$200,000 ND Tourism destination grant but would require a match and additional donations, CCEDC approved a \$15,000 3-year forgivable loan to Shayla Diede for Branded Blooms Floral & Greenhouse, and a couple new grants for youth entrepreneurship and start-up grant were approved primarily using CCEDC funds.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they met August 7th with Interstate Engineering providing an update on the Airfield lighting improvement project, discussion on beacon location was held, a 45 – 60-day shutdown of the airport will be necessary when the lighting project work is done, the 2026 budget was approved, and an update on NDIRF property coverage was given.

POLICE:

Councilman Hoggarth reported they met tonight 351 calls for service in July, 235 calls for service on the junk and grass ordinances from April to present, gaming grants of \$3,418 from Five Spot gaming to outfit the 2013 Tahoe with computer stand and printer, and \$2,250 from the Shamrock through Eagles for AED batteries, pads and ammunition, and they have received a couple applications since raising the salary and will interview one.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported the Garrison Diversion/Stutsman Rural water new pipe installed is full of water and water usage should be slowing down and will get their meter replaced, watermain replacement for Main Street bid opening is August 19th, lagoon discharge August 1-4, lift station annual inspection completed by Dakota Pump & Control, landfill inspection fixes have been completed and approved by DEQ, fall citywide cleanup is September 18-20, the SIRM building is here with installation of antennae and wires on August 25th, have an applicant/interview for the Water Plant/Equipment Operator position, waiting on an itemized quote for the armory garage repair, and there are 40 meters that need to be reprogrammed.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, with an update to last month's Tri-State Paving quote from last month. Quote is for \$45,045 with city share of \$37,125 and property owner share of \$7,920 billed back to owners. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Nelson, Olson, Hoggarth, Smith, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve payment of the city's share of the Tri-State paving quote from Fund 316. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve the estimate from Dakota Pump & Control for \$24,685 for lift station repairs. Half will be paid from water and sewer fund and the other half (\$12,685) from Fund 228. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Olson, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Nelson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

PWD Wolsky reported 7 new building permits and 1 demolition permit issued in July and the Planning and Zoning board is changing the meeting day to the first Wednesday of the month still at 5:30 pm at city hall.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve the revised CVB Agreement and authorize Mayor Erdmann, Auditor Gast, and CVB Chair, Wendy Wise to sign. (Changes are:

#1 only one Executive Director, #2 a representative from lodging, prepared food, retail business, and from the city are on the board. Recommend changing the on/off sale representative to an at-large member within the city). All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Councilmen Smith asked Council to put their heads together to get new crossing lights on 281.

Auditor Gast provided an updated invoice report for approval.

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

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

Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor