

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, October 13, 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, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan.

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

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve minutes of the council meeting held September 8, 2025 and special council meeting on September 16, 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve the consent agenda item(s):

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permit(s) issued by the City Auditor: #1066 to Knights of Columbus for a raffle board, #1067 to Friends of Kristin Cabler for a raffle, #1068 to the American Legion for a raffle, #1069 to CHI St. Alexius Health Carrington for a bingo, and #1070 to Sykeston American Legion for a calendar raffle.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Roundy, to file an application with the State Water Commission for a Cost-Share/Web grant application relative to the 2025 Main Street Water Main Replacement Project for additional cost share contribution of \$16,212, bringing the total State Water Commission cost-share to \$100,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve CCEDC's street closing permit for October 31, 2025 on Main Street from 8th to 10th Ave from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm and to approve utilizing the armory as a backup location for Trunk N Treat. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve and authorize Mayor Erdmann to sign the Interim Financing Agreement, Series F with the Lake Agassiz Water Authority and Red River Valley pipeline project. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 5 calls for service, two dual band radios were purchased for the Chiefs to carry, completed Fire Prevention week activities with kindergarten classes from Carrington and Pingree, paperwork to establish the Carrington Firefighters Association as a 501 c3 is almost complete, unit 24 has been approved for repair, and unit 27 will also need repair for the pump.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported discussion on substance abuse testing policy, Attorney's office to draw up an abandoned property ordinance, agreed to a monthly fee on our sanitation contract with Waste Management but will work with Attorney Geroux on contract specifics, there is a potential 100% grant available for the new city hall furnace, per H&H Holdings agreement the city owes \$30,240 for 2022, 2023, 2024 for taxes/specials paid and will have another payment for 2025 taxes/specials, and the deal with Carr's is supposed to close Wednesday with the \$200,000 forgivable loan approved earlier with a promissory note and mortgage drawn up with 2000 Main LLC.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Olson, to approve transferring accounts to Gate City Bank due to additional interest earnings while maintaining an open account at each Bremer and Bank Forward with authorized signers as Auditor Gast, Deputy Auditor Jerome, Mayor Erdmann, and Councilmen Roundy and Fandrich. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Hoggarth, Olson, Fandrich, Nelson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Roundy, to approve Officer's Lentz and Jensen's request to sell back 40- and 60-hours PTO respectively as per our buyback policy at their present hourly rate of pay. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Smith, Olson, Hoggarth, Roundy, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported there was discussion on the new home construction and tax incentive on the house moved into town by Katie and Jadin Riedesel.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to disburse a \$2,500 grant previously approved to Central City Lumber for a job credit. The following voted in favor Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, Smith, Olson, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to approve two Commercial Building Improvement Grants per program guidelines at 25 % of costs to MidStates Insurance for \$18,788.25 (total project cost \$75,153) and CBS' for \$2,782.70 (total project cost \$11,130.80). The following voted in favor: Olson, Smith, Roundy, Fandrich, Nelson, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Olson, to give preliminary approval for a Commercial Building Improvement Grant per grant guidelines to the Chieftain for restoration of the "Big Chief" with an estimated project cost of \$22,285.35. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to accept Jason Hovdenes offer to purchase Lot 5, Block 1 in the Industrial Park for \$3,000 with Hovdenes to cover the closing costs. Intentions are to move his current building to this property with stipulations that this occurs within 8 months. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, Smith, Nelson, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they met October 9th with an update on the Airfield lighting improvement project, the beacon location was not approved by FAA and will now be

located north of the Polries hangar, repairs to lights & AWOS, and courtesy car brakes and rotors replaced.

POLICE:

Councilman Hoggarth reported they met tonight, 287 calls for service in September, the old Tahoe has been equipped with a computer, printer, and will install GPS, Officer Romero is working independently, two dogs at the pound have been adopted, and looking at possible changes to Chapter 34 Junk Ordinance and Chapter 9 Buildings.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to approve up to \$2,500 for a new computer for the office at the Police Department with up to \$1,500 from Fund 228 and \$1,000 from Police Department equipment budget. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Nelson, Olson, Smith, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

TREEBOARD:

Councilman Smith reported the tree removal project was completed by J&J Striping.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported the watermain replacement project is moving along quickly, one hydrant needs repair by Golden Acres, the water tower and reservoir cleaning has been postponed to next year due to scheduling conflicts, seasonal meters have been removed, there is a HSIP grant with the DOT for highway crossing lights, aggregate was placed on gravel road to Central City Grain, the Hwy 281 frontage road maintenance and opinion of city responsibility is still needed from legal, J&R Dirtworks is going to work on ditch cleaning by OK Tire and the lagoon, brown tote pickups last day is October 27th, and the armory garage project is possibly going to get started this weekend.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

PWD Wolsky reported 11 new building permits and 2 moving permits issued and the Planning & Zoning Board is still working on the lot combination ordinance, and he is working with Gabi at CCEDC on reconciling Commercial Building permits and grants.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor