

## **APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The following members of Council and City Departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Chase Pederson, Al Trader, Doug Smith, Leo Ryan, Jason Wolsky, Pam Jerome, and Jennifer Gast

Absent: Councilman Olson.

Also present: Christopher Bittmann, Ken Wangen, Leasa Lura, Scott Tanata, and Sylvester (Red) Zurn.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting on August 8, 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to approve consent agenda items: To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #983 to Carrington-Preschool for a calendar raffle, #984 to Foster County 4-H Council for a raffle, and #985 to Sykeston American Legion for a calendar raffle. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Pederson, to approve Mayor Erdmann's appointment of Officer Christopher Bittmann as Chief of Police. Councilman Fandrich stated he believed we should promote from within and he has gotten a handful of written recommendation letters for another officer. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Smith, Trader, and Pederson. Against: Fandrich. Motion carried.

Attorney Leo Ryan administered the oath of office to Christopher Bittmann as Chief of Police.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Pederson, on the first reading of Ordinance 275, an ordinance enacting Article VI, Chapter 30, of the Code of the City of Carrington, North Dakota, relating to the illegal discharge in storm drain system.

Ordinance 276, was discussed, an ordinance for the use of Utility-task vehicles in the City of Carrington, North Dakota, which sets forth requirements for size, components, and operation in the City of Carrington. No motion was made and the ordinance will be sent back to Organizational Review.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FIRE DEPT:**

Chief Wangen reported they had 8 calls since the last report. Wangen also reported they wrote and won a grant from Eagles gaming and it will be awarded in phases, with the first phase they are buying 2 thermal imagers and ice rescue suits, and pumper 22 is back and performed well at the structure fire.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW:**

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed ordinances and reminded Department heads to pick 2 NDIRF trainings for their staff to complete.

## **FINANCE & LEGAL:**

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met today and discussed status of time clocks, a grievance that has been filed, reviewed salaries scales, external audit issues, financials, and Mayor Erdmann, Auditor Gast, Public Works Director Jason Wolsky, and Deputy Auditor Jerome are going to League of Cities on September 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **CCEDC:**

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had two first time home buying incentives received from Tami Aljets and Nathan Johnson.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy, to approve CCEDC's recommendation for a first time home buying incentive to Tami Aljets, for \$1500.00 cash and \$1500.00 in Carrington cash, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Smith, Trader, Fandrich, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation for a first time home buying incentive to Nathan Johnson, for \$1500.00 cash and \$1500.00 in Carrington cash, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Trader, Smith, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

## **AIRPORT:**

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, Interstate Engineering gave a progress update on the rehabilitation project, PW has been mowing, spraying, light repair, windsock replacement, PW Director Wolsky went to a CIP meeting, recertified the fuel pump, have ordered a new AWOS system, and the runway will be open the first part of October.

## **LIBRARY:**

Councilman Trader told council minutes were in the packet, Seil has been working on grants and received three, working on a new logo, and had kids work on a holding area at Junk fest.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Councilman Trader told council they had met this evening and discussed the new Chief, salary scale, car getting worked on, retaining officers, police policy book, maintenance log for the vehicles, chain of command and the first department meeting is on Wednesday.

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilman Roundy reported they had met tonight and discussed Interstate Engineering update, storm water on Hagel property, SORN 2020 possibly putting antenna and equipment on water tower, water plant lime press valve issues, cross walk sprayer and mosquito sprayer are down, NDDOT concrete overpass issues, Tristate paving will be looking at four spots, a company came and did sludge testing at the holding ponds, sewer flushing will be starting, free

clean up is September 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>, and will be opening the Armory in the mornings for walkers depending on the weather.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

Public Works Director Wolsky told council there were 6 building permits for August.

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

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

Sylvester (Red) Zurn asked council about doing something with the trees and shrubs around town that are hindering sight at the intersections.

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

Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Jennifer Gast, City Auditor

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Tom Erdmann, Mayor