

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, March 10, 2014, at 7:30 PM, at City Hall. Mayor Don Frye presiding.

The following members of council and city departments were present: Danny Schuchard, Brad Weninger, Neil Fandrich, Dan Trosen, Randy Munkeby, James Linderman, Stacey Rzaszutak, Trygg Olson and Heather Carr.

Absent: Councilmen Doug Roundy and Dick Engel.

Also present: Leasa Lura, Mike Tufte, Ken Wangen, Justin Johnson, Teresa Risovi, Mary Jensen and Randy Hooey.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, approve the application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes from Randall and Mallory Hooey, parcel #03749000, lowering the true and full value of the property known as 365 Jo Al Dr, from \$185,000.00 to \$148,000.00 as recommended by City Assessor Dana Scheer. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Olson, and Frye. Against: Schuchard and Weninger. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brad Weninger, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes from Lester Schuldheisz, parcel #02825000, lowering the true and full value of the property known as Lot 3, Blk 10, Original Addtn, from \$72,000.00 to \$57,600 as recommended by the City Assessor Dana Scheer. The following voted in favor: None. Against: Olson, Fandrich, Schuchard, and Weninger. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the request from the Putnam House for off-site premise location for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Taste event, only in case of inclement weather, on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to the Foster County Fairgrounds . All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trygg Olson, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve the destruction of records in accordance with the ND Records Retention Schedule from the State as presented. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Weninger, Olson, and Schuchard. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve the beer/liquor extension requests from Harleys Place on July 17, 18 (2), 19(2), and August 16, 2014. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brad Weninger, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #242, Chapter 32, Subdivision. The following voted in favor: Olson, Schuchard, Fandrich, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FIRE DEPT:**

Fire Department Chief Ken Wangen reported the following: they had four fire calls since the last report, Purchase agreement is signed with Benton, Wisconsin for their truck for \$35,000.00. They have applied for three more grants to defray the cost to the department. Four members attended the 60<sup>th</sup> State Fire School. The fire department has been working on reviewing the contracts with the townships.

### **FINANCE & LEGAL:**

Councilman Olson reported they met at noon today and discussed Auditor Carr working on an election agreement with Foster County. Auditor Carr will be attending HR training in April in Bismarck. Harold Rotunda will be here in April for the 2013 audit report.

A motion was made by Trygg Olson, seconded by Danny Schuchard, to approve the following transfers: from Fund 213, gambling tax of \$9,094.00 to Fund 100, general fund and transfer from Fund 633 sanitation transfer station \$5,500.00 to Fund 603 sanitation. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Olson, Schuchard, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trygg Olson, seconded by Weninger, to approve amending the resolution for annexation of the approximate 27.32 acres recently purchased, as originally approved at the January 13, 2014, meeting of the City Council so that every reference to the March 10, 2014, meeting date be changed to April 14, 2014, to allow time to properly notify each city, county or township directly affected by the land area proposed to be annexed. The following voted in favor: Weninger, Schuchard, Fandrich, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neil Fandrich, seconded by Danny Schuchard, to authorize the Mayor to adjust salaries and appoint a committee to work on a new wage structure. The following voted in favor: Fandrich. Against: Schuchard, Olson and Weninger. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve a salary adjustment of \$32,000 total to be allocated between the Public Works and the Police Department. The following voted in favor: Olson, Weninger, Fandrich, Schuchard. Against: None. Motion carried.

**JDA:**

Economic Development Director, James Linderman informed council that he will be giving our website a facelift and restructure it.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve \$1295.00 for the update of our website. The following voted in favor: Olson, Fandrich, Schuchard, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the advertising of a public notice for the property tax exemption from Fessenden Coop. The following voted in favor: Weninger, Schuchard, Fandrich, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

**AIRPORT:**

Mayor Frye informed council they met last Thursday and authorized Interstate Engineering to submit three applications for projects. One application is to purchase some land surrounding the airport and the one for the hanger and one for apron work.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Emergency Manager Teresa Risovi reported to council the Governor had training in Bismarck and decided to pick a city in the state for a disaster and Carrington was elected. The Governor was extremely impressed with our city.

**CVB:**

Economic Development Director, James Linderman, told council they went over a lot of grants, street banners signs and have ordered 40 to replace ones they already have, discussed the tourism conference, and the Annual meeting will be on Monday, March 24, 2014.

**LIBRARY:**

Stacey Rzaszutak reported that the library is working on their budget and strategic plan, computer classes and National Library week is April 14-18, 2014.

**POLICE:**

Councilman Neil Fandrich said a new police officer was hired and they got the heater working in the garage.

**TREE BOARD:**

City Auditor, Heather Carr informed council they issued the rest of the DED reimbursements. They talked about the tree planting they have with the school every year and paying for those trees.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Danny Schuchard informed council they had met and discussed the water break and it has been repaired. They have also had a couple more breaks, which are being taken care of.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve putting the sewer truck out for bids once the new one arrives. The following voted in favor: Schuchard, Fandrich, Weninger and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:40 PM

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Heather Carr, City Auditor

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Don Frye, Mayor