

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, April 14, 2014, at 7:30 PM, at City Hall. Mayor Don Frye presiding.

The following members of council and city departments were present: Neil Fandrich, Danny Schuchard, Brad Weninger, Dick Engel, Trygg Olson, Dan Trosen, Nathan Kruse, Leo Ryan, James Linderman, Pam Jerome, and Heather Carr.

Absent: Councilmen Doug Roundy and Chief Randy Munkeby.

Also present: Leasa Lura, Ken Wangen, Travis Dillman, Dave Magnus, Jerome Hoheisel, Tom Erdmann, Dean Hafner, Jim Grueneich, Aaron Abaurrea, and Eric Zink.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the three sets of minutes as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A hearing related to the proposed annexation of the approx. 30 acres recently purchased on the west edge of town was held. It was noted there were no objections received in writing nor did anyone show up at the meeting to protest.

A motion was made by Trygg Olson, seconded by Dick Engel, to approve the annexation resolution of approx. 30 Acres as advertised. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Olson, Weninger, Schuchard, and Engel. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brad Weninger, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to authorize JDA to begin negotiations with H&H Holdings LLP to purchase and develop the approx. 30 acres of land on the west side of Carrington. The following voted in favor: Engel, Schuchard, Weninger, Olson, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was given as to the proposed plat of the approx. 30 acres. No action can be taken until after the 60 day waiting period for public comment.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the new and expanding business exemption application from Fessenden Coop, for a 100% tax exemption for 5 years. The following voted in favor: Weninger, Schuchard, Olson, Engel, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Aaron Abaurra and Eric Zink of Assessment Solutions addressed council regarding mass appraisals. No action was taken at this time but a special meeting will be set up at a later date to discuss this in further detail with the council.

Harold Rotunda, CPA, gave the 2013 Financial Audit Report.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve the following 2013 year end transfers:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
General Fund	City Hall Rents	\$8,569.11
Social Security	General Fund	\$48,673.54
Retirement	General Fund	\$18,962.22
Liability Ins.	General Fund	\$18,962.22

JDA	Water Plant Debt	\$50,000.00
Sewer Fund	Sewer Reserve	\$17,879.19
General	Library	\$18,947.97
Library Donations	Library	\$1,010.68

The following voted in favor: Engel, Weninger, Olson, Schuchard, and Fandrich. Against: None.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trygg Olson, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the 2013 Financial Report as given by Harold Rotunda, CPA. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve the 4-H Sheep Project request from Joel Lemer & Shane Wendel to keep sheep at the Foster County Fairgrounds on a temporary basis. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve the gaming site authorization to American Foundation for Wildlife beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, at Finch's Five Spot. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Fire Department Chief Ken Wangen reported the following: they had no fire calls since the last report, notified Fire Department members they were on automatic aid with the ambulance over the weekend of April 5th if they needed lifting help, Bremer grant bid was awarded and the Genesis tools were ordered, they received money from Gate City savings, Northern Plains Operation Round Up, Trinity Lutheran, and Carrington Community Endowment, Carrington and Jamestown Rural will be hosting a NDFFA Fire School in May. The annual Arnold Schroeder/Jim Dunn benefit spaghetti feed will be held Wednesday, April 30th and this year it will go to benefit Heather "Sherman" Kurtz who is suffering from cancer, and 1 bid was received to repair the fire hall ground tin.

A motion was made by Neil Fandrich, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve an \$18,000.00, 2 year, 0 percent interest loan to the Carrington Fire Dept. to buy the fire truck in Benton, WI. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Weninger, Olson, Engel, and Schuchard. Against: None. Motion carried.

ORGINAZATIONAL REVIEW:

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #243, Chapter 9, Buildings. The following voted in favor: Schuchard, Engel, Fandrich, Weninger, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brad Weninger, seconded by Danny Schuchard, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #244, Chapter 23, Section 23-17, Curb Box Responsibilities. The following voted in favor: Olson, Engel, Fandrich, Schuchard, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Danny Schuchard, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #245, Real and Personal Property Transfers. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Engel, Weninger, Olson, and Schuchard. Against: None. Motion carried.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Councilman Olson informed council they had met today at noon and went over 2013 financials with Harold Rotunda, CPA, and the proposed Joint Powers Election Agreement with Foster County.

A motion was made by Trygg Olson, seconded by Danny Schuchard, to approve the Joint Powers Election Agreement between Foster County and the City of Carrington as presented. The following voted in favor: Engel, Fandrich, Olson, Schuchard, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

Olson also told council they had met with Aaron Abaurra and Eric Zink of Assessment Solutions concerning city wide assessments. Olson also stated they had discussed fees related to building, moving, and demolition permits, and discussed a request for proposal for sanitation service in Carrington since Waste Management's contract is up on August 1, 2014.

JDA:

Economic Development Director, James Linderman informed council they had two meetings this month. They have been working on an employee training and intern program, the board decided to be an APUC fiscal agent for Fessenden Coop and Super Feeds Program to assist in a feasibility study, and Grace City Café does not need the loan they had applied for since they have raised enough money.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve JDA's recommendation to develop an employee sponsorship program with a first year budget of \$20,000.00 to start in 2015 to assist businesses in sending individuals to school and then come back to Carrington and work. The following voted in favor: Engel, Schuchard, Weninger, Olson, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve a Façade grant to Cole Broadwell, CBS' Bar and Grill, of up to \$10,000.00 based on the existing terms and conditions of our Façade grant program. Funds to be paid out after all receipts have been approved and the improvements completed. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Olson, Engel, Schuchard, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Mayor Frye informed council they had met and discussed authorizing Interstate Engineering to do a proposal to the State Aeronautics for purchase of some additional land with the application being heard on May 7, 2014, in Bismarck. Frye also reported an individual is interested in building a hanger and they have begun the 1st phase of the unmanned aircraft use above Carrington.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

City Auditor, Heather Carr informed council Emergency Manager, Teresa Risovi had sent an e-mail stating Foster County had hired a new Emergency Manager Assistant, Jessica Earle. Jess has a BS in Emergency Management from NDSU and is working on her Masters in EM. Jess most recently worked at the Department of Emergency Services in Bismarck, she does not have an official start date, she will be a full time employee with hours of 8 -4, Monday thru Friday, located at the Courthouse in the Auditor's office.

LIBRARY:

Deputy Auditor, Pam Jerome, informed council the Library Board had met and discussed the Library's open house on April 15th, Connie Brown replaced Deb Goplen on the board, and Emily Beckman was offered a part-time summer position.

TREE BOARD:

City Auditor, Heather Carr informed council Gerri McKay finished up the Tree City USA application, and there is another grant deadline coming up.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Danny Schuchard informed council they had met and discussed: four water breaks, the water main replacement project is due to resume again on May 2nd, water shaft broke at the Water Plant, waste lime storage is running low at the water plant, received a bid on the sewer truck, flushing hydrants and fixing street signs.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve the bid from JR Dirtworks for \$2,311.11 for the purchase of the 1969 sewer truck. The following voted in favor: Engel, Schuchard, Fandrich, Weninger, and Olson, Against: None. Motion carried.

RENAISSANCE ZONE:

A motion was made by Neil Fandrich seconded by Danny Schuchard, to approve Cole Broadwell, CBS Bar and Grill, renaissance zone application of up to \$10,000.00 income tax break for the first 5 years and a 100% property tax break for the first 5 years in the amount of approx. \$10,508.45. The following voted in favor: Engel, Fandrich, Weninger, Olson, and Schuchard. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on the agenda excluding Grace City Schoolhouse Cafe. The following voted in favor: Schuchard, Olson, Weninger, Fandrich, and Engel. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 9:15 PM

Heather Carr, City Auditor

Don Frye, Mayor