

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, January 14, 2013, at 7:30 PM, at City Hall. Mayor Don Frye presiding.

The following members of council and city departments were present: Brad Weninger, Neil Fandrich, Dick Engel, Doug Schroeder, Randy Munkeby, Mary Jensen, James Linderman, Pam Jerome, and Heather Carr.

Absent: Councilwoman Flo Glatt, City Attorney Leo Ryan, Councilman Danny Schuchard, and Councilman Doug Roundy.

Also present: Leasa Lura, Ken Wangen, Mark Evans, Yvonne Van Ray, Chelsea Van Ray, Travis Aljets, Tami Aljets, Rich Short, Al Huber, and Tom Erdmann.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the minutes with one correction as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Works Director, Doug Schroeder informed council Mark Evans had asked to have a portion of Outlot A rezoned so he could put up storage units awhile back and was turned down on rezoning. Mark Evans is now asking the council to approve rezoning a portion of Outlot A from R-1 single family to R-2 possible multi family. Mr. Evans said he was present to answer any questions the council may have. Schroeder told council Planning and Zoning did recommend approving the rezoning.

A motion was made by Brad Weninger, seconded by Neil Fandrich to approve the re-zoning of a portion of Outlot A from R-1 to R-2. The following voted in favor: Engel, Fandrich, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Brad Weninger, to ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor #774 to Friends of CrossRoads Golf Course for a raffle, #775 to Foster County Ducks Unlimited for a raffle, #776 to Carrington Lions Club for a Sports Board, #777 to ND Jr. Angus Association for a raffle, and #778 to Carrington Wrestling Club for a raffle. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neil Fandrich, seconded by Dick Engel, to approve second reading and passage of amendment to Ordinance #222, Franchise Agreement with Northern Plains, updating the service area map. The following voted in favor: Weninger, Fandrich, and Engel. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Brad Weninger, to authorize Mayor Frye to sign the service agreement with Otter Tail Power Co. and Northern Plains Electric Co. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Weninger, and Engel. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve 2013 Plumbers and Gas Fitters licenses to Sherman Plumbing & Heating and Lunseth Plumbing & Heating. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Frye read a letter from Travis Aljets and Chelsea Van Ray asking for permission to have their wedding reception and dance at the Armory on February 8, 2014 with permission to serve alcohol in a city building.

A motion was made by Neil Fandrich, seconded by Dick Engel, to allow the Aljets/Van Ray wedding reception and dance to be held at the Carrington Armory with alcohol being served. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Ken Wangen reported they had two calls since the last report and one daycare inspection. Wangen also told council the new officers for 2013 are Ken Wangen Chief, Dan Trosen 1st Assistant, Clinton Sherman 2nd Assistant, Troy Roundy Secretary Treasurer, Joel Willey, Doug Smith, Shawn Neumiller are 3 year Trustees, Brad Weninger, Duane Sauvageau, and Doug Ferguson are 1 year Trustees. Wangen gave the year end report stating they had 55 total reportable incidents, 6 inspections, 49 total calls with trucks out the door, 15 false alarms, 1004 man hours for the year with 1807.5 total miles logged on the trucks. Wangen informed council they had 32 county calls with 779.75 man hours, 19 city limit calls, with 173 man hours, and 5 out of county calls with 66.75 man hours.

JDA:

Tom Erdmann introduced Economic Development Director, James Linderman and informed council Linderman has been going around town introducing himself, working on the filing system and policies. Erdmann reported City Sales Tax last year was \$427,662.14 up \$32,064.41 from last year,

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Brad Weninger, to approve the request of a facade grant of the maximum \$10,000.00 to LAMWEN Body Shop for the construction of their new building as per policy guidelines. The following voted in favor: Weninger, Engel, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brad Weninger, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve earmarking up to \$50,000.00 to be used for engineering studies on the feasibility of specific parcels of land that may be developed for housing. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Engel, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Mayor Frye informed council the Airport Authority had received a letter from their president, Dr. Jay Bauer stating he was stepping down from the board.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to appoint Mayor Don Frye to the Airport board effective immediately. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Frye informed council the Airport Authority Secretary has stepped down and Auditor Heather Carr has agreed to help them get their books in order. Frye also informed council they are developing a long term strategic plan, have appointed Leo Ryan as the airport attorney, have moved meetings to the first Thursday night of the month at City Hall, and have appointed Mayor Frye as their chairman.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Auditor, Heather Carr read a report by Emergency Manager, Teresa Risovi. Risovi reported she is hosting an LEPC meeting on March 6th, having a training utilizing bank 5, and there are some communication issues with Eddy County on the radios that Sheriff Mike Tufte and Risovi are working on.

POLICE:

Councilman Dick Engel reported they had met and have decided another full-time officer is needed and the new police car should be here February 18, 2013.

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to authorize advertising, interviewing, and hiring an additional full-time officer. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Engel, and Weninger. Against: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Director, Doug Schroeder informed council they didn't have a committee meeting. Schroeder reported they have been plowing snow. Schroeder reported the water plant has been missing approximately 75,000 to 100,000 gallons of water a day and they have now tracked it down to the NW corner of the grade school where it was going into the storm sewer and they will be fixing it tomorrow.

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

A motion was made by Dick Engel, seconded by Neil Fandrich, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on the agenda with one correction Dalsted & Ryan is \$892.50. The following voted in favor: 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 Brad Weninger to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned 8:12PM.

Heather Carr, City Auditor

Don Frye, Mayor