

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:27 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, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan and Public Works Director Wolsky.

Also present: Leasa Lura, Ken Wangen, Karen Evans, Michael Simons, and Linda Schuster.

Michael Simons, from the Carrington Feed My Starving Children Mobile Committee, address Council. Simons thanked Council for the use of the armory and reported there were 626 volunteers and 139,968 meals were packed which will feed 383 malnutrition children. Simons also asked for future consideration of partnering with the event again next year,

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve minutes of the council meeting held January 12, 2026. 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: #1077 to Knights of Columbus for a raffle board, #1078 to Carrington Garden Club for a raffle, and #1079 to Carrington High School Senior Class for a raffle.
- b. To approve Planning & Zoning's recommendation of appointing Nick Beach to a 3-year term on the board.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Roundy, to approve Kate Biel's application for property tax exemption. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve the 2026 Beer License application from Hagel Page LLC. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 2 calls for service, 10 members registered for upcoming Fire School, identified wildland gear as next project for replacement, old 21 is verbally sold to Woodworth Fire Department, the Carrington Fire Fighters Association elected Chase Pederson President, David Mindt Vice President, and Deedra Aasand Secretary/Treasurer, and planning to meet with the townships on contracts.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported still waiting on Sanitation contract with Waste Management, franchise agreements with Dakota Central and Midco are due in July, Michele Seil, Library

Director, proposed the Walking Trail story boards celebrating the nation's 250th, and city sales tax was down for January.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Olson, to approve the Police Department policy of adding position titles of Corporal, Sergeant, and Lieutenant, however, any individual would not see an increase until a 6-month review of the position. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Olson, Smith, Hoggarth, Fandrich, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to approve disbursement of \$37,404.36 to Foster County Public Health for 40% reimbursement of phase 1 of project cost of \$94,260.39 on a Commercial Building Improvement grant. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Nelson, Smith, Olson, Roundy, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve disbursement of \$30,000 to R3 Meats for 25% reimbursement of project cost of \$135,363 on a Commercial Building Improvement grant. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, Nelson, Roundy, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried. **Smith abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to approve disbursement of the second (25%) payment of \$1,500 of the previously approved \$6,000 Daycare Provider Grant to Darline's Kiddy Corner. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to reimburse CCEDC \$3,800 representing economic developments' 10% free money for the 2025 Christmas Cash program. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Hoggarth, Olson, Smith, Fandrich, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Nelson, to give preliminary approval of a Commercial Business Improvement Grant to Randy's Electric for a 25% cost share up to \$30,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve the city's participation and to allow Mayor Erdmann to sign the documents for a BND Flex Pace Interest Buydown with Dakota Heritage Bank and Maerten's Welding & Machine at Glenfield. The city's investment of \$15,228.82 over a 5-year period with \$3,337.66 due the first year with repayment required and Finance & Legal recommends CCEDC pay the city interest over the 5-year period. The following voted in favor: Olson, Nelson, Roundy, Fandrich, Smith, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Roundy, to update the Daycare Provider Grant instructions and guide with updated program language and instructions for the full-time equivalent and the maximum allowed per daycare at \$50,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported Interstate Engineering gave an update on airfield lighting project, there will be a meeting February 16th on plans and specs with bid opening the end of April, pilots lounge radio has been installed, and AWOS wind sensor currently not working,

POLICE:

Councilman Hoggarth reported 341 calls for service in January and Officer Romero resigned.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported a water break on 7th St N near Heartland Ready Mix will be dug tomorrow, Core and Main presented option for MXU and water meter upgrades with cost of \$310,00 for MXU's only including install and an additional \$15/meter to install a new meter, adding an additional \$200,000 in costs, more discussion will be held on the funding of potential MXU/meter upgrades, discussion on lead service line inventory, city's grant application for funding to pave 66th Ave was denied, and Travis Dillman of Interstate Engineering has not heard from Daniel Schwartz on grant for stormwater study.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor