

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, July 11, 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, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Chris Ormiston, Jason Wolsky, Pam Jerome, and Jennifer Gast

Absent: Leo Ryan.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Travis Dillman, Leasa Lura, Kristin Larson, Kristen Hewitt, Lisa House, Tracey Adkins, Amber Kruse, Susie Krause, Lisa Hilbert, Colleen Sweet, Vern Anderson, Jan Anderson, Cassie Ness, David Nelson, Gavyn Anderson, David Hilbert, Dorothy Fenske, Jodi Hovdenes, Lauren Skadberg, Bart Salazar, Andrea Salazar, and Annamaria Salazar.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Olson, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting on June 13, 2022 and special council meeting on June 28, 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve consent agenda item: To approve 2022 Tree Trimming license application from Felipe Vasquez de Valaso contingent upon proof of state contractor's license. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Colleen Sweet, Vern Anderson, Jodi Hovdenes, Kristen Hewitt, Lisa Hilbert, Gavyn Anderson, Lauren Skadberg, addressed council regarding proposed smoke free air law ordinance from Public Health. Bart Salazar spoke against proposed ordinance. After much discussion Mayor Erdmann called for a motion three times, proposed motion died for lack of motion.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Pederson, to approve Mayor Erdmann sign the construction agreement with Bohlman Trenching in the amount of \$428,373.00 for the Water Main loop project, contingent upon final approval of city attorney regarding insurance certificate. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported they had 5 calls since the last report, Wangen also said trucks went through annual service and found issues with 3 of the 4 pumpers, and will be having live fire on July 23, 2022.

ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW:

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met today and discussed ordinances related to tobacco, junk, golf cart/ATV/UTV's, and gaming. They went through a draft ordinance related to illegal discharge in the storm drain system.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met today and discussed unpaid leave with the librarian, Foster County City Assessor contract increase, insurance value increase on policy for the Water Plant and lift stations, and sales tax.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met July 6, 2022 and discussed CCEDC board taking over administrative support in lieu of hiring another Director, first time home buying incentive, Justin Johnson demolition, and properties going out on bids.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Olson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation to approve CCEDC board provide the necessary administrative support for economic development efforts in lieu of the City hiring another Economic Development Director. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy, to approve CCEDC's recommendation for a first time home buying incentive to Jon & Christina Oatis, for \$3000.00 cash and \$3000.00 in Carrington cash, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, Olson, Smith, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met July 7 at 5:30, Interstate Engineering gave a progress update on the runway & taxiway rehabilitation project and July 26 at 2:00 is a preconstruction meeting for the project, reviewed preliminary 2023 budget, waiting on parts for light repairs, and doing mowing.

LIBRARY:

Councilman Trader told council the report is in the packet, reviewed and approved budget, and the Director is taking some time off with no pay.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Councilman Trader told council they had met this evening and discussed opening the Chief position, ordinances, Officers Ormiston and Kapp maxed out on PTO, and they had hired Chris Bittmann as a patrolman who starts on July 18, 2022.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy to approve Officers Ormiston and Kapp selling back up to 40 hours of PTO by November 1, 2022. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Olson, Trader, Roundy, Smith, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

TREE BOARD:

Councilman Smith reported they are in the process of closing out our 2021 ND community family forest grant, Wolsky and Kathy Wiederholt have identified 44 additional trees to remove & 2 optional trees, still working on getting a contractor, we were awarded 2022 American the Beautiful Tree planting grant for up to \$5,253.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported they had met tonight and discussed the west side storm water update, water loop project, Dakota Growers manhole rehabilitation, working on budget, water plant production, inspection by the ND DEQ that we passed, water tower patch repair, water main break on Main St with 2 repairs, alleys have been bladed, and City Hall roof repair. Wolsky was tasked with getting a quote for a steel roof on city hall.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky told council there were 8 building permits, 1 demolition permit, and 1 moving permit since last report.

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

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

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 8:50 pm.

Jennifer Gast, City Auditor

Tom Erdmann, Mayor