

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:30 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, Jason Wolsky, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Chief of Police Bittmann and Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Ken Wangen and Leasa Lura.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held July 8, 2024 and special council meetings on July 8, 25, and 31, 2024 and August 5, 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to approve consent agenda items:

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1033 to the Lion's Club for a sports pool.
- b. To approve Foster County Soil Conservation District's request to utilize the armory as a backup location for Eco Ed Day on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Nelson, to appoint Melissa Magnuson as Assistant City Attorney and Assistant City Prosecutor. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to contribute \$300,000 from Sales Tax Fund 218 toward lowering District 14-1 Special Assessments for taxable year 2024. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 2 calls within the city, 3 rural calls, the NTSB finished their inspection of the cars at the derailment and hazmat has left, and the derailment is now in the reclamation phase.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported Auditor Gast has given her resignation with a last day of August 28th, continue to work on the wage and compensation study with Tanya Wieler, and went over sales tax collection.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported a grant/loan request from Greg Carmona to purchase the Carrington Pizza Ranch has been tabled pending additional information. Callie Krause of Open

Prairie Health, located in the Retzlaff Seed & Supply Building, will receive reimbursement of \$4,066.66 of CCEDC funds for her office remodel.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Nelson, to approve the Carrington Stay Home or Return Home to Work Grant program for CCEDC. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve a preliminary application from RK2 Companies LLP (Rusty and Randy Kollman) for a commercial building construction or expansion grant dependent upon the true and full value of the building with funds being paid out December 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to approve Kelly Hagel, owner of the Small Steps Daycare building, for a commercial building improvement grant at 25% cost share up to \$30,000 as per grant guidelines. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to approve Tammy Sorenson of Carrington Gymnastics grant application for a commercial building improvement grant at 25% cost share up to \$30,000 as per grant guidelines. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Shane Wendel, owner of Central Pharmacy, for reimbursement of the expenses related to the building improvement grant previously approved at 40% up to \$50,000. Reimbursement will be issued for \$34,666.80. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Roundy, Hoggarth, Olson, Nelson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Nelson, to approve Gabby Hewitt of UpNorth Therapies for reimbursement of the expenses related to the building improvement grant previously approved at 25% up to \$30,000. Reimbursement will be issued for \$13,697.84. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, Nelson, Roundy, Smith, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they met August 8th, Jennifer went through 2025 Budget, Jason and crew have been working on water meter and hydrant, old septic tank has been removed by Pat Biel, Lot Pros will be crack sealing the runway with the airport being shut down for two days, Jason and Jennifer attended the CIP meeting in Jamestown, and discussion on the airfield electrical improvement design phase in 2025.

POLICE:

Councilman Hoggarth reported they had met tonight, two properties have been elevated to the next level of the junk ordinance and 58 additional properties were given notice according to the junk ordinance with a deadline of today and looking at the next step on those.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported there was a water break on McKenzie Ave, a valve break, Tri-State paving is here starting in the alley locations and will move onto water break spots and a patch out by lumberyard, cross walk/street painting has started this week, lift station #1 pump #3 is down with Dakota Pump & Control to fix, new water meter installed at courthouse and apartment building on McKenzie, landfill clean up week is scheduled for September 12 & 13 from 10 am – 6 pm and September 14 from 10 am – 3 pm, they will have discussion on armory hours

once school starts, storm sewer project with a preliminary report was discussed, discussed water meter replacement, and Casey's sanitary line.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 10 building permits were issued and 1 moving permit.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, 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: Roundy, Nelson, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor