

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, September 9, 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, Christopher Bittmann, and Pam Jerome.

Absent: Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Travis Dillman, Linda Schuster and Leasa Lura, Shawn Marcotte.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held August 13, 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1034 to Caring-Ton Preschool for a calendar raffle, #1035 to Carrington Youth Sports for a raffle, #1036 to Knights of Columbus for a calendar raffle, #1037 to American Legion John Raymond O'Hara Post #25 for a raffle, and #1038 to Sykeston American Legion for a calendar raffle.
- b. To approve permit for Garden Gate Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages at the Fairgrounds during Junkfest on September 14, 2024, 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- c. To approve CCEDC request to close down Main St from 8th to 10th Ave for about 2-3 hours in the later afternoon and utilize the armory as a backup location at no charge for Trunk N Treat on October 31, 2024.
- d. To approve revised Headlock's Ribfest street closure application for September 14, 2024, closing all of 9th Ave from Main going south to alley, closing Eastside of 9th Ave. from alley to 1st St S. Keeping the alley and Westside of street open to traffic.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy to appoint Jennifer Gast as City Auditor. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 2 calls since the last report, CPKC Railroad donated a 2012 Polaris 800 6x6 to the Fire Department, they plan to make a decision to purchase the new 800 Mhz radios before the end of the year, and they have one new member Andrew Rzaszutak.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported they are continuing to work on the wage and compensation study presented by Tanya Wieler and discussed compensation for Deputy Auditor Jerome.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve 25 hours of additional overtime on top of actual overtime compensation for Deputy Auditor Jerome. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Nelson, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Roundy, to approve the preliminary Job Credit Grant application for \$2,500.00 from Gussiaas Electric LLP for one apprentice electrician as per the grant guidelines. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve a preliminary Carrington Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant application from Pat Biel, sponsoring a family of four. Grant funding dependent on following all grant guidelines, receipts, appropriate paperwork and proof of employment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve a preliminary Carrington Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant application from Randy Stedman, sponsoring the wife and young son of an employee of Stedman Farms. Grant funding dependent on following all grant guidelines, receipts, appropriate paperwork and proof of employment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Nelson, to approve a preliminary Carrington Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant application from Grant Stangeland, sponsoring the wife and three children of Oleksandr Kosenko who will be employed on his farm. Grant funding dependent on following all grant guidelines, receipts, appropriate paperwork and proof of employment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Lucy Long submitted a grant/loan request from the CCEDC to help with expenses related to the purchase of the Carrington Pizza ranch.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Olson, to approve a preliminary Commercial Building Improvement Grant for Leah Carr, Studio Five, for the new location of her business as per grant guidelines in the amount of \$6,258.13. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Smith, to approve Kelly Hagel, owner of the Small Steps Daycare building, for a commercial building improvement grant as per grant guidelines in the amount of \$5,123.25. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, Smith, Nelson, Roundy, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Smith, to approve a Community Connection grant for the swimming pool, as per grant guidelines in the amount of \$20,000.00. The following voted in favor: Smith, Nelson, Roundy, Olson, Hoggarth, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Smith, to approve Tammy Sorenson of Carrington Gymnastics grant application for a commercial building improvement grant as per grant guidelines for phase one, in the amount of \$6,733.67. The following voted in favor: Olson, Smith, Roundy, Nelson, and Hoggarth. Against: Fandrich. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met and discussed the 12 based aircraft at the airport and looking into additional funding that would be available if it was increased to 15, windsock was replaced and cleaned, hydrant parts have arrived, waiting on crack sealing, board gave approval for yellow safety beams and a sump pump for east hanger.

POLICE:

Councilmen Hoggarth reported they had met tonight, 283 calls for service in August, Axon car cameras are being set up, still waiting on the \$14,000.00 in drug bust money, and Officer Lentz has now qualified for the Backing the Blues grant.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Nelson, to approve paying Hunter Lentz \$1,550.00 backing the blues grant. The following voted in favor: Olson, Smith, Fandrich, Roundy, Nelson, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilmen Roundy reported they met and discussed Water plant power bump that took out some equipment, Wolf and Miller will be attending Water pollution and control conference October 14-16, Westside water expansion seeding has been completed, Tri-State has done 2 alleys and some homes that are being built, street paint machine ordered for \$5100.00, lift #1 has been fixed, clean up is September 12-14, Armory hours starting October 1st will be 7:00am to 10:00pm, City hall is being resealed and striped, and discussed storm sewer project.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to enter into an agreement with Interstate Engineering for a storm water sewer study for \$169,000.00. The following voted in favor: Smith, Hoggarth, Nelson, Roundy, Fandrich, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to Authorize Daniel Schwartz of Nexis to apply for funding with North Dakota Department of Emergency Services. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Roundy, Nelson, Olson, Smith, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Nelson, to allow the Lion's Club to use the Armory free of charge for the Haunted House October 18th – 31st. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 11 building permits were issued and Planning & Zoning is working on a plat review.

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

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

Shawn Marcotte addressed council regarding the fixing of potholes in the city.

Mayor Erdmann informed Council there is a budget meeting on September 17, 2024 at 6:30pm.

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

Adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Pam Jerome, Deputy Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor