

## **APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, October 14, 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, Leo Ryan, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

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

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held September 9, 2024 and special meeting minutes from September 17, 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve consent agenda items:  
a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1039 to Carrington Area Dollars for Scholars for a raffle and #1040 to Foster County Fair Board for a calendar raffle.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve Amy Wobbema's application for street closure on October 17, 2024 from 2 pm to 8 pm on Main Street from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FIRE DEPT:**

Chief Wangen reported 4 calls since the last report, 2 new volunteers signed up, derailment debrief went well and a few points to consider for improvement, and activities for Fire Prevention Week just finished.

#### **FINANCE & LEGAL:**

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to move the next regular city Council meeting to Tuesday, November 12, 2024 due to the Veterans Day holiday. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Erdmann reported they discussed city sales tax, \$5,156 was received for a ND Forest Service grant, the city paid life insurance rates will increase for 2025, still working on wage scale, and Finance & Legal committee is recommending the Ukraine Sponsorship grant be tabled until we get things worked out with the school and all the issues this may have created from bringing these foreigners into our school system that don't necessarily speak English.

#### **CCEDC:**

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve the Job Credit Grant application for \$2,500 each from Gussiaas Electric LLP for two apprentice electrician as per the grant guidelines. Grant funds will be paid after six months. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Nelson, to approve a preliminary Commercial Building Improvement grant application from MidStates Insurance (Ryan & Melissa Edwardson) as per grant guidelines of 25% of costs up to a total of \$30,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The application from Olna Pasenko for a Uniting 4 Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter grant died due to lack of a motion.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Carrington Uniting 4 Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant reimbursement for Pat Biel in the amount of \$6,500 based on grant application guidelines. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Roundy, Smith, and Fandrich. Against: Hoggarth and Olson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Nelson, to approve Carrington Uniting 4 Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant reimbursement for Grant Stangeland in the amount of \$7,500 based on grant application guidelines. The following voted in favor: Olson, Nelson, Smith, and Roundy. Against: Fandrich and Hoggarth. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to discontinue Carrington Uniting 4 Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant program. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **AIRPORT:**

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met October 10th and Interstate Engineering gave an update on lighting project, crews mowing and filling in dirt south of newest hangar, and they discussed the crack seal project as the contractor has been a no show.

#### **LIBRARY:**

Minutes in the packet.

#### **POLICE:**

Councilmen Hoggarth reported they had met and there were 272 calls for service in September, Axon cameras in both vehicles, working on license plate reader, 1 shop lifting case, and 3 individuals were cited under Chapter 34 Junk Ordinance.

#### **TREE BOARD:**

Councilmen Smith reported they met September 25<sup>th</sup> and discussed the upcoming removal project of 10 trees identified for removal with bids closing tomorrow.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilmen Roundy reported they met and discussed water plant power outage and equipment assessed with a fuse was replaced, hydrant flushing and winterizing is complete, NDDEQ lead service line testing completed with notification letters to non-response residents going out, cross walk painting will be complete this week, highway 200 rail crossing with over height vehicles was discussed with concerns with DOT recommended detour on 7<sup>th</sup> St S, sewer flushing completed, fall cleanup was rescheduled to September 20 & 21 and went very well, last day for brown totes is October 21, due to dry conditions the burn permit for the landfill will be delayed, the annual fire extinguisher inspections were completed on all buildings, the sewer jetter and Jason's truck are being repaired, and waiting on parts for the handicap accessible door at city hall.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to approve J&J Striping's quote of \$4,000 to paint centerlines on Main Street and Pasta Plant road with completion this fall. The

following voted in favor: Roundy, Hoggarth, Olson, Smith, Nelson, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve expending up to \$10,000 paid from fund 228 for the materials and labor to redo the armory steps. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 9 building permits and 1 demolition permit were issued in September.

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

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

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Jennifer Gast, Auditor

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Thomas Erdmann, Mayor