

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 6:30 PM, at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The following members of council and city departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Al Trader, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Jason Wolsky, Karlee Brown, Chris Ormiston, and Jennifer Gast

Absent: Councilmen Greg Edland and Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Gerald and Cathy Paulson.

A public hearing on the 2021 budget was held. Gerald Paulson addressed Council on the valuation of his residence. Councilman Roundy suggested Mr. Paulson speak with Karen Evans, Foster County Tax Equalization Director, about the value as well as the Homestead credit. Mayor Erdmann moved on to other agenda items.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve continued negotiations and signing a letter of understanding to grant \$125,000 toward removal of the Main Street elevator based on the following stipulations:

1. The City will grant you (Donnie & Teresa Theis) \$125,000 towards the \$150,000 bid from the Forest River Colony for demolition, removal and restoration of your above described property. (lots 5, 6, & 7 in Block 44 of the Original Townsite of the City of Carrington)
2. Donnie and Teresa Theis agree to provide a warranty deed for the property to the City of Carrington upon completion of the removal of structures by the Forest River Colony.
3. Donnie and Teresa Theis agree to pay all the delinquent outstanding and current real estate taxes on the property.
4. Donnie and Teresa Theis agree to pay the remaining \$25,000 balance to the Forest River Colony.
5. Donnie and Teresa Theis agree to provide the property for a landfill for disposal of the wood material that can be burned and also if needed property for the processed concrete material.
6. The real estate abstracts to the property are presently in the City of Carrington's possession.

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

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy, to approve the 2021 Budget. Auditor Gast highlighted the proposed 3.71% increase in the City Budget to generate an additional \$84,670 is attributable to our health insurance premiums went up 13.9% for 2020 plus we budgeted for a 5% increase in 2021 and based on a budgeted 15% decrease in state aid revenue (decrease of \$23,200 in revenue) and highway distribution (decrease of \$20,000 in revenue). The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to certify the levies as follows:

General Fund	\$692,515.19
City Share of Special Assessments	\$17,811.31
Library	\$41,374.00
Carrington Airport	\$55,315.00
Debt Service Funds: Hwy Bonds '09	<u>\$31,982.50</u>
Total Amount Levied	\$838,998.00

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

The Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget was closed.

There being no further business on the special meeting agenda, Roundy made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Olson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Jennifer Gast, City Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor