

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7:30 PM, at City Hall. Mayor Neil Fandrich presiding.

The following members of council and city departments were present: Barb Eli, Josh Hoffman, Danny Schuchard, Trygg Olson, Al Trader, Dan Trosen, Randy Munkeby, Leo Ryan, Denise Schuchard, Pam Jerome, and Heather Carr.

Absent: Dick Engel.

Also present: Leasa Lura, Ken Wangen and Dean Hafner.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Fandrich read a thank you card from the Noack family for the flowers the city had sent to former City Attorney Fabian Noack's funeral.

A hearing was held on the alley vacation request from Chris Bichler as properly advertised. No one attended or presented comments or concerns on the matter.

Councilman Al Trader did not vote on the following motion due to a conflict in interest as he is a signer on the application as well.

A motion was made by Josh Hoffman, seconded by Barb Eli, to approve the alley vacation request from Chris Bichler. The following voted in favor: Hoffman, Schuchard, Eli and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Trader, seconded by Josh Hoffman, to approve the Foster County request to move the Emergency Manager Office back into the Armory. The following voted in favor: Eli, Olson, Hoffman, Schuchard, and Al Trader. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Al Trader, to approve advertising for a Public Hearing for four weeks on the street closing request from Todd Ingebretson for a portion of 4th St N, between 12th and 13th Ave N. The following voted in favor: Trader, Hoffman, Schuchard, Olson and Eli. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Trygg Olson, to authorize Mayor Fandrich to sign the North Dakota Department of Health lab services contract as presented. The following voted in favor: Hoffman, Trader, Schuchard, Olson, and Eli. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trygg Olson, seconded by Barb Eli, to approve the following Game of Chance Permits issued by the City Auditor: #816 to Knights of Columbus for a sports board, # 817 to Carrington Health Center Foundation for a raffle, and #818 to Friends of Crossroads Golf Course for a Calendar raffle. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Josh Hoffman, to approve the liquor extension request from Harley's Place on April 10, 2015, to the Carrington Armory. The following voted in favor: Eli, Schuchard, Olson, Hoffman, and Trader. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb Eli, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve the liquor extension requests from Harley's Place on July 18, 2015 and July 19, 2015, to the Foster County Fairgrounds. The following voted in favor: Schuchard, Trader, Hoffman, Eli, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve the liquor extension requests from Harley's Place on August 15, 2015 and August 16, 2015, to the Foster County Fairgrounds. The following voted in favor: Olson, Eli, Hoffman, Trader, and Schuchard. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trygg Olson, seconded by Al Trader, to approve the appointment of Taylor Mattson to the Planning and Zoning Board filling the remaining term of Eric Zink. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Fire Chief, Ken Wangen reported: 2 fire calls this month, 35 emergency calls in 2014, and the new officers for 2015 are as follows: Ken Wangen Chief – 2nd year of 2 year term, Dan Trosen – Assistant Chief, Jason Wolsky - 2nd Assistant, Troy Roundy – Secretary/Treasurer, and Trustees are Joel Willey, Shawn Neumiller, Doug Smith, Brad Weninger, Duane Sauvageau, and Josh Sherman.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Auditor Heather Carr informed council they had met today at noon and discussed year end, W-2's, 2014 audit will be scheduled with Harold Rotunda, the new mileage rate is .575, and the new rates for water bills are in place and ready for January's bill.

JDA/CEDD:

Economic Development Director, Denise Schuchard, informed council they had met January 6th and discussed the purchase agreement with H & H Holdings. Dean Hafner is asking that the deadline for phase one of the new housing development be extended from July 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015. Schuchard also told council Matt Vold had resigned from the JDA board and Randy Hooey was voted in as the new president.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve the recommendation of the JDA to amend the purchase agreement with Dean Hafner, of H & H Holdings, for the first phase of the housing development to be extended from July 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015. The following voted in favor: Hoffman, Eli, Schuchard, Trader, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Trader, seconded by Josh Hoffman, to approve the recommendation of the JDA board to appoint Randy Hooey as the JDA board president. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Public Works Director, Dan Trosen informed council they are pretty much done with the hanger and the wind sensor for the AWAS system is down but will be fixed soon.

TREE BOARD:

Auditor, Heather Carr informed council Dionn Schaaf will be attending a forestry conference January 25th -27th in Fargo.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Danny Schuchard informed council they had met with Brad Weninger from Ottertail Power Co. and talked about switching from metal halide lights back to HPS bulbs. They also discussed the main lift station failure, having Interstate Engineering start a preliminary scoping document for an inert landfill to store waste lime from the water plant, and hiring a couple local contractors to remove snow.

A motion was made by Josh Hoffman seconded by Al Trader, to approve Ottertail Power Co. to switch back to HPS bulbs as the street lights fail. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard seconded by Al Trader, to purchase a Submersible Pressure Transducer for the Lift Station for \$9,785.00. The following voted in favor: Olson, Trader, Eli, Schuchard, and Hoffman. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Josh Hoffman, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve hiring Interstate Engineering Inc. start a preliminary scoping document for inert landfill to store waste lime from the water plant. The following voted in favor: Hoffman, Schuchard, Eli, Trader, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Danny Schuchard, seconded by Al Trader, to start shopping for a v-plow and look into interest rates to finance the equipment. The following voted in favor: Hoffman, Schuchard, Eli, Olson, and Trader. Against: None. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Dan Trosen, informed council he will be going to Chaska, Minnesota the first week of February to attend a building official class.

A motion was made by Al Trader, seconded by Josh Hoffman, to approve the committee reports as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Trader, seconded by Trygg Olson, to table the application for abatement or refund of taxes from Jay and Rhonda Wolsky until the February meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Josh Hoffman, seconded by Trygg Olson, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on the agenda. The following voted in favor: Trader, Schuchard, Eli, Hoffman, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 8:22 PM

Heather Carr, City Auditor

Neil Fandrich, Mayor