

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM, Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The following members of Council and City Departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Al Trader, Trygg Olson (by phone), Doug Smith, Nathan Kruse, Jason Wolsky, Karlee Brown, Abby Shroyer, Abby Geroux, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilman Greg Edland and Attorney Leo Ryan

Also present: Karen Evans, Ken Wangen, & Curt Klein.

Curt Klein addressed council apologizing for his conduct last meeting and asked if council has come up with a solution with the flooding issue.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve minutes of the regular Council Meeting on August 10, 2020. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Smith, to issue a proclamation declaring September 24, 2020 Arbor Day in Carrington. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to approve Planning & Zoning's recommendation to rezone Auditor's Lot 96B from C-2 Highway Commercial District to C-1 General Commercial District. The following voted in favor: Olson, Smith, Trader, Fandrich, & Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Trader, to approve Carrington Chamber of Commerce's request to utilize Main Street for Trunk N Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2020. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported they had 7 calls since last meeting. They had their meeting last Tuesday, changed training procedures so they meet the criteria of the NDFA, the pickup is on its way, gained another new member and are one or two short to be at 40 members, the big red pumper is having problems but is getting fixed, & they are at 43 calls for the year so far.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met this afternoon and discussed: City Hall is now open to the public, approved a wedding reception in the armory in December, armory possibly being open in the mornings starting in October but will discuss more on that, the city received \$125,121.21 from the Cares Act, delinquent water bill notification by sending a letter out stating if payments not made it will be going on property taxes, Auditor Gast presented a street light analysis that shows the cost of the street lights is not covered by the monthly light charges on the utility bill and we will do more work on this, still discussing the remodel of city

hall, & the fee and rates schedule for 2021 will be approved per Department Head recommendations but will be reviewed at the next Organizational Review Meeting.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy, to approve the Tree Board's replacement program at \$100.00 reimbursement of a removal of a tree and \$50.00 for replanting of the tree following program guidelines. If the homeowner decides they will not replant a tree they will not receive the reimbursements. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Fandrich, to approve opting out of the President Trump's proposed payroll tax deferral program. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, Olson, & Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

CED:

Economic Development Director, Karlee Brown informed council they had met and discussed: GTA elevator got looked at but are just waiting on a bid, updated forms to be more specific in the application process, & library and Park District request for funding.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy, to approve CED's recommendation of a Business Improvement grant equal to 25% of the project equal to \$3,771.25 to Small Steps Childcare for the material and labor for fixing the playground. The following voted in favor: Smith, Trader, Olson, Roundy, & Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve CED's recommendation of the renewal of the renewable land lease with NDSU for a 3 year term at \$80 per acre. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they have not had their meeting yet.

EM/911 COORDINATOR:

Mayor Erdmann informed council the latest meeting of the EOC was cancelled.

CVB:

Mayor Erdmann reported minutes were in council packet.

LIBRARY:

Councilman Trader informed council summer reading went well, it is library card sign-up month, employee's trained for Saturdays, preschool will be coming for story time, they are still holding story time twice a week, & they are trying to host one adult event a month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Councilman Trader informed council they had met and Officer Liz Kapp is now full time, Ryan Hutton starts at the academy September 28th, Justin Johnson is filling in, & the Police Department will remain closed/locked until the 1st of the year.

PUBLIC WORKS:

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Public Works to spend \$4,000.00 on parts from Grand Forks closing water plant. The following voted in favor: Olson, Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, & Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Roundy reported they had met tonight and discussed starting sewer flushing this week, Water Plant will start winterizing hydrants, Ottertail is starting to put up some of the new street lights, waiting on a bid from Border States on pavement repairs from train derailment, Jennifer and Jason are working with FEMA on the frost boil spots for possible reimbursement, Pipe Detectives are here cleaning the storm sewers and televising sections, the sewer lagoon lift station #1 is in need of repair and has received options for repair, fall clean-up week is scheduled for September 24-26, 2020, & new landfill will be covered by lime covering.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to approve Public Works to spend \$10,270.00 on getting new check valves at Lift Station #1 as they are leaking and are in the need of new ones. The following voted in favor: Trader, Olson, Roundy, Smith & Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported they had 7 building permits since last report.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Jennifer Gast, City Auditor

Tom Erdmann, Mayor