

## **APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The following members of Council and City Departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Chase Pederson, Al Trader, Doug Smith, Leo Ryan, Brandon Sola, Jason Wolsky, Karlee Griffin, Pam Jerome, and Jennifer Gast

Absent: Councilman Trygg Olson

Also present: Karen Evans, Ken Wangen, Jason Jarrett, Mike Ness, and Bob Lipetzky.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve minutes of the regular Council Meeting on December 13, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

1. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #972 to Friends of Carrington City Library for a calendar raffle and #973 to Knights of Columbus for a sports pool.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Erdmann presented a community donation of \$500.00 from Waste Management to Carrington Community Endowment Fund representatives Jason Jarrett and Bob Lipetzky.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Pederson, to approve the request from the Bio Girls to utilize the Armory basement at no charge for spring of 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Foster County Director of Tax Equalization, Karen Evans addressed council regarding abatement of Terri Allery property.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy, to approve tax abatement of \$67.62 for tax year 2020 as presented for Terri Allery. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Trader, to approve Planning & Zoning's appointment of Brittney Moravec for a three year term as Secretary. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Planning & Zoning's recommendation to approve 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Foods petition for conditional use permit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Smith, to appoint Nikki Mertz to a three year term to the Carrington Airport Authority Board. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Fandrich, to appoint Jennifer Gast as the Secretary/Treasurer to the Carrington Airport Authority Board. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FIRE DEPT:**

Chief Wangen reported they had 1 call since the last report, new Officers are Chief: Ken Wangen, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant: Jason Wolsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant: Troy Roundy, 3 year Trustee: Shawn Neumiller, 1 year Trustees: Duane Sauvageau, Brad Weninger, Tom Moravec, Training Officers: Marius Botha, Ryan Larson, Dillon Flemmer, and the Final Run Count for 2021 was 67.

### **FINANCE & LEGAL:**

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met today and Foster County Tax Assessor Karen Evans spoke on Allery abatement, year end transfers, Two Rivers (i3G Media) Broadcasting lease agreement, sales tax was higher than last year, Auditor Gast will look into refunding our 2015 Bond issue.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Trader to approve the following year end transfers:

\$25,263.02 From General Fund (100) to Armory Fund (222)

\$246,799.01 From Water Plant Project Fund (361) to Water Fund (601)

\$100,000.00 From Water Fund (601) to General Fund (100)

\$50,000.00 From Sewer Fund (602) to General Fund (100)

\$90,000.00 From Sanitation Fund (603) to General Fund (100)

\$390,000.00 From General Fund (100) to General Fund Reserve (101) (Which includes \$150,000 General Fund Surplus plus utility amounts).

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

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to approve lease agreement (4-year term) as presented with Two Rivers Broadcasting (i3G Media). All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy to approve an employee appreciation of \$100.00 Carrington Cash to each full time and permanent part time employee. The following voted in favor: Trader, Smith, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

### **CCEDC:**

Economic Development Director, Karlee Griffin informed council they had met on January 4, 2022.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Kim Cook and Chris Mertz as the City of Carrington appointed members to the Carrington Chamber & Economic Development Corporation. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Pederson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation to approve Michael Clifton for a scholarship in the amount of \$4,250.00 split over 4 semesters per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Trader, Roundy, Smith, Pederson, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Pederson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation to update language of the current Demolition Cost Share Incentive program by adding in the eligibility requirements that the applicant must present a marketable title, title opinion, updated abstract, and all current/past due real estate taxes and specials must be paid to

be considered eligible for the grant. Changes are retroactive to the current in progress grant with Justin Johnson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Roundy, to approve CCEDC's recommendation to amend the previous approved motion for the demolition Cost Share with Justin Johnson of a maximum of \$10,000.00 to reimburse 75% of total demolition costs with a maximum of \$13,000.00 with disbursement of \$7,500.00 now. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Pederson, Smith, Roundy, and Trader. Against: None. Motion carried.

#### **AIRPORT:**

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met January 6, 2022 with new officers being appointed, President Jay Bauer, Vice President Doug Schroeder, Board member Nikki Mertz and Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Gast, and the AWAS is up and running.

#### **CVB:**

Mayor Erdmann stated minutes are in council packet.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Councilman Trader told council they had met this evening and discussed some bids on a new vehicle, body armor, and new computers.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to order a new Tahoe for \$42,654.00 from Bessette Motors with money to come from Fund 228 1% Sales Tax, with the Charger being put up for bids when Tahoe is acquired. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Pederson, to purchase 5 body cams from Axon Enterprise as proposed for \$26,201.00 for 5 years service, with money to come from Fund 228 1% Sales Tax. The following voted in favor: Smith, Trader, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilman Roundy reported they had met tonight and discussed Westside water expansion project, water loop project, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave conditional use permit, backflow prevention for city buildings, snow removal and hauling, Waste Management is fixing/replacing totes, and the energy grant at the library is done.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Smith, to allow JO Volleyball to use the Armory for 3-4 hours once a week on Sunday evening for \$50.00 per session. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

Public Works Director Wolsky told council they had met January 5<sup>th</sup>, held public hearing on conditional use permit and moving Planning & Zoning meetings to 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:30 in City Hall.

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

A motion was made by Pederson seconded by Trader, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda with minor change and clarification provided by Auditor Gast on Interstate Engineering bill. The following voted in favor: Smith, Trader, Roundy, Fandrich, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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Jennifer Gast, City Auditor

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Tom Erdmann, Mayor