

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, September 11, 2023 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, Chase Pederson, Tyler Hoggarth, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Ryan Zink, Mason Wede, Becky Hagel, Linda Schuster, and Karen Evans.

Hearing from the Audience: Linda Schuster addressed Council with a request on Ordinances, procedure, and when motions are made.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held August 14, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor:
#1009 to Carrington Preschool for a calendar raffle and #1010 to Carrington School District for a raffle.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve Bruce Bachmeier's request to have a fireworks display at the homecoming football game Friday, September 16, 2023 at approximately 7 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 3 calls on the city side and 2 rural. They cooked the noon meal for the Out of Darkness Walk, fire safety talks with the school next month, moving forward with radio purchases, and looking into changing the page to text vendor they use.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported they met today for discussion on the storage of junk ordinance and building ordinance with more clarification and research on the junk ordinance before presenting them to council.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported discussion was held on the dollar amount allowed in reserve account with Jennifer looking into possibly transferring funds to the capital project fund. We went over sales tax with the 2% over \$95,000 ahead of this time last year, the library received a \$35,000 grant, next Tuesday is the Public Hearing on the budget with Auditor Gast to present two or three options, and city hall will be closed September 21 and 22 for the NDLC Annual Conference.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Roundy, to authorize Auditor Gast to pay invoices received for the library grant from now until the end of September. The following voted

in favor: Olson, Smith, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to pay \$26,084.39 to Central City Wellness Center for a Commercial Building Improvement Grant under previous guidelines of 25% with a maximum of \$30,000. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Hoggarth, Pederson, Olson, Smith, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve two Commercial Building Improvement grant applications from the Garden Gate for two projects. The amount will be determined using program guidelines at 40% with a maximum of \$50,000 based upon actual expenses when the work is done. The projects are for upgrading their electrical box and air conditioning, and window replacement. The following voted in favor: Olson, Fandrich, Smith, Pederson, Roundy, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to approve DK Freeman LLC dba Headlocks Commercial Building Improvement grant application for improvements in flooring, bathrooms, etc. per grant guidelines (40% reimbursement up to \$50,000 maximum). The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve a demolition cost share application from Ryan & Melissa Edwardson following grant guidelines of 25% cost with a maximum of \$10,000. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Fandrich, Olson, Roundy, Smith, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they met September 7th with fuel delivered with a new price of \$6.04/gallon, Jason and crews mowing and trimming around buildings, Kelly Hagel installed new storm door on pilot's lounge and dug in new drainage for east hangar, and Jason and Jennifer attended a CIP meeting in Jamestown.

LIBRARY:

Roundy reported minutes in packet with another library board meeting tomorrow, \$35,000 grant awarded along with \$3,000 grant toward juvenile audio books, \$2,000 grant for expanding programs, and \$3,800 grant toward makers space and robotics.

POLICE:

Pederson reported they met tonight and Officer Kapp will be attending sexual assault training and Officer Ormiston attending a low light shooting course, there were 229 calls for service this month, and Officer Ormiston made a good fentanyl arrest.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported on tonight's meeting.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to allow Central Dakota Sportsmen's Club to remove trees and add a 600 yard range to the existing range. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Eric Pederson the Public Safety Manager of the SIRN 2020 Project attended the meeting to talk about the potential 3- 17' antennae's with city blessing mounted on the water tower with structural analysis to be completed.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to have the City Attorney negotiate with ND ITD concerning the 2020 SIRN project. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was a water main valve replaced on 13th Ave, hydrant flushing to begin, a new flag was installed at the Casey's flagpole, crosswalk painting was completed, discussion on alley conditions at post office and library, discussion on mowing at 486 11th Ave N, storm sewer repair done on 3rd St S, lift station #4 work done to unplug it, Clean Up week will be September 21-23, discussion on concrete at inert landfill, bids will be opened on September 28th for a motor grader, and Travis Dillman gave an update on westside water loop expansion project. PWD Wolsky and Dillman will work on project cost list in November.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve the quote from Tri-State paving for 3 water main repair spots in the amount of \$5,070. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Pederson, Hoggarth, Roundy, Olson, and Smith.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Wolsky reported that 10 building permits and 1 demolition permit were issued.

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

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda with the addition of #8 to Interstate Engineering in the amount of \$1,380 pertaining to the drainage easement near Hagel/Swenseth properties. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Smith, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Tom Erdmann, Mayor