

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, February 10, 2025 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, Jesse Nelson, Tyler Hoggarth, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Hunter Lentz, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan and Chief Bittmann.

Also present: Ken Wangen and Kelly Hagel.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Smith, to approve minutes of the council meeting held January 13, 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permit(s) issued by the City Auditor: #1051 to Carrington Kiwanis for a raffle and #1052 to the Spanish Club for a raffle.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 46 total calls for 2024 and the department has a full roster with one new recruit last month.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported the Otter Tail Power franchise agreement expires mid-April, the Waste Management contract expires August of 2025, and the city sales tax collection set another record at \$114,000 collected on the 1% in January.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Bremer checking account to the Bank Forward Insured Cash Sweep account. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Nelson, to cancel the Hartford Steam Boilers policy for the armory. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve the Mayor's recommendation of subcommittee members of Roundy, Smith, PWD Wolsky, and Deputy Auditor Jerome to work with on the sanitation contract bid process. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported the housing study was completed and the Department of Commerce will be reimbursing \$20,000 for the cost of the study. The executive summary has been provided in front of each council member and there may be some housing funding programs provided by the legislature.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to reimburse CCEDC for the Christmas Cash program 10% free money totaling \$6,250. The following voted in favor: Olson, Smith, Fandrich, Nelson, Hoggarth, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Nelson, to approve the first disbursement to Randy Stedman for Uniting for Ukraine grant for Nataliia and Kyril Briushenko for \$2,233.63. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Nelson, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met February 6th and discussed light repairs, programming the timing of runway lights, flooring in the pilots lounge, and land leases expiring May 31, 2025.

POLICE:

Councilmen Hoggarth reported they met tonight and there were 278 calls for service in January.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich to approve the quote from US Armor for 5 armored vests at \$6,916.52. An Eagles gaming grant has been approved to cover \$6,880 of the cost. The difference will be taken from the general fund. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Smith, Olson, Roundy, Hoggarth, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to approve the quote from Midstates Wireless for two mobile radios and installation for \$11,435.20 to be paid for from Fund 228. The state should reimburse \$3000. The following voted in favor: Olson, Roundy, Fandrich, Smith, Nelson, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilmen Roundy reported water tower and reservoir cleaning was discussed with the committee receiving a quote from Liquivision for \$12,704 to be completed this summer, Jason has discussed with CC Steele about Casey's sewer line and determine the cost of project, a couple applications have been received for the Equipment Operator position, and Engineer Dillman will reach out to Daniel Schwartz to see where he's at on the water study.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 1 building permit was issued in January for a garage. Planning and Zoning is working on plat work for Lee Wahlund and Jim Sherman.

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

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Smith, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda and an Axon bill for the body camera lease for \$5,240.19, not listed on the agenda. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Smith, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Nelson, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor