

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, March 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, Tyler Hoggarth, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan, Councilmen Nelson, and Public Works Director Wolsky.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Leasa Lura, Culley Hoggarth, Kelly Hagel, Linda Schuster, and Jeremy Rham of Otter Tail Power Company.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Olson, to approve minutes of the council meeting held February 10, 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permit(s) issued by the City Auditor: #1053 to Carrington Garden Club for a raffle and #1054 to ND Fur Takers Association for a raffle.
- b. To approve Foster County 4-H Council and Foster County Extension Service request for 4-H sheep at the fairgrounds from April 22 through August 1, 2025.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Planning & Zoning's recommendation to approve Lee Wahlund's plat of Auditor's Lots 229 & 230. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth. Against: Olson and Smith. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to approve Planning & Zoning's recommendation to approve Sherman Addition, Replat of Lot B of the Replat of Remainder of Lot 3, Block 3 of Rusks First Addition, Carrington, Foster County, North Dakota. The following voted in favor: Olson, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Roundy, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Mayor Erdmann signing a letter of intent to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Olson, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 283, granting Otter Tail Power Company a franchise agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 4 calls for service, 7 members attended fire school, ranger will be repaired, a new trailer was purchased for ranger, radios are in the state data base to meet the end of March deadline, a new computer will be installed in the communication room as well as an iPad with cellular connection for updating data collection for truck maintenance, personnel gear, and run reports, an update on legislative bills was provided, and new fire truck with equipment is expected to be just under \$640,000.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported city hall will be closed March 19 & 20 for NDLC spring conference and there will be a Lead Local seminar if anyone wishes to attend.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported on lots that received demolition incentive funds that are not maintaining site reclamation.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to give preliminary approval of Arrowwood Prairie Co-op's Commercial Building Improvement Grant application, for a 25% cost share up to \$30,000, per grant guidelines. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to approve reimbursement to Hinrichs Construction for a Commercial Building Improvement Grant for \$17,361.21, for 40% of costs incurred. The following voted in favor: Smith, Hoggarth, Olson, Roundy, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Smith, to approve disbursement of \$6,000 in Carrington Cash and \$6,000 in a check to Jay and Cindy Bauer for their previously approved new home construction incentive application as well as a 2-year tax abatement on \$150,000 of house value. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Olson, Roundy, Smith, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve \$2,500 disbursement to Gussiaas Electric for a previously approved job credit for Tate Larsen, as per grant guidelines. The following voted in favor: Olson, Roundy, Smith, Fandrich, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met March 6th and discussed small ongoing projects that may require pursuing other vendors to get done.

LIBRARY:

Councilman Roundy reported their meeting is this Wednesday, Friends of the Library purchased a new 3D printer, and Robin Simonson is the new Board President.

POLICE:

Councilmen Hoggarth reported they met tonight and there were 296 calls for service in February, Tahoe belt to be replaced, and new radios are expected to arrive this week with Chief Bittmann submitting for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to set the part-time Police Officer rate of pay at \$40.00 per hour. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Smith, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilmen Roundy reported on water break on Main Street began March 4th in front of Gate City Bank with frost issues and can't find exact location, however, ND Rural Water will come out to assist in finding the break and it may possibly be an old service line, Jason is still waiting on CC Steele on Casey's project, discussion on city hall furnace replacement with 50/50

grant available through Department of Commerce, Jayden Hochhalter started on February 24th as the new equipment operator.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Councilmen Roundy reported 1 new building permit in February. Attorney Geroux was asked to look at our ordinances regarding a lot combination form.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Hoggarth, 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. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Fandrich, Olson, Roundy, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor