

## **APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, October 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, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Leo Ryan, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: None.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Leasa Lura, and Todd Ingebretson.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Pederson, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting on September 12, 2022 and special council meeting on September 20, 2022. 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: #986 to Knights of Columbus for a calendar raffle and #987 to Foster County Fair Board for a calendar raffle.
- b. To approve Carrington Chamber of Commerce's request for Trunk or Treat to be held between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave on Main Street on October 31, 2022.
- c. To approve Carrington Municipal Airport Authority's appointment of Jay Bauer to a five year term beginning 2023.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Todd Ingebretson addressed council regarding water service to his residence. Water is freezing in the line near the fire hydrant across the street causing no water to his home during extended periods of cold weather. The city has been aware and a new line has not been put into place. Ingebretson would like the city to consider utilizing another contractor if the one the city usually uses is too busy.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Pederson, on the second reading and passage of Ordinance 275, an ordinance enacting Article VI, Chapter 30, of the Code of the City of Carrington, North Dakota, relating to the illegal discharge in storm drain system. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Trader, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FIRE DEPT:**

Chief Wangen reported they had 3 calls since the last report. Wangen also reported they have a new Secretary/Treasurer, Deedra Aasand, new thermal imagers are in, the certificate of existence for rural/city has been completed, and it is Fire Prevention Week.

#### **FINANCE & LEGAL:**

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met today and discussed city audits, city BCBS health plan will be discontinued, Auditor Gast presented updated job descriptions for city hall staff, Eagles donation was receipted into new fund 246, DES reimbursed the city \$7,500 toward the new police radios, sales tax had a record month for September, and approval was

given for the Park Board to hold their meetings in the former CED board room and utilize office space for file storage.

**CCEDC:**

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Olson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation to discontinue the first time home buyer incentive program effective December 31, 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation to implement a second demolition incentive program based off the current program, but with the property remaining with the property owner after city Attorney Ryan reviews the guidelines. This program is a 25% grant up to a maximum of \$10,000 reimbursement. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Fandrich, to accept the bid from Christopher Gussiaas for Lot 1, the W 7 ½ feet of Lot No 2, and the E 30 feet of the N 140 feet of Lot No 10, All in Block 27, Original Townsite of the City of Carrington, for the amount of \$1,001.00. The following voted in favor: Olson, Trader, Fandrich, Roundy, Pederson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to accept the bid from Joe Vogelwede for former elevator lot, Lot A, Block 44, Original Townsite of the City of Carrington with a bid of \$10,001.00. The following voted in favor: Trader, Fandrich, Roundy, Pederson, Smith, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Erdmann reminded the Council of the agreement with H&H Holdings to reimburse \$480.00 per unsold 22 lots as per original agreement dated May 29, 2015 as taxes and specials are paid. This amount of reimbursement is \$10,560.00 and is listed in the bills. Christmas Cash will be disbursed after it is known how much is spoken for within the \$5,000 budget. Scott Tweed has agreed to fill Rosie Mozelle's open position on the board.

**AIRPORT:**

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met October 6th at 5:30 pm, Interstate Engineering gave a progress update on the rehabilitation project with milling and paving complete with minor dirt work to be completed, the airport will open later this week, the new AWOS system will be going in, and Jay Bauer has agreed to continue serving on the board.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Councilman Trader reported they had met this evening and discussed the Eagles grant, school presence has been strong, starting wages for Police Officer, new tires on the truck, and interview, evidence, and storage rooms have been cleaned up.

**TREE BOARD:**

Contractor has completed about 75% of tree removals of current project.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilman Roundy reported they had met tonight and discussed Interstate Engineering update, storm water on Hagel property, interviewed a candidate for WPL/Equipment Operator, water loop project has begun, SORN 2020 Representatives will get Wolsky a site drawing to

place antenna on water tower and includes putting up a new building, water break on Main Street, and the Armory will be open full days beginning next week.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to purchase two valves for the lime press equipment, spending up to \$35,000 from fund 228. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Roundy, Pederson, Smith, Olson, and Trader. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Olson, to approve patching of water break spots as well as cleaning out spots on Main Street by Tri-State Paving of \$17,530 with \$5,610 billed back to property owners at new service locations. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Pederson, Smith, Olson, Trader, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

Public Works Director Wolsky told council there were 13 building permits and 2 demolition permits for September.

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

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Pederson, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda and one correction to Dalsted & Ryan's bill. Instead of a total of \$12,325.00, the total is \$8,892.50. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Smith, Olson, Trader, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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Jennifer Gast, City Auditor

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Tom Erdmann, Mayor