

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, December 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, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan

Also present: Ken Wangen, Linda Schuster, and Kelly Hagel.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held November 13, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1016 to Carrington Park Board for a raffle.
- b. To approve the destruction of the following warrants:
25286 for \$5.00 25496 for \$10.00 25651 for \$10.00
25868 for \$4.00 25954 for \$4.00 25955 for \$10.00
- c. To approve Carrington Municipal Airport Authority's recommendation to appoint Doug Schroeder to a five year term beginning 2024.
- d. To approve Planning & Zoning's recommendation to appoint Jack Buckley to a three year term.
- e. To approve the following 2024 licenses:
2024 House Mover's License: Carrington House Moving Inc., David Lutman

2024 Gas Fitters License: Sherman Plumbing & Heating, M & C Plumbing & Heating, Rusty Kollman, Larsen Plumbing & Heating AC Inc., Mike Larson Plumbing & Heating, Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co., and Schulz Plumbing & Heating AC Inc.

2024 Plumbing License: Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co, Larsen Plumbing & Heating AC Inc., M & C Plumbing & Heating, Mike Larson Plumbing & Heating, Schulz Plumbing & Heating AC Inc., and Sherman Plumbing & Heating.

2024 Beer and Liquor Licenses: Casey's Retail Company DBA Casey's General Store #3364, CBS'- Cole & Cindy Broadwell, Central City Lanes, Chieftain, Cobblestone, DK Freeman, LLC, Five Spot- Scott & Celine Fetch, Garden Gate, and Shamrock Bar- Steve Nicholson.

2024 Trailer Coach License: Sunset Court – Dustin Hinrichs

2024 Tree License: Teves Construction

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve Chief Bittmann's Back the Blue allocation plan of Bittmann \$2,678, Jensen \$2,880, Ormiston \$2,880, and two new hires at \$1,550 each after completion of academy training if not certified. The following voted in favor: Smith, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson at last month's meeting, seconded by Smith, to approve the second reading and passage of Ordinance #279 to repeal and re-enact Chapter 9, Sections 0102-0128 of the City of Carrington Municipal Code, relating to dangerous buildings and building officials duties. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith at last month's meeting, seconded by Pederson, to approve the second reading and passage of Ordinance #280 to repeal and re-enact Chapter 34, of the City of Carrington Municipal Code, relating to the maintenance of junk. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Pederson, Smith, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 5 calls since the last report, a truck committee has been formed to pursue the feasibility of buying a new truck, and they are currently reviewing e-dispatches.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported they had discussed municipal court services, Lisa and Fred Foster have been contracted for cleaning city hall and the police department, drug testing, physicals, and WSI for police department, financials and sales tax update, an update on 18/19 Audit with one remaining issue to be corrected by Harold Rotunda, CPA, and approved Auditor Gast to work with the fire department on financing for a new truck.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Roundy, to instruct the Attorney's office to draft an ordinance for the removal of the elected Municipal Judge position and look toward working with the county and district court. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to pay additional Interstate Engineering bill for Kelly Hagel's property for staking and surveying of \$1,865.16 out of fund 325. The following voted in favor: Smith, Pederson, Hoggarth, Roundy, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve 2024 salary recommendations from 6%- 7.5% and no additional increase for the police department effective January 1, 2024. The following employees at 6%: Gast, Guthmiller, Jerome, and Wolf. The following employees at 6.25%: Miller and Mittleider. The following employee at 6.5%: Wolsky. The following employee at 7%: Flemmer. The following employee at 7.5%: Bickett. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Smith, and Pederson.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to hire an outside firm to complete a salary study for all departments and develop a step wage scale. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Roundy, to approve a \$500 holiday bonus to all employees including the part-time employee. The following voted in favor: Smith, Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to approve CCEDC's recommendation to approve paying Central City Wellness Center's 25% of receipts with the remaining funds of \$3,915.61 to a total reimbursement of \$30,000.00. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Hoggarth, Smith, Fandrich, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported board had discussion on Mattern lease and cleanup on the property, reviewed NDIRF building & property coverage, and fuel master system will be replaced as they have been having issues.

POLICE:

Councilman Pederson reported they had met tonight and discussed 229 calls for service, new hiring process, potential new hire in the works, and Holiday with the Hero's last week was a success.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported on west side water expansion is complete and pressure test complete, easement on Hagel property, water break at 13th Ave and 1st St N has been repaired, compressors for air circulators are going to be replaced, discussion on armory items that need to be looked at, and Rural Water training will be here at the fire hall on January 17th.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Pederson, to lease a John Deere 6155R tractor for 12 months/400 hours for \$7,600 per year. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Smith, Hoggarth, Pederson, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 2 building and 2 excavation permits were issued. Planning & Zoning heard from Lee Wahlund about a potential project he's wanting to do but the board is waiting on feedback from Foster County Commission.

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

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Hoggarth, Smith, Pederson, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Tom Erdmann, Mayor