

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CARRINGTON NOVEMBER 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, November 14, 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, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolosky, Christopher Bittmann, Pam

Jerome and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Leo Ryan, Councilmen Al Trader and Trygg Olson.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Travis Dillman, and Kelly Hagel.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting on October 10, 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

a. To ratify the following game

of chance permit issued by the City Auditor: #988 to Friends of the Carrington City Library for a calendar raffle.

b. To approve Carrington Chamber of Commerce's request to hold the Annual Light Parade on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm on Main St. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Kelly Hagel addressed council regarding grade and drainage issues on his land. He's been working on this issue for over a year.

Daniel Schwartz of Nexus addressed Council on contract to find FEMA grant opportunities.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Smith, to approve Mayor Erdmann and Auditor Gast sign Resolution No. 11422, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Carrington adopting Demolition Cost Share Program. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Pederson, Smith, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Pederson, to approve Progressive Estimate #1 to Bohlman Trenching for \$285,517.25, from fund 244, ARPA funds. The following voted in favor: Smith, Roundy, Pederson, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported they had 10 calls since the last report. Wangen also reported they had the two main pumpers worked on,

updated bylaws, and voted in one new member.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met today and approved updates on job descriptions for Auditor & Deputy Auditor positions, IRS sent notice they didn't get W2's for 2020, they did get them, and we will do electronically from now on, resolution for cost share, discussed the city's BCBS health plan, Waste Management's annual donation, transferring PERS sick leave, Policies, and Procurement of funds.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to authorize Auditor Gast sign BCBS 2023 renewal documents. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to designate the annual \$500 donation from Waste Management going to the Carrington Community Endowment Fund. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to approve CCEDC's recommendation for a first time home buying incentive to Tyler Hoggarth, for \$1,500.00 cash and \$1,500.00 in Carrington cash, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor:

Pederson, Fandrich, Smith, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to

approve CCEDC's recommendation for a first time home buying incentive to Dean & Janell Helm, for \$3,000.00 cash and \$3,000.00 in Carrington cash, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Smith, Pederson, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve CCEDC's recommendation for a first time home buying incentive to Armella Hettle, for \$3,000.00 cash and \$3,000.00 in Carrington cash, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Pederson, Roundy, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation for a new home build incentive to Renee Riedesel, for \$6,000.00 cash and \$6,000.00 in Carrington cash, and a 2 year property tax exemption up to \$150,000.00 of taxable value of the house, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Smith, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they had not met due to a snow storm, but will meet on November 16th, and the Airport opened on October 28th

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Councilman Pederson reported they had met this evening and discussed: 299 calls for service

this month, there was a stolen vehicle recovered, a search warrant conducted on a house for child neglect, working with the school, and we will be continuing to pay the lease on the Axon body cameras annually out of fund 228.

TREE BOARD:

Councilman Smith reported the removal of the 35 trees is finished and grant will be submitted by the end of month.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported they had met tonight and discussed: Hagel storm water, Water loop construction update by Travis Dillman of Interstate Engineering, Taylor Bickett has started with the city, Public Works Director has been working with SIFRN 2020 water tower placement of the antenna, wrestling building has been having water infiltration issues, Tri-State Paving have completed repairs, Lift station repairs, brown totes and tree boxes are done until spring, Bio girls annual request to use the Armory basement from the end of February to the first part of June for free, request for JO volleyball to use the Armory with submitted monthly schedule for same rate as last year with Public Works Director managing it.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Fandrich, to pay bill to Tri-State Paving, spending up to \$14,560.00 from fund 228. The following voted in

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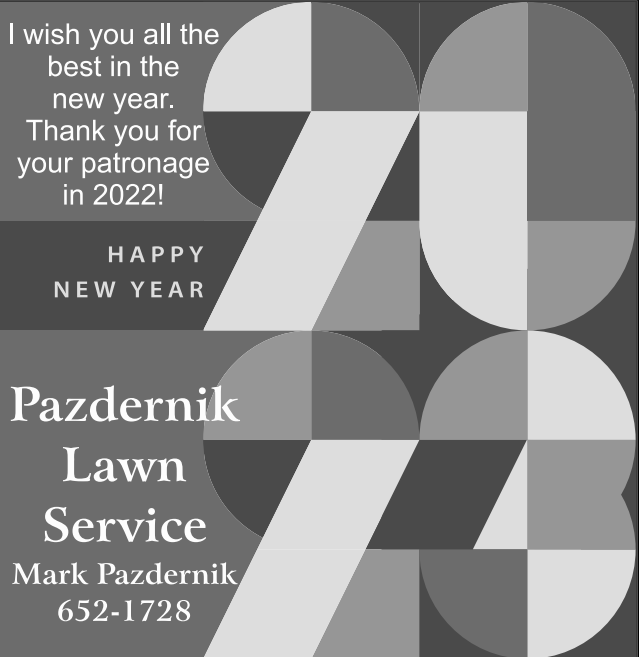


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favor: Fandrich, Roundy, Smith, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to approve \$3,650.00 on Lift Station #6 repairs. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Smith, Fandrich, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky told council there were 2 building permits and 1 moving permit since last report.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, 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: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A special meeting to discuss 2023 wages will be scheduled after Thanksgiving.

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

Adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Bills: 329, United States Treasury, \$6,862.59; 330, NDPERS, 287.50; 331, NDPERS, 8,208.01; 332, United States Treasury, 6,151.09; 333, Deluxe Business Products, 136.33; 334, NDPERS,

312.50.

26958, AT&T Mobility, 357.13; 26959, Bessette Motors, Inc., 45,630.00; 26960, Unum Life Insurance Company, 76.77; 26961, Postmaster, 313.97; 26962, AFLAC, 548.85; 26963, Pipestem Alcohol & Drug Network, 65.00; 26964, LEAF, 55.00; 26965, LEAF, 226.00; 26966, Lyuto, Alexander, 28.00; 26967, Styles, Darin, 50.00; 26968, Singh, Satnam, 20.00; 26969, Smith, Kyle, 1,500.00.

26970, Weber, Connor, 3000.00; 26971, Amazon, 193.80; 26972, Aramark, 289.49; 26973, Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 2,083.69; 26974, Avid Hawk LLC, 105.00; 26975, Balco Uniform Co., 458.41; 26976, Bank of North Dakota, 18,212.89; 26977, Bessette Motors, Inc., 762.73; 26978, Bittmann, Christopher, 177.50; 26979, Bohlman Trenching, 55,383.30.

26980, Braun Intertec, 2,151.69; 26981, Canad Inn, 172.80; 26982, Carrington Park District, 1,538.93; 26983, Carrington Chamber & Economic Development Corporation, 4,500.00; 26984, Carrington City Library Petty Cash, 129.73; 26985, Central City Lumber, 91.96; 26986, Central Business Systems, 289.00; 26987, Chieftain Conference Center, 218.90; 26988, City of Carrington, 854.01; 26989, C&J Oil Co., 1,655.93.

26990, Core & Main, 663.04; 26991, Carrington Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 4,563.17; 26992, Dakota Pump & Control, Inc., 4,474.00; 26993, Dakota Cen-

tral Telecom 1, 1,003.58; 26994, Dalsted & Ryan, P.C., 1,437.50; 26995, Dollar General, 169.50; 26996, Ecolab Pest Elim. Div., 78.70; 26997, Evoqua Water Technologies, 30,046.64; 26998, Findaway, 511.90; 26999, Foster County Independent, 592.57.

27000, Galls, Inc., 193.01; 27001, Gast, Jennifer, 398.12; 27002, GEI Consultants, 4,420.00; 27003, Hawkins, Inc., 1,156.79; 27004, Information Technology Dept., 38.50; 27005, Interstate Engineering, Inc., 10,482.90; 27006, Jerome, Pam, 199.37; 27007, Carrington Economic Development, 30,539.30; 27008, J&R Dirt Works LLC, 4,656.03; 27009, Kapp, Elizabeth, 140.28.

27010, Montana Dakota Utilities, 62.22; 27011, NAPA Auto Parts, 440.85; 27012, ND Dept. of Health, 32.00; 27013, ND Dept. of Health, 18.54; 27014, NDLC-North Dakota League of Cities, 50.00; 27015, One Call Concepts, 16.35; 27016, ND Water & Pollution Control, 75.00; 27017, Northern Plains Electric Co., 802.37; 27018, On The Clock.com LLC, 796.32; 27019, Ottertail Power Co., 7,493.99.

27020, Patriot Fuels, 1,329.91; 27021, Pat Biel Trucking, Inc., 5,143.60; 27022, Pipe Detectives LLC, 5,815.00; 27023, Proforms, 106.78; 27024, RM Stoudt, 545.48; 27025, Running's Supply, Inc., 593.26; 27026, Running's Supply, Inc., 134.25; 27027, Schulz Plumbing & Heating, 24.80; 27028, Postmaster, 275.00; 27029, Waste Manage-

ment of ND, 27,523.04; 27030, Rick's Wholesale Tire, 1,391.00; 27031, Wingate, 88.20.

**SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2022
*APPROVED CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM UNNOTICED
MEETING**

****AUDITOR GAST WAS NOT NOTIFIED TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

*****THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED BY MAYOR ERDMANN
November 28, 2022**

Monday evening officer Liz Kapp and Police Committee members Neil Fandrich and Chase Pederson took a picture with Scott Fetch the owner of the Five Spot Bar, reflecting his significant donation of \$3,000.00 to our local Shop with Cop program.

After that event at 5:30 PM, Police Committee Chairman Al Trader, Police committee members Neil Fandrich and Chase Pederson and Mayor Tom Erdmann met at the Police station to discuss the ongoing need for an additional police officer since we need 5 full time officers to man our Police schedule of providing manned service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We presently have 4 full time officers and have been getting some part time help from the Foster County Sheriff Justin Johnson. Johnson has indicated he will help out if needed but would like to phase out of providing the part time help.

As of this date we have not received any applications for the open Police Officer position. The

present staff has been working some over time or extra hours to cover for individuals using PTO or trying to take off their awarded holiday leave which according to our personnel manual which states:

All full time police officers scheduled to work on an official recognized holiday observed by the City, will receive pay at the rate of one and one half times his/her regular hourly rate of pay for actual hours worked. All full-time police officers not scheduled to work on an official recognized holiday observed by the City, will receive another day off. The additional day off must be used within thirty (30) days providing departmental scheduling allows, adequate notice is received, and approval by his/her department head is given.

There was discussion about how to deal with our 24 hour/7 days schedule. With 5 full time employee this existing schedule flows just fine with officers being allowed to use their PTO or their designated holiday time.

The lack of 5 officers causes potential officer and Chief burn out, along with extra over time hours. Chief Bittman was not at the meeting but had emailed Al Trader and Mayor Erdmann of his concerns, asking if the committee would consider paying him over time as the strain to PD schedule comes when an officer takes PTO, Holiday time or calls in sick. His request for potential overtime would only be an issue if the department continues to be under-

staffed.

At this meeting there was discussion concerning the Police Chief with actual hours being worked now and into the future, about potential overtime compensation, discussion on a stipend per pay period rather than overtime, another method of dealing with the time off for holidays, allowing officers to sell back more than the allowed by PTO policy, actually going directly to the Police academy schools to solicit recruits, going to high school career day events to solicit recruits, utilizing the scholarship programs provided by the state and our local Economic Development to encourage more students going into law enforcement.

No decisions were made at this information brain storming meeting and everyone left knowing any changes will need to be presented to Finance and Legal Committee and/or the full City Council.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

**SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2022**

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:30 AM. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The following members of council and city departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Chase Pederson*, Al Trader, Doug Smith, Jason Wol-

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sky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilman Trygg Olson and Attorney Leo Ryan.

Also Present: Kelly Hagel
*Arrived late

Council held discussion on 2023 Salary increase for city employees.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Trader, to increase employees 6%, the Police Department 9%, and Officer Schlak an increase of 13%, and a potential new hire in the Police Department up to \$50,000. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, Smith, and Pederson.

The Mayor presented his summation of the timeline of the background on the development by Swenseth and Hagel within the city limits of Carrington.

Kelly Hagel addressed Council on developing drainage and the streets/avenues along with an easement.

Council discussed the drainage and street/avenues regarding the Swenseth & Hagel properties in the Northwest part of town as well as access to the Swenseth property. The Mayor stated we have come to the conclusion of leaving it at the last design with the property owner to the west to potentially request access at his own cost.

The Mayor questioned who is paying for what going forward.

A motion was made by Trader to have Interstate Engineering identify the property pins and set the elevation with the city paying for these items.

Councilman Roundy requested Councilman Trader rescinds this motion in order to allow the Public Works Committee to have a discussion with Travis Dillman of Interstate Engineering at the Monday, December 12, 2022 meeting.

Councilman Trader rescinded this motion.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Chase, while under 5 full-time staff in the Police Department to pay straight pay for holidays rather than receive a day off within 30 days for those employees not working the holiday. Auditor Gast will draft a policy revision for the December 12, 2022 Council meeting.

There being no further business on the special meeting agenda, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:54 AM
Jennifer Gast, Auditor
Tom Erdmann, Mayor,
City Council, City of Carrington
(Publish December 26, 2022)

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY OF SYKESTON
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Rick Richter, Jerome Hoheisel, Vic Park, Bev Hafner, and Kathy Lesmeister.

Absent: Dennis Johnson
Minutes were read and approved after these changes: Add the exact gallons of water that Mayo Construction used and when the fire hydrants were pumped, it was water and not sludge. 1st by Jerome and 2nd by Rick.

Bills were read and approved 1st by Jerome and 2nd by Rick: Central Plains \$30.00 Ottertail \$434.43 Ottertail 1/2 Power \$99.56 DCT 1/2 \$43.06 ND Health Dept \$14.00 Double M Sanitation \$2183.79 Independent \$187.06 Jon Oatis \$277.05 Kathy Lesmeister \$461.75 Runnings \$108.98 Ferguson Water Works \$1048.75 Park Tax \$14.56 Arrowwood \$104.60 Postage \$39.90 ND League of Cities \$341.00 IRS \$1278.19 Sweeney Control Comp \$540.00 Valley City Times-hold till clarified.

Income: Garbage \$1880.00 General \$951.94 Hiway \$802.98 Interest \$0.96 Park Gas \$250.56 Sewer \$385.00 Water \$6583.88 Water Tower \$2730.00.
Turning the water curb stops on and off was discussed dealing with the yearly renters.

When their bill is sent for year 2023, there will be a notice attached to please let us know when they will be arriving to turn it on and when leaving so it can be shut off again.

Correspondence was presented next. Received a ballot dealing with FSA-fill out and return, paperwork for the park board-mail to Donna Stringer, and a notice from the railroad. Railroad reps told Rick that the notices are auto generated and not to do anything till this issue gets straightened out. Also discussed was the issue with the light fixture that needs to be replaced in the Office. The fixture will be replaced with LED lights.

7:00 PM The Water Tower Fund Close Out took place at this time. Mayor Rick Richter asked if there were any questions and was asked if the Tower was completely done and if a mixer would be replacing the circulation pump

in the future. For the most part the tower is done with a couple of adjustments that need to be made. The Mixer is something that could be looked at into the future when all the final paperwork is done.

The Code of Conduct was approved 1st by Jerome and 2nd by Rick.

The water level in the tank was discussed. Rick will talk to Rural Water about lowering the level so more water will be circulated with the lower usage in the next couple of months. Rick and Vic Park discussed the water pressure with the tank not being full, how it would affect the Fire Department, how Rural Water could handle a fire and still provide water to the residents.

Liquor Licenses need to be renewed by January 1st, 2023. The City has a 2am closing time that was implemented previously, but will give the establishments a notice stating the closing time to be displayed. Patriot Properties turned in the renewal paperwork for the Sykeston Legion at this meeting and was approved 1st by Jerome and 2nd by Rick.

Sykeston Dam Bar and Grill will be turning their paperwork in for the December meeting per Kim Speldrich.

Old business that was discussed was the purchasing of the Stop Sign and it will be installed in the Spring after the snow has melted. Bev Hafner stated that the rocks have been moved away from the culvert to the East of her driveway. Also discussed was the Post Office sidewalk. The contractors that were talked to stated that they would not be able to do anything this year and will be addressed again in the Spring.

A discussion about what services are included in the taxes that the townships pay. Road maintenance is not included in the services that the City receives even tho the taxes are the same. The County Commissioners would be the people to talk to.

Rick will talk to Chad about street snow removal and lift station snow removal.

The monthly water samples will be taken to the Carrington Post Office by Jon Oatis for over night bulk mailing. It will cost \$10.00 verses \$26.95 for priority send from Sykeston. Vic explained how the Lagoon water samples, how the lagoon works and how the discharge from Cell 4 work.

Vic Park was asking about what was going to be done about the unkept properties by Arlene

Leifert and himself. It will be checked to see how the undeveloped and developed properties are distinguished in the City Ordinance. Tabled till Spring.

The procedure for any local gaming permits was clarified. The Gaming Manager gives the organization a written approval, then that needs to be given to the City Auditor and then the Auditor will send it to the state.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm
Next meeting is December 12th, 2022 at 6:30 PM

UPDATE 11-16-22

Due to the Publication Notice for the closing of the Water Tower Fund being sent to Valley City instead of Carrington, South Central Regional Council said that they will get the notice sent to Foster County Independent and the Close Out would have to be done again at December's meeting.

Close Out at 7:00 PM on December 12, 2022

Kathy Lesmeister, Auditor
Rick Richter, Mayor,
City Council, City of Sykeston
(Publish December 26, 2022)

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