MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

Public Notices

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CARRINGTON **NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 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, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Melissa Magnuson, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilmen Tyler Hoggarth and Trygg Olson.

Also present: Ken Wangen. Linda Schuster, Leasa Lura, Lanelle and Randy Stedman, Janelle Helm, Jenna Helseth, Joel Lemer, Tonia Erickson, Grant Stangeland, and Travis Dillman.

A motion was made by Smith. seconded by Fandrich, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held October 14, 2024. All voted ave. Motion carried. A motion was made by Fan-

drich, seconded by Roundy, to approve consent agenda items: a. To ratify the following game

of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1041 to CHS Student Council for a sports pool, #1042 to Friends of Shanna Barone for a raffle, #1043 to Carrington Park Board for a raffle, #1044 to Friends of Shanna Barone for a sports pool, #1045 to Friends of Carrington City Library for a raffle, and #1046 to Carrington Ministerial Association All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Erdmann provided Council with an update on the Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship program. City Council has approved expenditures of \$36,800 in reimbursement for individuals sponsoring individuals and families from Ukraine from Economic Development funds for humanitarian reasons and to help the business sector. 20 family members have been sponsored with 8 employed within city or extraterritorial, 7 are students, 2 in daycare, and 4 farm workers not covered under the program. Questions arose as to what impacts this program is having on the school, thus the Mayor has invited school representatives to attend this meeting.

Janelle Helm, Carrington Public School Superintendent, addressed Council on the system at the public school to provide all students with equal access to learning opportunities, they do not discriminate, and their doors are always open. They are aware of the challenges surrounding ELL students and the support of teachers; however, the school district has established various services and resources designed to support teachers. Janelle would like to see the Uniting for Ukraine program continue as it brings great things for our school and community.

Randy and Lanelle Stedman addressed Council with a question on what the problem with denying the Ukrainian woman sponsoring under the program and commended Council on the Uniting for Ukraine program. Grant Stangeland addressed

Council in support of the Uniting for Ukraine program.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Fandrich, to reinstate the Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship program with recommended changes that the business/employer and the employment must be located within the city limits and/ or extraterritorial limits of the city of Carrington and provide proof of employment signed by the employer and initial reimbursement of 50% of costs to be made upon receipt of actual paid expenses, which will be limited to the program's reimbursement schedule or actual costs. The final 50% reimbursement will be made after nine months. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Smith, Fandrich, and Nelson. Against: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to appoint Blaine Schatz to the Tree Board Committee. All voted aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by Nelson,

seconded by Fandrich, to authorize Auditor Gast to sign the project initiation and acceptance form for the water loop project with Bohlman Trenching and the city of Carrington. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to approve final payment/closeout #4 to Bohlman Trenching for \$12,200 on the water loop project to be paid from the Capital Project Fund. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Roundy, Fandrich, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

FIRE DEPT: Chief Wangen reported 4 calls since the last report, the department decided to go with Motorola

radios from MidStates of Fargo started receiving equipment from the railroad donation, 1 SCBA tank failed recertification and will be replaced, all 3 bay furnaces will be serviced, and reminder to the public to change batteries in smoke

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported the committee received the final summary of the proposed wage scale with a 20-year step program with a 2.5% COLA for 2025 and the committee will hold a special meeting, a resolution will be prepared to enroll in the NDPERS safety plan, Harold Rotunda, CPA, provided 2022 and 2023 financial statements, the 1% sales tax is \$92,000 ahead of this time last year, and 3 unpaid utility liens have been placed on property.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Nelson, to transfer the city's ND Insurance Reserve Fund agency designation to Bravera Insurance. The following voted in favor: Smith, Fandrich, and Nelson, *Councilman Roundy abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Roundv. seconded by Smith, to authorize Auditor Gast to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield 2025 Renewal documents. The following voted in favor: Nelson, Roundy, Fandrich, and Smith. Against: None. Motion

A motion was made by Roundv. seconded by Fandrich, to designate the annual Waste Management community donation of \$1.500 to the Carrington Community Endowment Foundation. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported Dean Hafner paid 2021 taxes and special assessments on the housing development and reimbursement of \$480.00 per unsold lots is listed in the bills and the CCEDC board is looking for 3 new members as 1 member is moving away and 2 members have fulfilled their terms.

A motion was made by Smith. seconded by Nelson, to approve the 2nd phase reimbursement for the building improvement grant for Carrington Gymnastics in the amount of \$4,780.67 as per grant guidelines. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Nelson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion

A motion was made by Roundv. seconded by Fandrich, to approve the BND Flex Pace Interest Buy down application from Darin Esser for \$13.999.66 for 5 years to be paid back and to authorize Mayor Erdmann to sign documents on behalf of the city. The following voted in favor:

Fandrich, Smith, Nelson, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met November 7th and Interstate Engineering gave detailed scope of services for design on airfield lighting project. POLICÉ:

Councilmen Nelson reported they had met and there were 327 calls for service in October including 4 DUI's, terrorizing, simple assault, escape, and the junk ordinance is done until spring.

TREE BOARD:

Councilmen Smith reported they have a new member. Blaine Schatz, and a bid opening was held for the 10 trees to be removed with Sherman Excavating being awarded the bid.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilmen Roundy reported they met and Jason will be sending out letter update on the notification process as to what type of water lines in your house, summer meters have been pulled for winter. the Hwv 200 railroad crossing is a federal mandate, sewer/lagoon discharge monitoring report was submitted and discharge permit issued current through September 2029, tree boxes have been pulled for winter, and they received a request for Boy Scouts to utilize the upstairs office at the armory, city buildings have been winterized, maintenance is needed on the armory boiler, and Jason will be reaching out to a contact at Stutsman Rural water about the meter not working

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 9 building permits were issued in October.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 8:45 pm. Bills: NDPERS, \$112.50; Unit-

ed States Treasury, 7,111.04; NDPERS. 15.301.18: NDPERS. 212.50; LEAF, 210.00; Montana Dakota Utilities, 1,484.83; Ottertail Power Co., 7,181.71; Unum Life Insurance Company of, 78.22: Postmaster, 353.22; AFLAC, 742.20; LEAF, 55.00; Aqua-Pure, Inc., 685.54; Advanced Business Methods, 202,69: Amazon Capital Services, 566.39; Arrowwood Carrington, 335,34.

Prairie Co-op, 209.53; Auto Value Avid Hawk LLC, 105.00; Bessette Motors, Inc., 356.07; Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND. 25.243.30: Carrington Park District. 1,538.93; Carrington Drug, 49.60; Carrington City Library Petty Cash,

192.14; City of Carrington, 941.77;

150.00: C&J Oil Co., 843.19: Carrington Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 6,439,07: Dakota Central Telecom I, 1,263.58: Dalsted & Ryan, P.C., 1,209.00; Dollar General. 21.00.

Ecolab Pest Elim. Div., 78.70; Foster County Independent. 1.735.54: Foster's Cleaning Service, 175.00; Gast, Jennifer, 85.44: Graymont Western US, Inc. 8.729.94: Gussiaas Electric LLC. 2.500.00: Hawkins, Inc., 2.050.98: High Plains Equipment, 24,500,00: Information Technology Dept. 105.10: Jerome. Pam. 256.28: J&J Striping, 4,750.00; Carrington Economic Development, 48,075,62: Leevers Foods, 40,48: Maxfield LLC. 479.88: Merrick Industries. 502.39: Napa Auto Parts, 922.64.

NDDEQ. 148.57: NDLC - North Dakota League of Cities, 2,247,00: ND Rural Water Systems Association, 600,00: One Call Concepts. 12.00: ND Water & Pollution Control. 175.00: Northern Plains Electric Co-op, 797.13; Patriot Fuels. 1.021.88: Pat Biel Trucking, Inc., 6.629.71: Pipe Detectives LLC. 3,120.33; Proforms, 189.53; Rough Rider Industries. 8.700.00.

Running's Supply, Inc., 204.64; Postmaster, 310.00: Vestis. 311.34; Waste Management of ND. 29.962.50: Rick's Wholesale Tire, 1.090,00. Payroll: November 15, 2024.

\$24,769,12: November 29, 2024. \$26,340,84 Jennifer Gast, Auditor

Tom Erdmann, Mayor Carrington City Council City of Carrington (Publish December 16, 2024)

MINUTES OF MEETING **CARRINGTON SCHOOL** DISTRICT # 49 SCHOOL **BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Car rington School District #49 School Board was held on November 12, 2024, at 4:00 PM in the high school library. Present: Angela Kutz, Joey Irmen, Joel Lemer, and Tonia Erickson. Absent: Dr. Ben Garr. Kimary Edland recorded the President Lemer called the

meeting to order at 4:02 PM and declared a quorum present. The Pledge was recited. It was moved by Kutz, sec-

onded by Erickson and carried (all members voting yes on voice vote) to approve the minutes from October 8, 2024.

Financial reports for the Activity Fund, Special Reserve, Building, Special Assessment, Capital Projects, General and Hot Lunch Funds were reviewed. It was moved by Kutz, seconded by Erickson and carried (all voting yes on voice vote) to accept the reports as presented.

It was moved by Kutz, seconded by Erickson and carried (all voting yes on voice vote) to approve the check registers and payment of bills.

Mrs. Helseth presented updates on elementary school happenings including parent-teacher conferences, JV One Act Play performance, Legion Auxiliary flag etiquette & Veterans Day presentation, Cardinal Way Award for hallway transition, students of the quarter, American Education Week, Pastries for Parents, and internet safety presentations. She reported that she attended Cognia Strategy Map Training, the PowerSchool Users Group Workshop, that the November early out will be on ND A+ Interim assessment, and that grade level planning meetings

are going on. Mr. Weber reported that the 8th grade has completed their fundraiser; that the NHS collected 2,421 pounds in their food drive and donated to Daily Bread; that we had a student named as the Class B Girls Powerade Outstanding Senior of the year in cross country; updated on parent teacher conferences, winter activities, and VB districts and National FFA Convention.

Mrs. Helm reported that she attended the NDCEL Conference, the NDSBA Convention, Cognia training with Mrs. Helseth and Mr. Weber and that she will attend the National Al Summit in Tampa Florida with Mrs. Skytland.

Transportation Committee: Mrs. Helm reviewed the minutes from the November 5, 2024, meeting where the committee discussed the district's boundaries and current designated out of district stops noting that all new out of district stop requests will be discussed at transportation team meetings to ensure bus capacity and access to stops. She reported that the new bus has arrived and reviewed the process for storm communication and checking roads. The committee also discussed the wearing of seat belts by students and set that the 1st offence will result in a warning, the 2nd offense 3 days off the bus, and the 3rd offense a week off the bus. She will look into having our Vison Zero students do a video on safety and seatbelts.

It was moved by Erickson, seconded by Kutz and carried (all members voting yes on voice vote) to approve the superintendent's evaluation as presented. Goals set for the superintendent are 1) continue with technology 2) policies 3) CTE Center and 4) facilities.

Discussion was held on the motion from October 8, 2024, for the special election that had been approved and had set November 26, 2024, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM as the date and time for the question of whether to increase the board's authority to levy mills for the building fund levy from 5 mills up to 10 mills, It was moved by Kutz, secvoting yes on voice vote) to rescind her previous motion.

Public Notice

It was moved by Kutz, second by Erickson and carried (all members voting yes on voice vote) to submit the question to voters: Shall the Carrington School District School Board be allowed to increase their levying authority from 5 mills up to 10 mills for the purpose of the School Building Fund which shall be used for the building and facility needs of the school district, to include major repairs and upkeep to building or facilities, additions, and improvements to school and sites.; to set January 8, 2025, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM south entrance (Door 7) of the school as the date place and time for the election; and to authorize the business manager to prepare ballots, secure election judges and clerks, and to publish notice of election in accordance to state law.

It was moved by Erickson, seconded by Irmen and carried, (all voting yes on voice vote) to approve an open enrollment application for a student from Fessenden Bowdon School District to attend Carrington School District.

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seconded by Irmen and carried, (all voting yes on voice vote) to approve an open enrollment application for a student from Fessenden Bowdon School District to attend Carrington School District. A special meeting of the School

Board will be held on November 26, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the high school library. The next regular meeting of the

School Board is Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 4:00 PM Adjourn at 5:36 PM

Bills: General Fund: Acme Tools, \$2,425.00; Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 4,364.11; Auto Value Carrington, 94.30; Bio-Rad Laboratories, 103.70; Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, 209.00: Bismarck Radisson Hotel, 820.00: C&J Oil Co., 4,378.21; Carrington Motor Co., 9,035.05; Carrington School Activity Acc., 2,400.00; Central Business Systems, Inc., 1,681.45; Central City Lumber,

City of Carrington, 3,171.90; Dakota Central Telecommunications, 583.36; Devils Lake Cars. 149.95; Ecolab, 294.00; Edland, Kimary, 210.16; Family Vision Center, 30.00; Foster County Medical Center, 200.00; Garr, Ben, 166.16; Gussiaas Electric, LLC, 962.54; Hansen, Melissa, 390.00; Harrison Sprinkler Services, 630.00; Helseth, Jenna, 188.16; Houghton Mifflin, 1,832.40; I State Truck Center, 399,88.

ICARE Repair & Design, 100.00; Innovative Office Solutions, 3,567.75; Interstate Power Systems, 4,877.77; Irmen, Joey, 210.16; Jaymar Business Forms, 303.19; Kutz, Angela, 166.16 Leaf, 396.00; Leevers Foods, 398.22; Lemer, Joel, 210.16; Linde Gas & Equipment, 91.29; Lions International, 160.00; Mathcounts Registration, 240.00; McGraw-Hill, 3,787.58; MDU, 661.55; Michaelson, Karla, 257.28; Napa Auto Parts, 711.88; Network Services Co., 890.46.

Northwest Evaluation Association, 7,053.25; Ottertail Power Company, 12,242.50; Popplers Music Store, 643.77; Purchase Power, 1,009.75; Revolving Fund, 134.15; Rick's Wholesale Tire, Inc., 65.00; Ringerud Piano Service, 121.00; Rosenau Equipment DBA Central City Repair, 15.00; Runnings, 491.76; SEEC, 1,000.00; Skytland, Josey, 45.00; Steins, 1,839.34; SVL, 682.01; Time Management Systems, 153.60; University of Jamestown, 540.00; US Food Service, 95.64; WEX, 81.00.

Hot Lunch Fund: Cash-WA Distributing, \$1,975.98; Central City H20+, 600.00; Dept. of Public Instruction, 3,658.27; Gussiaas Electric, LLC, 974.15; Leevers Foods, 157.71; Meadow Sweet Dairy, 4,470.30; Network Services Co., 451.25; Pan-O-Gold Baking Co., 865.71; Pizza Ranch - Carington, 930.00; US Food Service,

Activity Fund: AED Everywhere, \$1,924.45; Barton Meats, 960.75; Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, 440.00; Braaten, Andrew, 550.00; BSN Sports, 439.31; Carrington Youth Center, 265.00; Central City H20+, 1,683.80; Christianson, Richard, 160.00; Cody Krause, 120.00; Crown Trophy, 102.50; Edland, Teresa, 24.38.

Fresh Alternative, 8,817.25; Game One, 1,804.80; Garrett Matteston, 350.00; Gerrells and Co., Inc., 2,792.36; Hansen, Melissa, 317.07; Hewitt, Kristen, 165.78; HUDL, 1,800.00; ICARE Repair & Design, 4,425.00; Jayden Shipman, 215.00; Johnson, McKenzie, 590.00; Juliet Davis, 120.00; Kadee Irmen, 20.00; Kerbaugh, Joshua, 400.00; Larson, Brenda,

Leevers Foods, 1,152.47; Marius Botha, 300.00; Matteson, Taylor, 200.00; Michaelson, Karla, 40.00; Midwest Valley Popcorn, 678.90; Morgan Schwartzenberger, 26.00; Morgan, Brady, 375.00; ND FFA Association, 1,495.00; Nelson, Maara, 835.00; Page, Brooke, 20.00; Pazdernik, Mark, 14.95; Petals & Stems, 978.68; Prairie Inn Restaurant, 232.00;

Revolving Fund, 70.00. Runnings, 13.28; Ryan Larson, 160.00; Schmid, Christopher, 200.00; Shane Wendel, 1,121.91; Sydney Speldrich, 120.00; Thomas, Paige, 240.00; Trautman, Megan, 129.98; Tweed, Sierra, 180.00; Tyler Riedesel, 275.00; US Food Service, 249.14; Whipple, Patricia, 199.97; Wobbema, Ken-

General Fund: Bryce Carr, \$500.00; Central Valley Public School, 100.00; Edland, Teresa, 58.00; Helm, Janelle, 826.18; Jarrett, Bobbi, 58.00; Leevers Foods 84.57; MDU, 1,709.65; Skytland, Josev. 183.58: Summit Physical Therapy & Sports Performance, PC, 1,075.00; Weber, Connor, Activity Fund: Barefoot, 397.20.

SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2024

A special meeting of the Car rington School District #49 School Board was held on November 26, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. in the high school library. Present: Angela Kutz, Dr. Ben Garr, Joey Irmen, Joel Lemer, and Tonia Erickson. Absent: None. Kimary Edland recorded the minutes.

President Lemer called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M. and declared a quorum present. The Pledge was recited.

Discussion was held on the increase Melinda Almond's ELL caseload. It was moved by Kutz, seconded by Erickson and carried

ELECTION NOTICE CARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given by Kimary Edland, Business Manager of the Carrington Public School District #49, that on the second Wednesday of January, January 8 2025, a special election will be held for the following purpose:

The question of whether

the Carrington School District School Board should be allowed to increase their levying authority from 5 mills to up to 10 mills for the purpose of the School Building Fund which shall be used for the building and facility needs of the school district, to include major repairs and upkeep to buildings or facilities, additions, and improvements to school land and sites. The election polling place for

#49 is located in the south entrance of the Carrington School (use door 7) Carrington, North Dakota and shall be open on January 8, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Kimary Edland Business Manager,

Carrington School District #49

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Carrington Public School District

(all members voting yes on voice vote) to increase Melinda Almonds contract time for the remainder of the 2024/2025 school year by 45 minutes per day, retroactive to November 4, 2024, for her additional

Mrs. Helm outlined the current policy review process. She presented a proposal from Optimized Strategic Solutions for updating and aligning Carrington School's policies with the North Dakota School Board Association model policies. No action was taken.

It was moved by Erickson. seconded by Kutz and carried (all members voting yes on voice vote) to approve the 1st reading of BDA - Procedure for Adopting Board Policy. Adjourn at 5:55 P.M.

Kimary Edland.

Business Manager

Joel Lemer, President Carrington Public School District Board of Education (Publish December 16, 2024) ATTENTION FOSTER COUNTY

SOYBEAN GROWERS: 2025 NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL (NDSC) ELECTION NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR **FOSTER COUNTY** REPRESENTATIVE On or about December 26.

2024, the NDSC will mail a nomination form to soybean producers of record in the above-named county. To be considered, nomination forms must be filed with the County Extension Agent for the above-named county. The County Extension Agent must receive the completed nomination form by January 10, 2025, or your mailedin form must be postmarked no later than January 10, 2025. If you do not receive a nomination form in the mail, contact your County Extension Agent or the NDSC to obtain one. Look for the green envelope in the mail.

After nominations are validated by the County Extension Agent, names of the nominees will be sent to the NDSC to be placed on the 2025 ballot. On or about February 18, 2025, the NDSC will mail to soybean producers of record an election ballot with instructions. Look for the blue envelope in the mail. Completed ballots must be post-marked by March 5, 2025. The newly elected County Representative will be notified by March 13, 2025. In late March, those County Representatives will elect one County Representative to serve on the NDSC board of

For more information and answers to questions, contact your County Extension Agent.

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DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Christmas Gifts

December 18, 2024 - The nature of the Christmas rift has changed over time. In the 19th Century novel "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, Ebenezer Scrooge's clerk Bob Cratchit only wanted some extra coal and food

Another famous story of Christmas gifts first appeared in December 1905, written by William Sidney Porter, better known as O. Henry. In "The Gift of the Magi" a young woman, Della, cuts and sells her long hair to purchase a Christmas gift for her husband, Jim - a chain for his pocket watch. Jim, on the other hand, had sold his watch to buy Della combs for her hair.

Today, trees are displayed replete with piles of presents. Black Friday, the "first day of Christmas shopping," is often celebrated as much as Thanksgiving, the holiday it follows. And in 2005, Cyber Monday emerged - the big online shopping day after the Thanksgiving weekend. So, Christmas shopping has long been a part of the season,

whether by computer, in stores or by catalog. On this date in 1919, the Hope Pioneer newspaper in Steele County urged its readers and last-minute shoppers to take advantage of newspaper ads, stating: "Holiday buying is greatly facilitated where people study newspaper advertising in advance. If they go to the stores without much idea what they are going to buy, it takes a lot of looking and questioning before they make up their minds. If they have read the advertising carefully, they have a clear idea of what they want. They should be able to say, 'Let me see that article you advertised in The Pioneer, I think it is about what I want."

Of course, the Pioneer also encouraged its readers to use proper manners:

People should do their Christmas shopping in a patient and good tempered spirit. They must remember that clerks at that time are tired and flustered, and can't be expected to always manifest a perfect disposition. Some people get all out of temper if they are delayed in being waited upon. If they find themselves tempted to say a sharp word, they should reflect that if they had made their purchases a month ago, they would have secured better attention. Defects in store service are due to the failure of the public to anticipate its wants."

Always good advice.

Dakota Datebook written by Sarah Walker

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