

City of Carter Lake
City Hall – 950 Locust St.
Work Session City Council Meeting
Proceedings: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 – 5:30 PM

Mayor Gerald Waltrip called the work session to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present – Council members Barb Melonis, Ron Cumberledge, Barb Hawkins,
and Dave Huey
Council member Aldmeyer arrived at 5:35 PM
Also present –City Clerk Doreen Mowery

1. The council discussed the existing storm water fees and water, sewer and garbage fees. Council members Melonis and Hawkins had met with the clerk to review the current fees for the utilities and the amount of money they are generating and the related expenses. Council member Melonis discussed lowering the storm water fee to \$2 per month for properties with a structure. There are storm water reserve funds in the storm water account. They also felt as though there are enough cash reserves in the Water and Sewer Utility funds to hold the rates at the existing level and not implement the proposed July 1st increases. Council member Melonis would also like to see a line item set up in the General Fund for Lake Expenses. The costs associated with Lake Maintenance, such as harvesting, would then be budgeted to come out of the general fund. The cost to run the storm water pumps would continue to be taken out of the Storm Water Utility fund until there are no funds remaining in that enterprise fund. After discussion with the rest of the council, council member Melonis stated that she would like to be placed on the April 21st council agenda to recommend that the storm water fees be discontinued, effective July 1, 2014. She would also like to have the first readings to change ordinances regarding storm water fees, water fees, and sewer fees.

In addition to the discussion above, council member Melonis would like to have a work session with PeopleService to discuss the fees they charge for shut-offs, etc. and the timing of the notices and fees. The clerk will set up a work session in April or May.

This special city council work session was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Doreen Mowery, City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor