

City of Carter Lake
City Hall – 950 Locust St.
Proceedings: Monday, November 17, 2014
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

Mayor Gerald Waltrip called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance

- I. Roll Call: Present – Mayor Gerald Waltrip
Council members Dave Huey, Ron Cumberledge, Barb Hawkins and Barb Melonis.
Absent – Council member Ed Aldmeyer and City Attorney Joe Thornton
Also present – City Clerk Doreen Mowery
- II. Approval of the Agenda – Council member Cumberledge asked to delete the Creighton Students from the agenda. Moved by Council member Hawkins seconded by council member Cumberledge to approve the agenda with the deletion. Ayes: Unanimous.
- III. Consent agenda – Moved by council member Huey seconded by council member Hawkins to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Hawkins, Huey, Melonis. Nays: Cumberledge.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Communications from the Public
 1. Creighton Students were deleted from the agenda.
 2. Bill Dahlheimer was present and requested that the City look at purchasing the common ground owned by Jensens, Guthas and Gundersen. Mr. Gundersen was at the last meeting and had requested the council approve splitting the property. There is a section of property to the west that is public property, however it is currently not being maintained by the City. Mr. Dahlheimer thought that the area could possibly be used as a rain garden in the future or an opportunity for park land. There is currently a lot of ground cover and brush on the property and it needs to be maintained. He would like to put some boulders along the property line and remove the spiarea bushes. His concern is to preserve the property for public use and clean it up a little bit. Jerry said he would go down and talk to all of the property owners of that land to see if they would like to sell their portion of the property to the City.
 - B. Communications from the Departments
 1. There was no one present to submit a fire department update.
 - a. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Cumberledge to approve the new application for the volunteer fire department. Ayes: Unanimous.
 - b. Moved by council member Hawkins seconded by council member Melonis to approve the appointment of Damien Rothmeyer and Ginny Hawkins to the Safety Committee. Ayes: Unanimous. Council member Huey stated that Phill has been asking for employee volunteers to work on the safety committee.
Council member Huey thanked everyone that voted and those that supported the bond issue for the fire truck.

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2. There was not a Planning Board update at this time.
3. There was not a Storm Water Committee update at this time.
4. Mayor Waltrip Update

The Mayor stated that a few months ago he asked the council for approval to rebuild the pump station at 13th and Ave. P. Maintenance obtained a couple of bids and then hired the work done. That is the first time any of the pump houses have been updated. He complimented the council on approving the project. There is another primary pump station that should be updated. He asked the council to give him the authority to rebuild the pump station on Ave. K. Council member Hawkins suggested that the project be pursued and to get bids to rebuild the pump station and bring it back to the council for approval. The Mayor stated if the money is in the budget he would like approval to do the other job.

The Mayor stated that the tree issue ended up being on his ground. He wrote a check to pay for the tree removal. Now the problem is that the sewer and water mains run through his property and there is a manhole on his property. The Mayor stated that now the City has to take a perpetual easement from him with a fee structure. He will work with the Attorney to get this done.

The wage issue with Ron Rothmeyer and Phill Newton has not been addressed. He would like this settled because the Clerk's wages are coming up. He has discussed this with two council members like he was asked to do. The Mayor stated he had talked to Phill and Ron and told them what he thought about the raises. When he talked to Council member Aldmeyer and Cumberledge, Ed requested a higher rate than what he was proposing for Phill. The Mayor said he is interested in getting rid of the water rescue team. The pay increases will be back dated to July once a wage is determined. Some of the council members agree with the rate that was proposed, without the condition that was added to the proposal. The Mayor would like a lower rate if the condition is not met. Council member Cumberledge stated that at budget time they would look at that department to see if it should continue to be funded. The wage proposal will be added to the next special agenda so the council can vote on the pay increases. Council member Huey agrees that he is not in favor of giving someone a raise in exchange for getting rid of a program. Council member Melonis does not believe this is the proper time to evaluate the water rescue program.

5. City Clerk Mowery
 - a. The clerk updated the council on the bond issue for the fire truck, equipment and building repairs. The Attorney has indicated that we do not have to advertise for bids. The department could ask the 2 or 3 companies that they are working with to submit a proposal and then the department could determine which truck they are going to purchase and then have someone negotiate the price. The Attorney offered to negotiate the price with the company that is selected. Council member Cumberledge would like to advertise for bids. The Mayor offered to negotiate the price and to assist the fire department members. The idea is

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to get the best price. The clerk will contact the financial consultant and bonding attorney to get the bond procedure started.

- b. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Hawkins to approve and place on file the Annual Financial Report for FYE 6-30-14. Ayes: Unanimous.
- c. Moved by council member Hawkins seconded by council member Melonis to approve and place on file the Annual MS4 Storm Water Report. Ayes: Unanimous. There are two items missing from the report. The clerk will provide the council with a copy of the financial information as soon as it is prepared.
- d. Health insurance rates have gone up due to our location in the Omaha metropolitan area. The majority of the rates are still below the maximum allowed by the council. The people that are over the caps will have to pay the additional difference. There is no increase in the dental insurance premium this year. The Clerk suggested that the council drop the Coast to Coast Vision discount. Delta offers a similar program with the dental insurance. Moved by council member Hawkins seconded by council member Huey to drop the Coast to Coast Vision plan and approve renewal of the health and dental insurance. Ayes: Unanimous.
- e. Moved by council member Huey seconded by council member Hawkins to approve tuition reimbursement for the Deputy Clerk through the end of the current budget. Ayes: Unanimous.
- f. The clerk discussed the process for annual employee evaluations. Currently the clerk has all of the employee's evaluations with the exception of one department's that the Mayor currently has. The Mayor states it doesn't make sense for the clerk to have the evaluations. Council member Hawkins stated that it is the clerk's responsibility to organize the office files. The Mayor said to continue to do the evaluation process the way it has always been done and if it doesn't work he will change the process next year.
- g. The City currently has a private auditor and the contract is over at the end of the 2014 audit. The council thinks we should put this service out for RFQ's in the near future.
- h. The clerk reported that PeopleService has completed their water and sewer rate study and is ready to submit the report to the council. The clerk would also like to meet with the council to negotiate her pay. The council would like to review the wages for Ron Rothmeyer and Phill Newton at the same time. The clerk was instructed to post a meeting for Tuesday, November 25th at 5:00 PM.

V. Resolutions

- A. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Huey to approve a resolution allowing for a tax abatement for 802 Redick Blvd. Ayes: Unanimous.

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- B. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Melonis to approve a resolution allowing for a tax abatement at 670 Key Circle. Ayes: Unanimous.
- C. Moved by council member Hawkins seconded by council member Huey to adopt a resolution placing liens for unpaid utility bills. Ayes: Unanimous.
- D. Moved by council member Huey seconded by council member Melonis to approve the amendment to the property agreement with the Council Bluffs Schools. Ayes: Unanimous.

VI. Comments

The Mayor had no comments at this time

Council member Melonis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She discussed the work that the North Omaha Kiwanis Club is doing at Wilson's Grove north of the library. She complimented and thanked them for getting the project going.

Council member Cumberledge had an opportunity to walk through PVS with the Greater Omaha Chamber. He stated that when you look at traffic studies and car counts there is not a lot to offer. He stated we need someone to step forward and get involved with the Chamber. The Mayor stated that he will meet with them. He recently went with the Omaha Chamber regarding the Riverfront development. He has also spent some time with John Adams from WIDA.

Council member Huey thanked everyone who voted. Carter Lake had a great voter turnout.

Council member Hawkins thanked everyone for showing up to the meeting. She wished everyone happy holidays. She reminded everyone to share with those that are less fortunate.

R J Brown reminded the Mayor that Pottawattamie County should be taking Carter Lake's animals. He is unhappy that the Nebraska Humane Society puts 8 to 10 year old cats and dogs to sleep. The Mayor should be running the Police Chief on this issue. The Mayor reported that he talked to Council Bluffs and that they will euthanize cats for less money than Omaha.

Council member Hawkins reminded everyone the Christmas basket tags should be available the week prior to Thanksgiving.

Allan Kuiper stated he would like the council to make an informed decision prior to getting rid of the Water Rescue Team. Carter Lake is surrounded by water. The Water Rescue Team has improved over the past 13 years. The Water Rescue Team has nothing to do with Phill and should not be part of the equation to determine Phill's pay. Allan thanked the community for the vote of support for the bond issue.

This regular city council meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Doreen Mowery, City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor