

City of Carter Lake
City Hall – 950 Locust St.
Special City Council Meeting
Proceedings: Monday, March 2, 2015 – 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gerald Waltrip called the Public Hearings and Special City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present – Council members Ed Aldmeyer, Dave Huey, Ron Cumberledge, Barb Melonis and Barb Hawkins
Also present – City Attorney Joe Thornton and City Clerk Doreen Mowery

The Mayor stated the purpose of this meeting was to work on the budget. He then read a letter addressed to the Council and the Clerk referring to the February 25, 2015 meeting. He offered several changes to achieve a balanced budget. He stated it is essential to meet the obligations and responsibilities of the City. He would agree to approving a budget using the reserves if the budget is reduced by items he has recommended. He will only agree to that if the Resource Center is dissolved as an entity and move one of the employees to work under the Library Director.

Public Hearings

The public hearings were called to order at this time.

1. The first public hearing was on the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Carter Lake Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan #5. Council asked if there were any written or oral comments received in the Office of the Clerk. No written or oral comments have been received. The Clerk also reported that there was no one in attendance at the Consultation and not written or oral comments were received for the Consultation. No one in attendance had any comments regarding the proposed Amendment #2 to Urban Renewal Plan #5. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the public hearing. This public hearing was adjourned.
2. The second public hearing was regarding the proposed budget amendment for FYE 6-30-15. There were no comments received, written or oral during this public hearing. The public hearing was adjourned.
3. The third public hearing was regarding the proposed budget for FYE 6-30-16. The clerk presented some numbers and explanations for why some funds have more expenditures than revenues. The current budget proposal shows expenses that exceed revenues by \$161,669 for all of the funds. The general fund has a shortfall of \$69,604. There were no comments received, written or oral during this public hearing. The public hearing was adjourned.

The public hearings were closed and the council went into the special meeting.

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1. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Hawkins to approve a resolution determining an area of the City to be a blighted and economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting Amendment No. 2 to the Carter Lake Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan #5. Ayes: Unanimous.
2. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Huey to adopt a resolution amending the current budget for the FYE 6-30-15. Ayes: Aldmeyer, Hawkins, Huey, Melonis. Nays: Cumberledge.
3. Moved by council member Cumberledge to make a resolution to keep out of the General Fund reserves for at least \$70,000. Motion died due to the lack of a second. The Mayor stated that if there is a not a resolution to commit to not spend the money he will not approve the budget. He stated there is a way to solve the money problem and he can fix the \$70,000 real easy. He will oppose anything the council does, to not go into the reserve funds. Council member Aldmeyer stated there are 18 months to reevaluate the income resources. He cannot commit to not using any of the reserves. The Mayor stated that we have not taken care of our money for the last 10 years. As the Mayor, Jerry is the one that signs the budget and he will not put his name on the budget the way it was presented. He gave the council his way to take care of the issue and it is the best idea. He does not want two departments that do the same thing. Moved by council member Hawkins to adopt the proposed budget for FYE 6-30-16 with a commitment to the community that the council work together to get some better figures and to see how to make the dollars work by June 30, 2015. Motion died due to the lack of a second. The Mayor stated the council would have to balance the budget by June 30, 2015. The Mayor asked the council to make a motion that they would agree in a resolution to dissolve the Resource Center and put the programming employee in the Library. That would close off a department that is not needed. The Library can do the programming. He stated other communities run their Resource Center out of the Library. He stated that having a Resource Center is duplicity and a bad way to run government. Council member Melonis believes the wages are out of balance in the Resource Center. She feels the council could eliminate the part time position and the newspaper to save \$42,000. She also stated we could save \$13,500 buy not purchasing a cruiser. Council member Melonis is not in favor of dissolving the Resource Center. Schooling for the Deputy Clerk, the Clerk's 2% pay increase, and council members Melonis and Hawkins' council pay were all

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offered in and effort to make up the shortfall. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Hawkins to adopt the budget as proposed. Ayes: Aldmeyer, Hawkins, Huey. Nays: Cumberledge, Melonis. The clerk offered to meet with all of the employees to work on ideas to find the money. Bill Dahlheimer stated he enjoys the Resource Center events however he would like to get rid of the meals and to serve popcorn instead. He then presented the council with facts and information on the 2015-16 budget as compared to Council Bluffs. Kenny Savage suggested that the Mayor go to Mr. Owens and ask for money for the Resource Center. Council member Hawkins stated she would make a commitment to work on the numbers to make it balance.

4. Phill Newton requested permission to purchase the breathing apparatus for the new fire truck. The department has received bids. The lowest bid is \$145,279 and there is a price increase anticipated that would increase the cost by an additional 3 to 5%. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Hawkins to approve the purchase of 18 SCBA sets from Feld Fire for \$145,279. Ayes: Unanimous.

Special city council meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Doreen Mowery, City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor