

CITY OF CARTER LAKE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Proceedings: February 4, 2016 – 2:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald Waltrip at 2:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Present – Council members Melonis, Cumberledge, Paterson and Schomer.
Also present Mayor Waltrip, Temp. Clerk Barb Barrick and Deputy Clerk Lisa Ruehle.
Attorney Mike O’Bradovich arrived late. Absent – Council member Corcoran.

The Mayor indicated that in discussion of item #2 the Attorney did not want it to be in open session. He will be late to the meeting so we will wait until he comes so that he can address the item.

1. The Mayor indicated that there doesn’t seem to be too many contractors that do residential garbage pickup, but we should at least get a couple of bidders. We will advertise and see what we get. Council member Paterson had a couple of questions about the contract, one being whether the \$25,000 bond is sufficient. Also the language seemed to be conflicting about yard waste. He will address these items with the attorney so they are corrected if needed before the bidding is done. Moved by council member Paterson seconded by council member Schomer to advertise for bids for the garbage contract as soon as possible so we can hopefully have something for the March meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

2. Barb Barrick indicated that she has met with all Department Heads except the Police Department to get questions answered. She distributed some materials and explained the budgetary process and what the budget is made up of. She also indicated that the workshop that is planned on Monday night for Finance 101 will also be a good help for them. Council member Paterson asked when she would have some numbers for them. Her goal is next week. Park Director Chris Ethan asked about funding for his department and if would be from Hotel/Motel tax or the general fund. There was some discussion of the hotel/motel tax and 50% of the tax would be used for funding part of the Park Department budget. The Mayor wanted to remind the council of the need to have a better replacement program for vehicles & equipment and that need for new vehicles in the Maintenance Department. Council member Melonis also reminded the council not to forget about the Resource Center programs that we may need to continue within other departments. The Mayor indicated that we do need to utilize the Boys & Girls Club too for some of the programs. Council member Schomer wanted the council to remember the Parks Department Director who also has an 18 year old truck they are using. Council member Paterson is working with Josh at the Boys & Girls Club for funding for those that can’t afford membership. There was some discussion about enticing Seniors to the Senior Center.

3. Attorney Mike O’Bradovich was now present and stated he could answer any questions about the benefit package for the former City Clerk but cautioned that some questions may not be able to be answered unless in closed session since there could be a legal claim. It was asked how long the City has before the benefits have to be paid. Mike stated that it would be the next payday or 30 days after the next payday whichever is longer so there is a little time left. Council member Paterson asked if one or two council members can research and put something together to bring

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back to the rest. After a little discussion the Mayor will meet with council members Cumberledge and Paterson to research and bring it back to the full council.

Council member Paterson asked about the geese roosting plan and if funding can be secured can it be readdressed. There was some discussion and it appears that it is not just funding that is an issue. Council member Paterson will do a little more work on it with Mike to get a clearer picture.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Lisa Ruehle, Deputy City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor