

City of Carter Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
June 20, 2016 Proceedings

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald Waltrip at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Waltrip, Council members Barb Melonis, Pat Paterson, Mary Schomer, Frank Corcoran and Ron Cumberledge. Also present was Attorney Mike O’Bradovich and City Clerk Jackie Stender.

Approval of the Agenda

Melonis requested to pull check # 61606 from the consent agenda and discuss item on main agenda, moved by Cumberledge, seconded by Paterson; Ayes: Unanimous. Melonis motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Cumberledge; Ayes: Unanimous.

Melonis motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ron. Ayes: Unanimous.

Communications from the Public: Nate Bradburn was present to urge council to reconsider bringing the Water Rescue budget back to Carter Lake; Bill Dahlheimer was present to discuss Emerad Ash Bore, wants to know what the future plans for landscaping around the Casey’s General Store construction site- plants will be moved by the Parks Dept;

Communications from Departments: Mayor Gerald Waltrip opened discussions concerning the Letters of Understanding. Cumberledge motioned to terminate the letters, seconded by Paterson. The council discussed the issue and agreed that the council and employees should renegotiate the agreements, that they be worded correctly. Paterson stated he does not believe they are legally binding; Mary would like a comparison of the current employee handbook to the Letters of Understanding; Council would like Mayor to visit with the employees, Barb disagreed with the Mayor handling this alone, Paterson requested Corcoran be part of the discussions, but motion died for lack of second. Pat motioned that Mayor discuss the letters with each employee, if it doesn’t work, the council will reconsider, Melonis seconded. Mayor promised to have it completed in 30 days. Roll Call: Ayes: Corcoran, Paterson, Schomer, Melonis; Ney: Cumberledge. Motion passed.

Mayor requested posting for no parking on Avenue J, between 5th and 9th Cumberledge moved, seconded by Paterson, Attorney spoke up to remind council how an ordinance has to be passed. Ayes: Cumberledge, Corcoran, Paterson, Schomer; Ney: Melonis

Councilman Cumberledge motioned to prevent confusion for new businesses or development, the Mayor should be the first point of contact, seconded by Melonis; Attorney stated there are ordinances that state how new development and building should be handled; Cumberledge wants a policy in place to establish how to proceed. Ayes: Unanimous

Councilman Cumberledge wanted to see the Watson Park project completed, with employees handling demo and installation, Cumberledge motioned to authorize the entire \$50,000 towards the purchase of equipment. Chris Ethen wants to be sure we make it ADA accessible. Council agreed and requested additional bids from other vendors to be reviewed.

Splash pad was discussed, estimated at \$110,000 for construction. Would like a workshop for the public to come and share their ideas and concerns for location and design.

Councilman Paterson requested update on the Tribal Land Agreement, Attorney O’Bradovich has spoke with an attorney for the Tribe and will continue to work on communication.

Paterson motioned to move forward with \$30,000 contribution to Boys & Girls Club, \$5,000 quarterly billing for memberships, family pays for one membership, then the rest of memberships covered by the \$5,000 donation and the \$25,000 for programs, seconded by Corcoran, requested we have a presentation at next meeting with Mayor and representatives for Boys & Girls Club. This donation is replacing the Resource Center Budget.

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Nuisance Abatement Form is to provide citizens an opportunity to make a nuisance complaint to the City. This form would be forwarded to the correct department to be investigated the nuisance complaint.

Review of City Clerk, has the council considered how to handle? We need to get plan in place for the 90, 180 and 360 day reviews.

June 28th Paterson and Clerk Stender are going to meet with Nebraska Humane Society.

Median on Locust Street, project was funded by Iowa West Foundation and State of Iowa Recreational Trail Fund. Concerned about the safety of employees working in the median, Parks should be using cones to warn drivers to slow down.

Councilman Corcoran moved to accept bid for \$63,215 for dump truck, motion died for lack of a second.

Councilwoman Melonis opened discussion on check # 61606 concerning the cleanup of Tighen Tool, there are enough versions of the events that the council needs to reconsider before authorizing this payment of \$7,972.12. Melonis moved to deny payment and forward to insurance company, Paterson stated that no matter what the city is on the hook to pay the bill and let Insurance Company decide responsibility. If denied the council will have to send bill to Tighen Tools, Jerry did what was best at the time. Melonis revises motion to pay claim and submit to insurance, seconded Paterson. Ayes: Unanimous.

Clerk Stender presented the WEX Fleet Fuel Card program is tax exempt credit cards, time saver and reporting is reduce time and streamline the billing process. Corcoran moved by seconded by Paterson. Police cards to be kept in each vehicles EMS, Fire, Maintenance and Parks will be kept in the office.

Clerk Stender presented the Data Tech/Summit Software proposal for Time Clock Management system, the computerized punch in system will save time and allow better record keeping in Payroll. Paterson moved by and seconded by Corcoran; Abstained: Schomer Ayes: Paterson, Cumberlandge, Melonis, Corcoran. Motion passed.

Clerk Stender opened discussions to add a second council meeting to the regular schedule, department heads here for discussions at 6 p.m. and move into regular agenda. Cancel if not need, or convert to workshop to have public input. Melonis said the plus side would be to allow public to not have to wait 30 days to get in front of the council. Paterson moved to create a Resolution to add an additional council meeting at 6 p.m., seconded by Melonis. Ayes: Unanimous. Decided to plan for the first Monday of each month at 6pm, unless it's a holiday, then it will be Tuesday, try two council meetings per month for 6 months and see how it goes.

Resolution ___ approving Goal Setting Report from the Institute of Public Affairs moved by Paterson, seconded by Corcoran: Ayes: Unanimous.

Resolution ___ approving the extension of the Peoples Service Contract moved Melonis, seconded Paterson, Ayes: Melonis, Schomer, Paterson, Corcoran; Ney Cumberlandge

Resolution ___ approving American Tower Contract – tabled for further negotiation

Resolution ___ approving Engagement Agreement with Ahler Cooney Law Firm moved Cumberlandge, seconded Paterson, Ayes: Unanimous

Resolution ___ approving transfer of OMA Lodging 2 TIF Funds to Bank, moved Melonis, seconded Paterson. AyeL Unanimous,

Resolution ___ approving 2016-17 Wage Increases 1.75% increase for all staff, moved Paterson, seconded Cumberlandge, Ayes: Corcoran, Paterson, Cumberlandge, Melonis; Abstained: Schomer

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The meeting was adjourned.

Jackie Stender, City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor