

City of Carter Lake  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, August 17, 2017

#### The Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Waltrip called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Council members: Barb Melonis, Jason Gunderson, Pat Paterson, Ron Cumberledge and Frank Corcoran; Also present City Clerk, Jackie Stender and City Attorney Michael O'Bradovich.

Approval of the Agenda – Moved by Cumberledge, seconded by Gundersen; Ayes: Unanimous.

Paterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows: July Council minutes, June Financial reports; July claims, overtime reports and department reports from Fire/EMS, Senior Center, Library and Police Department, seconded Corcoran; Ayes: Unanimous.

#### New Business:

Mayor opened public hearing for 2017-18 Budget Amendment, no written or verbal comments have been received, Gundersen moved close the public hearing, by Paterson. Ayes: Unanimous. Cumberledge moved to approve liquor license for Shoreline Golf Course, seconded by Paterson. Ayes: Unanimous. Paterson questioned who is responsible for the sea wall that runs adjacent to the golf course land. What does the lease say for maintenance and inspection?

Corcoran moved to approve liquor license for VFW Post 9661, seconded by Paterson. Ayes: Unanimous. Paterson moved to approve liquor license for Spearmint Rhino Gentleman's Club, seconded by Gundersen. Ayes: Unanimous. Paterson moved to approve Fire Department membership for Daniel Martinez, seconded by Cumberledge. Ayes: Unanimous.

No communications from the Public.

Communication from Mayor Waltrip: When Mayor offered the Building inspector position to Lem Sheard he offered to pay \$19-20 per hour and Lem accepted \$20. Mayor is very happy with Lem's performance. Recently the Mayor found out that the union contract is \$19.01 starting with an increase to \$19.49 after 90 days. Mayor would like to make the wage \$20. City Attorney explained the City has to abide by the Union Contract.

Mayor would like to discuss implementing an Ordinance for Vagrants to help reduce problems at the Library. City Attorney said there are already some other ordinances on the books to deal with the issue. It was mentioned that the Library has a panic button in place for emergencies. Councilman Paterson pointed out that during budget discussions he wanted to see 2 staff members in the building at all times for safety of the employees but that the library board voted to reduce staff. Jerry will have the Chief and City Attorney work on the matter.

Mayor would like to implement park fees in the future. Feels \$10-20 per day for non-residents and \$10-20 per year for residents would be reasonable. Stated there is a Home Owners Association that is interested in taking care of park and leasing it to the City. The question was posed, how is the camera installation project coming? The council agreed they would like to see the camera project completed before considering a leasing option.

The lift station at 9<sup>th</sup> and Steele was completed by Backlund Plumbing, the dewatering did not work out as planned and took much longer than predicted. Mayor stated this project was an emergency and required him to make the decision to get it done. Paterson recited the list of expenses for the 9<sup>th</sup> and Steele lift station project, he asked the Mayor why he didn't request additional bids and share with the council? Mayor insisted it was an emergency and that the project had to be done. Mayor explained the

entire project and that he did not believe the City should pay for dewatering cost because it was done incorrectly.

Councilman Pat Paterson read letter he received from the Mayor directing him to not have contact with Department supervisors. Paterson reminded the council that they had voted to allow him to work with Chris concerning the ropes and buoys at Wavecrest Park. The Mayor directed Chris to not purchase the buoys against the Council's motion. Paterson made an open records request for 90 Carter Lake Club because the mayor insisted the homeowners had been given tickets 4 times. That was not the case, they had been served nuisance abatement notices, and the owners did enough cleanups to satisfy the police department, to avoid citations. Paterson brought up the 2017-18 Budget Proposal – Wage Resolution and reiterated that in fact the document that was presented in June and July were identical; the Mayor continues to argue that the City Clerk added additional language to the resolution. Paterson requested that the reprimand letter that was issued to the Clerk be removed from her file. The letter was reprimanding her for not rewriting the resolution as directed by the Mayor. Clerk Stender attempted to explain that she had only changed the date and the resolution was the same one that was approved last year for the wages. Reprimand Letter. Paterson motioned to remove the reprimand letter, seconded by Corcoran; Ayes: Unanimous. Paterson asked how the Mayor was handling the issues in the Maintenance department between the supervisor and assistant. Mayor stated he was still working in the issue. Paterson asked the Mayor why Tighten Tools wasn't holding up their end of the agreement to be operational. Mayor said that an open house is planned for the near future. Paterson asked the Mayor why the new natural gas service was installed on the main thoroughfare and not somewhere else. Mayor stated that Northern Natural Gas has rules that have to be followed; Paterson wanted to know who authorized the placement? Mayor did not know.

City Attorney Michael O'Bradovich updated the Council concerning the discussions with American Tower for T-Mobile to install new antennas. Council member Cumberledge would like council approval to negotiate with American Tower for better terms on the new lease. Council agreed and will review at the next meeting.

Gunderson stated the school has requested changing the times for the splashpad to prevent children from getting wet before school. Council agreed that 10 am- 8 pm would be acceptable.

Cumberledge would like to know what can be done with 1501 Cachelin Drive. Can we demolish and deal with the consequences later? City Attorney O'Bradovich gave update, Cumberledge wants a piece of paper at the next meeting that we have permission to take it down.

Gundersen moved to approve resolution to approve 2017-18 Budget Amendment, seconded by Corcoran. Ayes: Unanimous. Paterson moved to approve Resolution to set pay for Richard Rohan at \$443 per month per union contract. Ayes: Unanimous. Cumberledge moved to approve Resolution to set pay for Stanley Olsen, seconded by Corcoran; Ayes: Unanimous.

Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Jackie Stender  
City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip  
Mayor