

City of Carter Lake
City Hall – 950 Locust St.
Special City Council Meeting
Proceedings: Monday, March 24, 2014 – 6:00 PM

Mayor Gerald Waltrip called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present – Council members Barb Melonis, Ron Cumberledge, Barb Hawkins,
Ed Aldmeyer, and Dave Huey
Absent –None
Also present – Deputy City Clerk Lisa Ruehle and City Attorney Joe Thornton

1. Mayor Waltrip has met with Omaha Towing and Recovery regarding the towing contract. He also had Chief Kannedy and the City Clerk meet with them. Omaha Towing and Recovery submitted a bid packet that listed their fees. Mayor Waltrip felt the fees were too high and told them he would take it to the Council. Council member Cumberledge stated that the fees were above industry standards. He would like Omaha Towing to resubmit fees and to also look at our options. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Melonis to reissue the towing contract bid packets. Ayes: Unanimous.
2. Tax abatement / rebate discussion regarding General Manufacturing. Lori Holste, the director of Western Iowa Development, has been working with General Manufacturing. There was discussion on the difference in property taxes in Nebraska and Iowa. According to the City Clerk's figures if they gave him a 10 year tax abatement he would save more in Iowa than Nebraska. Lori stated that General Manufacturing has been a stable business for 50 years and we would want to support them in some way to make sure that business continues here. The City Attorney stated that the Council does not have to make a final decision tonight. They wanted to get the information to the Council and get a sense of what their thoughts were. The City Council is comfortable with the direction the negotiations are headed.
3. Review of storm water fees. There was discussion of the storm water fees. The City Council will set up a workshop with the storm water committee to look at the fees.

This special city council meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Lisa Ruehle, Deputy City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor