

City of Carter Lake
City Hall – 950 Locust St.
Proceedings: Monday, August 18, 2014
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gerald Waltrip called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- I. Roll Call: Present – Mayor Gerald Waltrip
Council members Ed Aldmeyer, Dave Huey, Ron Cumberledge and Barb Melonis.
Barb Hawkins was present by telephone for a portion of the meeting.
Also present – City Attorney Joe Thornton and City Clerk Doreen Mowery
- II. Approval of the Agenda – Council member Aldmeyer requested that the Storm Water Update be removed from the agenda. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Huey to approve the agenda with the deletion. Ayes: Unanimous.
- III. Consent agenda – Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Melonis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aldmeyer, Hawkins, Huey, Melonis. Nays: Cumberledge.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Council member Hawkins stated that she felt the Mayor misused his veto power therefore she moved that the council override his vetoes and approved resolutions #56-14 and #57-14. Council member Melonis seconded the motion. Ayes: Aldmeyer, Hawkins, Huey, Melonis. Nays: Cumberledge. At this time council member Hawkins excused herself from the meeting. Julie Dake-Abel and Tim Parker were present representing AFSCME. They are concerned there seems to be a movement towards not paying employees as set out in the contract. They wanted to go on record to ask that all employees be paid in accordance with the contract that was negotiated. Council members Melonis and Aldmeyer both stated their intent is to follow the contract. The Mayor stated if he doesn't agree with something that is happening he is going to speak his mind.
 - B. Communications from the Public
 1. The council has been requested to approve the Iowa DED application for Fleetpark, LLC. The application refers to a city match and it was not explicit on what the match would be. Attorney Thornton suggested that the council could approve the application subject to confirming what the conditions will be. The city will not be guaranteeing any funds. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Cumberledge to table approval until the council get clarification on the match. Ayes: Unanimous.
 2. Ulette Bonner was present to thank the Mayor and maintenance workers for the work they did to repair the storm water issues by her home at 1425 Dorene Blvd. She is very thankful for the process. Ms. Bonner presented the Mayor with a bag of chocolates.
 3. R. J Brown brought a citation to the council that was issued by one of the City's police officers. He was critical of the poor penmanship and the fact that

the officer wrote the ticket on a state law instead of local law. He stated the case was dismissed mutually. Mr. Brown stated that the officer is mean and is running people out of town. He is going to be notifying both states regarding the use of the Omaha Humane Society for animals from Carter Lake. He feels it is a violation of federal and state laws when we cross state lines with animals. He would like the council to investigate this police officer.

4. Mr. Paterson came before the council to thank them for conspiring against his wife's appointment to the board of adjustments. Mrs. Paterson is a breast cancer survivor and she gets tired very easily because she puts everything into what she does. He wants the public to know the type of woman that the council deprived the citizens of representing them. Mrs. Paterson has politics in her DNA. Her father was a mayor, her uncle served George McGovern, and her cousin is a city council member. Mrs. Paterson graduated with a 4 year nursing degree. She also taught nursing. They have successfully started and ran three businesses. She is not a criminal or a drug addict. Mr. Paterson does not have any idea why the council thought she wasn't qualified. He stated the only reason her appointment wasn't approved was because the council wanted to try to embarrass the Mayor again and punish his wife because she is asking questions the council doesn't appreciate her asking. He stated they are an example of exactly the worst in people that serve in public office. He stated they did this for purely selfish reasons and they did not do what was in the best interest of the citizens of Carter Lake.

5. Bill Dahlheimer stated that a few months ago he had requested several trees to be planted along Ave. Q. Maintenance, parks and the library applied for and received a grant. He thanked them for their work on the grant and encouraged people to volunteer to assist with the planting in October.

6. Jeannine Poldberg addressed the council with questions regarding overtime. She wants to know who determines if overtime is needed and who gives approval for the overtime. When she worked for the school system, overtime was not allowed. She expressed concerned over the way the retirement party was handled. She also feels there is liberal time off for employees and their benefits are generous. She stated working for the City of Carter Lake has evolved into a part-time job with full-time pay and benefits. She does not believe the council is representing the tax payers.

7. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Huey to approve the liquor license renewal for the VFW. Ayes: Unanimous.

8. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Melonis to approve the liquor license renewal for Shoreline Golf Course. Ayes: Unanimous.

9. Council member Cumberledge does not believe the commercial parking permits are necessary. He doesn't believe there is an issue with commercial vehicles in residential districts at this time. Council member Aldmeyer believes it is a good review. If the ordinances are being violated they should be enforced. The ordinance was written to prevent industrial and heavy equipment from being

parked on private property. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Melonis to approve the applications for renewal. Ayes: Unanimous.

C. Communications from the Departments

1. Moved by council member Cumberledge seconded by council member Aldmeyer to approve the two new applicants for the fire department. Ayes: Aldmeyer, Cumberledge, Melonis. Abstain: Huey.
2. There was no planning board update at this time.
3. There was not a storm water committee update at this time.
4. Mayor Waltrip
 - a. The Mayor stated that we have been trying to do a lot of mowing in the lake and Omaha has volunteered to take over that process. He is glad Omaha is doing it, but he is confused as to why Carter Lake has been doing it since 85% of the lake is in Omaha. The lake is better than it was, but they are still having trouble. He wishes we could do better and when we get back to letting fish eat the seaweed we will be in good shape.
 - b. A resident brought to his attention that there is not a bike/walking path along Abbott Dr. The Mayor stated the project was in process but it has just died. He stated it would be a 50/50 deal. There was an effort before but it has died in the process. He wanted to know where the council wanted to go with this project. The clerk reported that there are federal funds that have been set aside for that project along Abbott Drive. Russ Kramer reported that he has worked with Omaha and the trail committee and there should be no expense to the City of Carter Lake. Carter Lake did the trail on Locust on the north side so Omaha could tie into the trail at Locust and go around the lake.
 - c. The storm drain on Dorene has been taken care of, however there are two or three more of those projects that need to be addressed. One of the projects that needs to be done is in the Shoal Pointe area. The Mayor stated if we get involved with these drainage things we have got to do them right.
5. Council Melonis addressed the need for resting stones for the pedestrians on 13th Street from Locust St. to Ave. Q. Sun Valley Landscaping donated three large stones to the Library. The Library would like to donate them to the City. Council member Melonis would like to have those stones installed on the east side of 13th street: one between Lindwood and Janbrook, one between Mayper and Willow, and one between Hiatt and Silver Lane. Ron Rothmeyer said his department would be able to install them. Barb will notify the abutting homeowners of the City's intentions. There will be plaques on the stones thanking Sun Valley for the donation. Additionally, Barb would like to install the old monument sign that says "Welcome to Carter Lake", at the old bus turn around at 13th and Ave. Q. She would also like to install a 35' x 38' brick pad for a plaza and install some benches. The cost will be minimal since

we have all of the supplies on hand. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Cumberlandge to approve both projects to be constructed when the maintenance and parks departments have time. Ayes: Unanimous.

6. City Clerk

- a. Moved by council member Aldmeyer seconded by council member Huey to approve the change order submitted by Lamp Rynearson. Ayes: Unanimous.
- b. Roloff Construction will be closing Ave. H and 9th Street for work on the PVS project. The streets will be closed starting on Aug. 25th and will go for approximately 2 weeks.
- c. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Huey to approve the Lease Agreement for the Senior Center. Ayes: Unanimous.
- d. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Cumberlandge to approve the Underwriter Engagement letter with D.A. Davidson. Ayes: Aldmeyer, Cumberlandge, Melonis. Abstain: Huey.
- e. Moved by council member Cumberlandge seconded by council member Melonis to approve the resolution calling for a special election on the issuance of Not to Exceed \$775,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Ayes: Aldmeyer, Cumberlandge, Melonis. Abstain: Huey.
- f. The Oakland Friday Coffee Ladies visited Carter Lake City Hall and the Reflections of Honor Eagle park. They are working on the “Pottawattamie County Freedom Rock” that will be located in Oakland, Iowa. They requested a donation from the council for this project.
- g. The council has not negotiated wages for Ron Rothmeyer or Phill Newton. Council member Aldmeyer suggested that the Mayor and two council members negotiate with the two employees. The Mayor will schedule these meetings.

V. Resolutions

- A. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Cumberlandge to authorize liens for unpaid utility bills. Ayes: Unanimous. The Mayor stated he got involved with past due utility bills recently. He believes the City can handle the water utility instead of using PeopleService. He stated that PeopleService is a gas company and they read the gas meters at the same time. He would like to see this service brought in house.

VI. Comments

Calvin Walton was present to expressed concern over the possibility of the lifting of the pit bull ban. There is a reason for banning pit bulls and he would hate to see it lifted.

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Council member Cumberledge thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He questioned whether PeopleService had completed the rate study yet. They are waiting for year-end financials.

Council member Huey thanked everyone for coming. He hopes everyone continues to have a good safe summer.

Council member Aldmeyer apologized to Mr. & Mrs. Paterson for a comment he made earlier in the meeting.

The clerk read a thank you note that was sent to Ron and Damien Rothmeyer for their quick response to a water issue.

Sharon Paterson read an email from the Attorney regarding a union matter that was handled earlier this year. The matter is now in the Union's hands.

Bill Dahlheimer saw an article regarding fire trucks and he wanted to know how the council would cover the cost of the vehicle if it exceeded the \$775,000 being placed on the November ballot. The council used specifications submitted by the fire department and the amount should not exceed what is being requested.

This regular city council meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Doreen Mowery, City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor