

**Carter Lake City Council Meeting
December 5, 2016**

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald Waltrip at 6:00 p.m.

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

Melonis motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Corcoran; Ayes: Unanimous.

Melonis motioned to approve the consent agenda which includes the following: Claims for November, Council minutes for November 7, and November 21st; Board of Adjustment Minutes from November 14th; Library Board minutes, Safety minutes, and Department Supervisor reports for November, seconded by Corcoran. Ayes: Unanimous.

Communications from the Public – Shirley Weir voiced concerns about the Senior Center and would like to see some improvements made to promote the center to get more participants

Communications from Mayor Waltrip: Casey’s General Store will host a grand opening next week; requesting council support to compile information to repair Avenue H west of 5th Street; Mayor and council discussed the parking issues on Reddick; The Inside Carter Lake Newspaper has moved to City Hall on a temporary basis until the library is back to full staff, since Miss Mary is in the hospital; The Mayor stated that at this time that he will not be authorizing the filling of the vacated positions in the Police Department and Maintenance Departments. The Building Inspector has been terminated, at the council and Mayor will be working to fill the position in the near future.

Communications from Councilman Paterson, in reviewing the bills, he noticed the high cost of Sprint and Verizon bills and requested the Clerk to look into the issue. Clerk Stender reviewed the breakdown of expenses and how switching to Verizon will allow for a substantial annual savings. The Council needs to decide if they want to eliminate phones and provide monthly stipends to Department Supervisors or purchase smart phones for these supervisors. Recently Pat spent some time looking at the restrooms that are at the parks. He prepared a proposal for the council to review and consider for budget discussions. Pat would like the council to consider adding day docks at Mabrey to allow boaters more docking area to utilize the park restrooms, to be discussed further during budget.

Clerk Stender has not received any additional information concerning the survey results for the CDBG Grant to finance relining the sewers; Clerk is waiting for a response concerning flood insurance. Health Insurance proposals were provided to the council to review and consider increasing the cities portion of the premium to help with the rising cost of health care for the older employees. Software installation has been accomplished for the Permit Program; the Time and Attendance program for Payroll is going to be finalized through programming this week and put in place by January 1st.

Melonis motioned to approve Annual Financial Report, seconded by Corcoran. Ayes: Unanimous. Cumberledge motioned to Tax Abatement Application for 1333 Holiday, seconded by Melois. Ayes: Unanimous. Cumberledge motioned to approve Fire Department Membership for Lynnae Penny and Shane Lohmeier, seconded by Corcoran. Ayes: Unanimous.

Paterson motioned to Waive Second Reading and Proceed to Third Reading of Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 501, 513, 553, 594, and 612, providing that general property taxes levied and collected each year on all property located within the Amended Carter Lake Urban Renewal Area #5, in the City of Carter Lake, County of Pottawattamie, State of Iowa, by and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Carter Lake, County of Pottawattamie, Council Bluffs Community School District, and other taxing districts, be paid to a special fund for payment of principal and interest on loans, monies advanced to and indebtedness, including bonds issued or to be issued, incurred by the city in connection with the Amended Carter Lake Urban

Renewal Area #5 (Amendment No. 3 to the Carter Lake Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan #5),
Seconded by Corcoran. Ayes: Unanimous.

Paterson motioned for the City Council to go into executive closed session to discuss pending litigation
issues; seconded by Corcoran, Ayes: Unanimous.

8:15 p.m. Paterson motioned to leave closed session and adjourn the council meeting, seconded by
Cumberledge. Ayes: Unanimous..

Jackie Stender
City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip
Mayor