

City of Carson City
Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023
652 Williams Street
Carson City, Michigan 48811

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present at roll call: McCrackin, Keiffer, Hauck, Gage, Miller, Parmenter and Kapustka.
Members Absent: Chad Parmenter

Others in attendance: Pam Hagerman, Mark Crawfis, Nan Hagerman, Craig Schrameck, Nate Plath, Tami Tasker, Amy Tasker, Mark Sabin, Sarah Todd, Chris Johnston, and Tim McAllister.

Public Comments: None

Moved by Miller, supported by Gage to approve the Agenda as Presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Gage, supported by Miller to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by McCrackin, supported by Miller to appoint Attorney Tom Wilson as the City FOIA Coordinator, and Joni Jegla as the City's Assistant Coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Gage, supported by Keiffer to increase and amend budget line item # 591-537-000-991 by \$1,307,000.000 to account for the action taken last summer to pay off the Water Line Project. Motion carried.

Sarah Todd, and Mark Sabin from the County Solid Waste Committee to present an update on the recycling program for our area. The solid waste runs on a budget of about 250,000 a year. They receive their money from tipping fees from the Pierson landfill. They have done about 40,000 tons of electronic recycling every year. Conservation District has a recycling station 5 days a week for people to take and drop off at their convenient. Has 5 recycling stations within Montcalm County. We have collected 795,000 lbs. in 2021 and 940,000 lbs. in 2022 for stream line recycling. This is not the cardboard recycling. All goes to Grand Rapids recycling center. Rejected loads cost 3 to 5 thousand dollars. The new sight has less mess around the area, and also helps with cost. Mark is asking the board if we would like to keep our sight. Consensus was yes among the council. 12.5 yards of concrete and 3 phase electricity. 7 Twp. and two municipalities. Asked each to donate \$5,000. Won't exceed this. All centers will have cameras.

Dave asked if Mark could get the specs for what electricity is needed for installation.

Mark said that he can get the power needed with an upstage transformer. Mark will get it to us.

Nate asked for dimensions for the whole site. Kurt asked if possible that it could be sooner since we may have the area with cement already.

Motion by Hauck, supported by Keiffer to donate \$5,000.00 to the solid waste for a new updated recycling center. Motion carried.

Tami for Frontier Days, updated, will have new events. No more carnival, will have fireworks instead, and an antique tractor show. Park for balloons. Will go to three days to 2 days instead for this year.

Motion by McCrackin, supported by Gage to donate \$3000.00 to the Carson City Frontiers Days for the 2023 festival. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Chris Johnston gave update on County issues. Meeting is moving for the second meeting will be at 6:00 pm instead of 4:00 pm.

Chief Schrameck reported he has interviewed 4 certified candidates for the open positions on the police department.

Lezlie Hauck asked how the meeting with Crystal Township went regarding the possibility of contracting with them for Police department. Craig gave a short overview of what questions were asked while at the Township meeting.

6:45 pm Elton Depue entered.

McCrackin asked if they are going to hire and fill the open position now? Schrameck responded yes. Just having a hard time deciding on who.

Crawfis reported very busy month. Been busy with training, and equipment repairs. Has submitted a FEMA grant for new air packs. Will take at least a year or so if we get award. This Sunday they will have a 200-question test review.

Nate Plath reported been pretty quiet. Him and Wyatt did go down to the expo show in Lansing. Was looking for new ideas for the sludge issue at the sewer ponds. Just in the original hauling for the sludge was an estimate of \$500,000 to \$600,000. Looking at one of the new technologies called a Nano Bubbler. If the Nano bubbler worked could help save cost for hauling sludge. The Nano brings the sludge up to the top with the water, and helps break down and removes the sludge particles. This is a new concept for Sewer Sludge. We are losing half of our capacities in two of our ponds due to the sludge build up.

Received the motor back on the Vac truck last week.

Pam is working on budget and getting the wants and needs from all the Departments.

Public Comment: None was given.

Motion by Miller, supported by Hauck to Adjourn at 7:02 pm.