

City of Carson City
Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 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: None

Others in attendance: Pam Hagerman, Mark Crawfis, Chris Johnston, Russ Stanton, Joni Jegla, Jim Neumann, John Bradley, Tom Haradine, and Nan Hagerman.

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

Public Comments:

Neil has an executive order #2 he read to council and to place on file.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2

Effective today April 18, 2023, the City Comptroller will be eligible for overtime or compensatory time for the purpose of running elections.

In solidarity,



Neil A. Kapustka
Mayor, City of Carson City

Neil has a comment about the coming up compensation package to be presented later in the meeting. He read a statement to all. Hit on all the highlights of everyone's position within the city employments. All employment is equal.

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

Motion by Parmenter, to give a 2% step and a 2% raise to the Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller. Motion fails due to no support.

Motion by Parmenter to give all DPW employees a 5% raise. Motion fails due to no support.

6:10 PM, Tim McCallister entered.

Motion by Parmenter, supported by Miller to give a \$1.00 an hour per current and new certification obtained by the DPW Employees. These certificates are as follows, CDL, Water & Sewer, Pesticide. To go into effect for the new fiscal year beginning 7-1-23. When a certificate is obtained the employee will be compensated at the next payroll. Motion carried.

Motion by Parmenter to give city Administrator Pam Hagerman, 2% on her anniversary date 4/29/2023 and a 6% raise on 7/1/2023 for six months after the audit. After six months have Personnel committee to review audit, and consider another raise of 4% and the possibility of retro pay back to 7/1/2023 for the 4%. Motion fails due to no support.

Motion by Parmenter, supported by Miller to give a 2% step increase to all employees including to employees not on steps. DPW Director, and Supervisor will receive raise effective 7-1-2023 and all other employees will take effect on their anniversary date. Motion carried.

Motion by Gage, supported by Keiffer to approve June 10, 2023 8-12 for clean up day. Motion carried.

Motion by McCrackin, supported by Miller to allow Solid Waste to hold a Hazardous waste day on August 5, 2023 from 9-12 here at city hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, supported by Keiffer to spend up to \$2000.00 for council training. Motion carried.

Received a bid from Isabella Corporation for the lift station at a cost of \$1,070,000.00 to have the project start in September and be finished in 60 days.

Motion by Keiffer, supported by Gage to approve the bid from Isabella Corporation for the sewer lift station for an estimated cost of \$1,070,000.00 and to obtain the necessary signatures. Motion carried.

Motion by Keiffer, supported by McCrackin to allow Nate Plath to purchase a bucket truck with an amount not to exceed \$35,000. Motion carried.

Motion by McCrackin, supported by Parmenter to approve 23-24 Summary budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Parmenter, supported by Keiffer to approve the submitted bid for sludge removal for 1 & 2 sewer ponds from Bio Tech Agronomics INC. for an estimated amount of \$185,000, and obtain the necessary signatures. Motion carried

John Bradley updated us on doing the DWAM program still need to complete all the curb stops. Spicer still keeping their ears open for funding sources.

Mark reported March wasn't as busy as the previous months. Fire Academy is over. They had 23 students pass their practical's. Now they will need to do their written test. Need to get with the City attorney now for written bids for a new pumper truck.

Nate wanted to report that he put a chain up to the city dump for leaves and brush. He has found landscapers coming from out -of -town dumping. These people are dumping nails, and stuff that could damage city tires.

He suggests that we put in the news letter to have people put their yard waste in composing bags. Please stay away from black bags completely. Containers are their chosen choice. Guys have been busy cleaning up from winter. new trash cans are out. Bathrooms are open at the big park.

Pam is currently looking for cameras for the parks and city hall.

Chris Johnston, not much happening did receive the blight ordinance from the county Attorney. This will be coming to locals to see if they are on board as well. Possibly looking at moving the County Clerk's office out to the circuit court.

Public Comments: Chris stated that the flag out to the park needs to be replaced.

Russ Stanton reported that the Masonic lodge will be shutting down in Carson and that building will be coming up for sale.

Jim Neumann stated that some of our streets are getting pretty bad. Asked if the water wells are still being monitored. Expressed his approval with the City office & DPW staff.

Motion by Miller, supported by Hauck to adjourn at 7:24pm. Motion carried.

Neil Kapustka, Mayor

Nan Hagerman, Comptroller