

City of Carson City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2023  
652 Williams Street  
Carson City, Michigan 48811

**Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Budget**

Mayor Kapustka opened public hearing at 5:45 pm.

Pledge of allegiance.

Present: Hauck, Miller, McCrackin, Keiffer, Parmenter, and Kapustka.

Absent: Gage.

No Audience in attendance.

Chris Johnston entered at 5:48 pm

Dave Gage entered at 5:52 pm

Bonnie Walthorn and Ginny Bohlen entered at 5:54 pm.

No comment or questions were asked of the council regarding the proposed budget.

Motion by Parmenter, supported by Gage to close public hearing at 5:56 pm. Motion carried.

**Regular Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Kapustka.**

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, Tom Haradine, Nan Hagerman, Joni Jegla  
John Bradley, Amy Thomas and Craig Schrameck.

Public Comments: none given.

Moved by Parmenter, supported by Gage to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Miller supported by Hauck to table the summary budget approval for two weeks.  
Hold a Special meeting on May 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried, with Parmenter voting NO.

Mayor asked for council for volunteers to help with the cleanup day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 8-12 or till trucks are full. Council members need to contact City Hall to let Pam know so she can compile a list.

Motion by Miller, supported by Hauck to close Maple street between Miner Street and Mercantile for three days during Frontier's day weekend. Motion carried with Keiffer abstaining.

John Bradley reported regarding the lift station procurement projects.

Police chief reported on the last month.

McCrackin asked if we had hired a new police officer. Chief replied he had three applicants sent for psych review, and they all three turned the job offer down. State is saying that we cannot hold a new recruit to a contract. Sign on bonus is another way to entice a new recruit. There is no guarantee that after they receive the last of the bonus they would still stay.

Chief stated he has the Taurus sold for \$6250.00 and they will come and pick it up. Deb asked if Levi is walking around at the park while on duty later in the evening. Vandalism at the park bathrooms again.

Mark reported that the Fire Academy is completed, with all passing their practical's. Only had one do a retest at one station.

All 800 radios are up and running. He returned the loaned ones from Gratiot last week.

Pam reported that Nate sold the old Bucket Truck for \$6250.00 and purchased another for \$18,500.

Received the election grant for new laptops that total was \$1195.00.

Mayor and Pam are attending DTE to discuss with them the increase in noise coming from the plant. City Hall has had many calls from residence complaining. If other Council members wish to attend please let Pam or Neil know.

She handed out the two quotes for surveillance camaras. Council asked if they could get one more for the special meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM for approval.

Pam reported that she did the research on diversifying some funds. Sidney State Bank, Mercantile Bank, and Michigan One Credit Union are offering the best rates out of the many we have called upon.

Motion by McCrackin, supported by Keiffer to put 1million in Sidney State Bank, for a 6-month Certificate of Deposit. Motion carried.

Motion by Parmenter, supported by Miller to invest in Mercantile, and Michigan One Credit union at City Administrators discretion. Motion carried.

Chris Johnston, reported that the County Board voted to move the County Clerk's vital office out to her Circuit Court office. He voted no only due to the motion not having a deadline for completion.

Public Comments:

Bonnie Walthorn here to complain about the DTE's excessive roaring. She walks and says lately the wind makes a difference about the noise and how it carries.

Ginny Bohlen also was in attendance to complain about the noise from DTE.

Amy Thomas, 911 Director was in attendance to thank us for the passing of her recent election.

Motion by Miller, supported by Hauck to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Motion carried.



Neil A. Kapustka  
Neil A. Kapustka, Mayor



Nan Hagerman  
Nan Hagerman, Comptroller