

City of Carson City
Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024
652 Williams Street
Carson City, Michigan 48811

Pre Approved

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others in attendance: Joni Jegla, Mark Crawfis, Nate Plath, Tom Haradine, Amy Tasker, Chris Johnston, Levi Slagter, and Nan Hagerman.

Moved by Gage, supported by Miller to approve the Agenda as Amended, removal of item 4 from the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None were given

Mark Fire Chief, lots of calls for here, that are for other departments. Did receive donation for equipment for around 1000.00 from Knights of Columbus. Water leaks fixed on grass truck, training done, been working on upstairs for remodeling.

Nate, we purchased high viz uniforms. Should be able to see us. Been busy with tree trimming, painted the new trailer, clean up in parks, snow plows cleaned up. Wyatt's been working on catch basins. Discharge at the lagoons start next week.

Tower is off line, just got it cleaned, working on filling it back up.

Nate has received one quote for the water tower to be painted from Pittsburg Paint for estimated cost of \$177,000.00. This is just for the outside of the water tower. Waiting to receive another from Dixon who just cleaned the inside of the water tower this week.

Suggesting to start replacing meters. Having lots of failures, battery and other issues.

Sewer test wells and sampling are looking at \$30,000 on the sewer side.

Regarding the 24-25 equipment budget. Have a trade in offer for his Chevy 2014 that has 43,000 miles. Offer for trade in is \$30,000. Looking at replacing it with a little heavier truck. We do stress that truck with the leaf vac and hauling stuff. His plan is to move the Ram 2020

into the Chevy 2003 position replace the Ram 2020 with a ½ ton truck. Gage would like to have Nate replace the Ram 2020 with an equally heavy truck so we can rotate it within the pool in a few years.

Been doing lots of tree work, needs to rent a stump grinder and do them ourselves. Already within budget.

Moved by McCrackin, supported by Gage to approve the bid from Dairyland for \$17,180.80 to run a 4" water line to the fire department building. Motion carried.

Moved by Gage, supported by Miller to approve the bid from Dairyland in the amount of \$17,794.40 to run a water line from the fire barn to a hydrant. Hydrant placement to be determined at a later date. Motion carried.

Moved by Gage, supported by McCrackin to approved Dairyland Excavating to pave the DPW parking lot for a cost of \$14,314.00 and to be paid out of the building and Improvement line item for the 23-24 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Was discussed and agreed to have Nate look into placing more lighting at West park.

Motion by Gage, supported by McCrackin to approve the additional \$50,000 for streets projects for the fiscal year 23-24. Motion carried

Nate would like to be able to drive his truck home. Would like the approval from the council.

Motion by Keiffer, supported by Miller to allow the DPW Director to drive his vehicle home. He estimated the cost of expense would be around \$1200.00 a year. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Miller, supported by Gage to increase Revenue line 591-000-000-539.000 by \$341,129.00 and Expense line 591-537-000-801.000 by \$341,129.00. This will make up for the expenses, and Revenue for the DWAM Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Keiffer, supported by Hauck to approve budget adjustment to the Motor Pool Equipment line by \$104,000.00. This will fix the issue with the purchase of Loader that was an oversight in preparing the 23-24 budget. Motion carried

Kapustka has been talking with former Chief Dave Ellis. Ellis is requesting \$80,000.

Kapustka is asking for approval, to be able to offer Ellis \$75,000. Discussion was made regarding setting a precedence. Miller would like to ask Dave to give us some time to review other candidates.

Gage, wants us to tell Dave Ellis, that the Council wants to stick with the \$70,000 and the possibility to research other applicants. Kapustka feels that people will start noticing that Carson City doesn't have any police force. We will start getting a bad influence within our city.

Public Comments: Chris Johnston reported on what's happening at the County.

Tami Tasker, dropped off wish list for Frontier list.

Tom Haradine asked about the flags in the east field of city hall. Plath stated that they are mapping out the possibility of ball fields.

Motion by Miller, supported by Hauck to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Neil A. Kapustka, Mayor

Nan Hagerman, Comptroller