

City of Carson City
Council Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2024
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: Parmenter, Gage, Keiffer, McCrackin, Miller and Kapustka.
Members Absent: Lezlie Hauck

Others in attendance: Joni Jegla, Mark Crawfis, Nate Plath, Larry Sparkes, Tom Haradine, and Nan Hagerman, Jeff Carrow, Sue Riker, Sue Lowe, and Darlene Barnes

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

Public Comments: None were given.

Chief Sparkes reported last month. Eight traffic stops, and five criminal complaints. Hired two more part-time officers to start later this month. Also hired another Reserve Officer. This brings our department up to one full-time officer, four part-time officers and five reserve officers.

Chief Crawfis reported that the fire department responded to five reported calls for the month. He has attended many meetings and fire personnel helped with Frontier Day activities. Fire contracts were sent out to Bloomer, North Shade and GESA. He is also installing smoke alarms again. Parmenter asked if Mark got confirmation on the engine, Mark replied that no he has not.

DPW Director Nate Plath reported that they have been very busy. Started flow testing today to get some pressure flow readings for the DWAM. The City and Mark uses these readings also. Spicer got the testing finished today. Lagoon wells were installed for the test wells. The first round of testing has been completed. Will take 3-6 months of testing to figure out what we have going on at the lagoons. The work on the ball fields is going really well. 2 of the planters were installed downtown. Received the new motor pool vehicle. Thinks it is going to work well. Would like to keep the 2014 truck and replace the 2003 with the 2014, keep the 2020 Dodge and replace the chipper. Discussion was made on how to sell the 2003. Neil asked that this be tabled until the next meeting. Deb would like to discuss fencing around the ball fields. Nate will get some quotes together for it. Lift station is working wonderfully.

City Administrator, Nan Hagerman reports audit will begin end of July. Peter is cutting back hours and looking at retirement, so Doug, his partner, will be taking over. Would like the council to think about changing the water & sewer certification raises from \$1.00 for the two certifications to \$1.00 each and lower the pesticide to fifty cents for the certification as the testing for the water & sewer is much more in depth. We need to get a policy in place for structure of raises and certification raises for all departments. McCrackin asked if we could make a motion to change the structure of the water, sewer and pesticide certification raises. Nan has been going to the Montcalm Economic Alliance meetings and working on a packet for Developer Day. A bus will be going around the city with developers, investors, and bankers to see the areas that can be developed in the city. Nan would like to give the part-timers a \$1.00 raise as they do not get any other benefits. Spring cleanup day went well. Would like to invest another \$1,000,000 into a 6-month CD at Isabella Bank for 5.25% APY rate. Gage would like to go ahead and invest the money. Neil asked to entertain a motion to allow Nan and Joni to invest \$1,000,000 into a 6-month CD at Isabella Bank.

Motion by Gage, supported by Keiffer to invest \$1,000,000 in a CD at Isabella Bank. Motion carried.

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

Neil asked if the council would like to entertain a motion to approve the \$1.00 raise for the part-time employees. Discussion took place and Neil asked to table this until the next meeting.

Fire Chief Crawfis went over the quotes for 13 SCBA Air-Paks – West Shore Fire quoted \$126,254.00 and MES quoted \$129,038.00. Motion by Keiffer, supported by Gage to approve West Shore Fire quote of \$126,254.00 for the SCBAs for the fire department. The rest of the city's ARPA funds will be used towards the purchase of the SCBAs Motion carried.

Motion made by Gage, supported by McCrackin to accept the update to the language to the FOIA procedures/guidelines. Roll Call vote called – Yays: (5) Nays: (0) – Absent (1) Motion carried.

Public Comments: Sue Lowe would like the city to investigate changing our signs to show Carson City together on the signs instead of Carson at the top line and City at the bottom.

Motion by Miller, supported by McCrackin to adjourn at 7:06pm. Motion carried.


Neil A Kapustka, Mayor


Joni L Legla, Comptroller