

CARTER LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024

Mayor Ronald Cumberledge called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Gundersen moved to go into closed session to discuss real estate matters, seconded by Grell. Unanimously approved. At 6:58 p.m. the council returned to open session and Skinner moved to adjourn seconded by Grell; unanimously approved.

Mayor Ronald Cumberledge called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll call of the council, present: Victor Skinner, Jacob Hanika, Jackie Wahl, Aaron Grell, and Jason Gundersen; City Attorney David Levy and Clerk Jackie Carl were also present.

Upon motion duly made by Gundersen, and seconded by Hanika, the council's agenda was unanimously approved. Gundersen moved to approve the consent agenda which included the following items: Department head reports from Parks, Library, Community Center, Senior Services, Maintenance, Police, Fire/EMS; City council minutes from June; Overtime and comp time reports for June; abstract of claims, receipts and financial reports for June. Hanika moved to second the motion.

Grell moved to approve Mekenna Kay's appointment to the Library Board, seconded by Gundersen; unanimously approved. There are openings for the Storm Water Committee, Mayor requested to appoint Russ Kramer, Jason Gundersen, Bob McCloud, Keebie Kessler, Aaron Grell. Gundersen moved to approve, seconded by Grell.

Elizabeth Hunter of Snyder & Associates was present to review the Water Valve project bids. The bid opening was July 10th. Western Utility \$430,661.25, Carley Construction \$449,845, Backlund Plumbing \$491,900; Neuvirth Construction, Inc., \$659,401.14; 449,845. After much discussion and consideration Grell moved to select Backlund Plumbing based on many years of experience with Carter Lake's utilities and being able to dedicate a more crews to reduce the number of shutdowns by completing several locations at the same time.; Skinner seconded the motion; unanimously approved. Pre-Construction meeting will be scheduled in the next 10 days. The project is required to be completed by November 1, 2024.

Skinner moved to approve job descriptions for the fire department; updated the coordinator and new descriptions for two additional positions; one position is budgeted; the second position will only happen if a grant is received; seconded by Grell; unanimously approved.

Mayor Cumberledge awarded Citizen of the Year to Risa Putnam.

Gundersen shared that an announcement will be coming of who has been selected as the new director at the Carter Lake Community Center. Storm Water no discussion needed. Request permission to have more hydrants painted. It was agreed to proceed with \$15,000 should update ½ the hydrants. On the Lake issue, he feels we are under-represented in the area and maybe a committee should be formed to help work on the issues annually.

Channel 22 concerns, asked how many people in the audience watch Channel 22? Three guest out of 50 in the room raised their hands. The clerk stated they are leaving the TV on in the breakroom to help monitor activity. Remember over the weekends, power outage will require reboot on Monday.

Grell would like to see the UTV ordinance on the next agenda.

Grell moved to approve wages for the new office Cole Button, seconded by Hanika; unanimously approved. Gundersen moved to approve the wage for Charlie Bennett for being a 10 year employee; seconded by Hanika; unanimously approved. Gundersen moved to approve the 2024-2025 wage increases for city employees: unanimously approved.

Public Comments: Harry Skudler was present to voice his displeasure of trees limbs hanging over the sidewalks and broken sidewalks around his area of the city.

Lakeside Auto Recyclers is seeking to amend the zoning of their property to allow them to also combine parcels for taxation purposes. This request would allow Lakeside Auto recyclers to expand their P-I District (Planned Industrial) to Locust Street (across from City Hall); the planning board denied the request; but would be in favor of moving the line to run adjacent to the back of the building. Where the original Wood Avenue was platted before it was vacated. The council appeared to be supportive. No motion was made.

Wahl revisited her concerns in the transcript version of minutes from the 6/12/2024 hearing concerning the grievances filed against Wahl. The Clerk admits she has not had time to sort out all the motions and disagreements that occurred during that meeting and clerk feels the transcript was very accurate.

Wahl expressed concerns over why the America In Bloom grant had expenses listed, clerk did not have any explanation without looking it up, Wahl moved to approve, seconded by Gundersen; unanimously approved.

Keebie Kessler requested council support to allow the Improvement Club to use Concession Stand #1 during the festival. Skinner moved to approve an individual to use Concession #2, seconded by Gundersen, unanimously approved.

Moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Jackie Carl, City Clerk

Ronald Cumberledge, Mayor