

## CARTER LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 16, 2025

Mayor Ronald Cumberledge called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call of the council, present: Mayor Ronald Cumberledge, Jacob Hanika, Jackie Wahl, Aaron Grell, Victor Skinner and Jason Gundersen; City Attorney Clint Fichter and Clerk Jackie Carl.

Gundersen moved to approve the agenda, adding police department, pay raise for Randy Smith and special circumstances, seconded by Skinner with the additions; unanimously approved. Gundersen moved to approve the consent agenda, by Skinner, unanimously approved. Consent agenda includes the following: Department head reports from Parks, Library, Community Center, Senior Services, Maintenance, Police, Fire/EMS; City council minutes; overtime and comp-time reports, abstract of claims, receipts and financial reports for May 2025.

Fire Chief Dave Huey would like to discuss the pay scales for volunteers at the next workshop; the department is going to host a public meeting to take input from members of the community to either renovate the existing fire station or design and build a new fire station in the future. Will be on July 8<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

Mayor Cumberledge presented Citizen of the Year to Jason Gundersen for stepping up to take charge of city functions while the mayor stepped away to take care of some health issues, thank you Jason for all your work in the city.

Grell moved to raise Randy Smith to \$30 per hour, seconded by Skinner in the next pay cycle; unanimously approved.

Mayor asked for the Council to provide direction regarding a letter the council receive concerning local business and allegations about the police department. Fichter stated if council has concerns to hire an outside investigator. And revisit local policy regarding outside employments

Gundersen moved to move forward with the street repairs in the club area, authorizing Mayor to accept the lowest bid, seconded by Skinner; unanimously approved.

Gundersen moved to have all new properties built since the sidewalk ordinance was updated to receive a letter to install sidewalks within 90 days or the City will complete installation and assess property. Seconded by Grell, unanimously approved.

Gundersen moved to add grant discussions to monthly workshops to keep this on the front burner, seconded by Grell; unanimously approved.

Hanika asked Clint to explain the legal expectation for minutes. Starting in July evaluation documents will be distributed to department supervisors and M. Hanika will handle this for the council.

Grell requested weed abatement notices be handled better, it was suggested to move it to the Police Department, seconded by Wahl, unanimously approved.

Jackie Wahl would like to focus attention on the rain gardens.

Attorney Fichter provided an update on 122 Carter Lake Club, the council wants to get this done as quickly as possible.

Grell moved to approve pay application to Backlund plumbing for the fiscal year end budget seconded by Skinner, unanimously approved.

Jackie Carl, City Clerk

Ronald Cumberledge, Mayor