

CARTER LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 18, 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, seconded by Hanika; unanimously approved. Wahl moved to approve the consent agenda, by Gundersen, 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 July 2025.

At the workshop on Wednesday, the council received a detailed update regarding the wastewater monitoring manhole project from Engineer Elizabeth Hunter. Based on the estimated cost of the project it qualified for the competitive bid process for procurement of contract. Gundersen moved to proceed, seconded by Hanika; No-Grell Yes-Gundersen, Hanika, Skinner, Wahl.

Grell moved to table approving the salvage license for City Motor's for another 30 days to allow for the management to clean up the rest of the property to meet council approval, seconded by Skinner; unanimously approved.

Fire Chief Dave Huey new members proposed, Gundersen moved to approve Patrick Knudsen for fire department membership, seconded by Grell; unanimously approved. Gundersen moved to approve Tia Frison for fire department membership, seconded by Grell; unanimously approved.

Skinner moved to approve the pay scales for fire and EMS volunteers seconded by Grell; unanimously approved. Roll Call: No-Gundersen Yes-Hanika, Wahl, Skinner, Grell. Skinner moved to table the proposed retirement program seconded by Wahl; unanimously approved.

Mayor questioned why the Fire Department does not qualify for the Safer Grant from the Iowa West Foundation that has a program that all departments in Pottawattamie County received grants for gear. Phil and City Attorney will draft a letter to push back on this decision.

City Attorney summarized updates on several ongoing matters. 122 Carter Lake Club; dogs at large

VA transportation, retirement benefit for volunteers and seeking members to join committee to discuss the renovation or new construction for the volunteer fire station.

Mayor asked Gundersen and Grell to bring names of contractors to proceed with repairing water stop boxes. Council agreed to engage a contractor to do 3-4 at a time.

Gundersen moved to approve moving the GIS mapping contract to Snyder and Associates, Hanika seconded the motion; Roll call: no-Grell yes-Gundersen, Hanika, Wahl, Skinner.

Skinner moved to cancel grant writer contract, seconded by Grell; unanimously approved.

Gundersen updated that T-Mobile is providing new equipment to the pump station call system

Street repairs that Jason met with Lem to discuss accepting bid for concrete repairs, seconded by Grell; unanimously approved.

Grell moved to approve resolution for wage increases for longevity pay, Gundersen seconded; unanimously approved. Skinner moved to approve policy regarding distribution of minutes, seconded by Grell, Roll Call: Yes-Skinner, Wahl, Hanika, Grell, Gundersen.

Planning Board Member Jay Gundersen approached to discuss right of way permits and stormwater retention at the planned apartment complex. Encouraged the council to consider making changes to eliminate above ground retention.

Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Jackie Carl, City Clerk

Ronald Cumberledge, Mayor