City of Carter Lake – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, July 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Location: City Hall – 950 Locust St

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**

Voting members present as reflected in early roll calls (J. Wahl, A. Grell, V. Skinner, M. Seminara,)
Absent: J. Hanika

3. **Approval of Agenda**

J. Wahl added need for updates on business discussed in previous meetings.
Agenda approved as amended.
Motion: A. Grell moved to accept the agenda with addition by J. Wahl, seconded by V. Skinner.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
Consent Agenda
Items Included:

4.A City Council Minutes - Apr 20, 2026, and June 15, 2026
4.B Library Board Minutes - July 13, 2026
4.C Parks & Rec Board Minutes -June 18, 2026
4. D Safety Committee Minutes – July 8, 2026
4. E Financial Reports – May and June 2026
1. Holmes Murphy – ICAP liability insurance renewal
4. F Overtime Reports - June 2026
4. G Department Head Reports - June 2026

Action: Approved
Motion: A. Grell moved to approve, seconded by J. Wahl.
Vote: Passed unanimously
New Business

5.A Communications from the Public
5.B Beer permit request for Community Center Event on Aug. 23

Action: Permit approved.
Motion: M. Seminara moved to approve, seconded by V. Skinner.
Vote: Passed unanimously

5.C Retail Tobacco License Renewals
1. SPEARMINT RHINO GENTLEMENS CLUB-2449 N 13TH St
2. SHORELINE GOLF COURSE-210 E Locust St
3. DUAL STOP-109 E Locust St

Action: All permits approved
Motion: V. Skinner moved to approve, seconded by A. Grell
Vote: Passed unanimously

5.D Alcohol License Renewals
1. SHORELINE GOLF-210 E Locust St.
2. DUAL STOP-109 Locust St

Action: All permits approved. **Motion**: V. Skinner moved to approve, seconded by A. Grell. Passed unanimously

6.E Communications from Departments
6.E.1 Fire Department

a. Fire Dept Update-Asst Fire Chief, Greg Stephens; the Fire Chief would like to know how the council feels about moving forward with new building. J. Wahl inquired when the next meeting would be and that she would like to attend and get a better picture of what the plans are. The Council agreed that they needed more information and agreed to discuss it at the next workshop.

b. Carter Lake Days coming up, people can still sign up for parade. Come for Rock the Boot and fireworks show, music to start at 4pm.

c. New applicant – Michael Zag

Action: New applicant approved. **Motion**: Made by V. Skinner, seconded by A. Grell. Passed unanimously

6.E.2 Planning Board Update – Ray Pauly said that he did not have anything new to add

6.E.3 Public Works Department – No update available

6.E.4 Mayor Gundersen-mentioned moving Council Workshop to the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm to allow time for action to complete items before the next council meeting.

a. Motorized scooters/bikes, trying to get these under control, will be discussed at the next workshop. **Action**: Just discussion, **no vote required**

6.E.5. Councilmember Jackie Wahl

a. Community Service Fund – a board will be required to oversee different organizations. Several purposes were listed to be considered for the funding. The City Attorney has created a nonprofit and this will be managed by a board that is independent of the city. Those who may be interested in being on the committee can reach out.

b. Follow up from previous meetings needed.

1. Denise Teeple-letter clarifying the driveway ordinance. The City attorney said the letter was written but he would check to see if it was mailed.

2. An update on changes to city boards and term limits-City Administrator doesn't believe changes need to be made to terms, but more transparency should be added when openings are available.

3. A review of sidewalk ordinance will be done at next workshop. **Action**: Further discussion and meetings will be had before moving forward.

6.E.6 City Clerk – Celane Hauser

a. Explained the need for a temporary, part-time front office person. City Administrator added that having City Hall closed half days a couple of days a week would also be beneficial. Clerk is to decide whether morning or afternoon would be most beneficial.

Action: Approved to be closed Monday and Tuesday for 3 weeks for 4 hours a day to be determined by the office staff, which will be revisited after 3 weeks' time. **Motion**: V. Skinner moved to approve, seconded by A. Grell. **Vote**: Passed unanimously

6.E.7 City Administrator – Cameron Gales

a. Nuisance Abatements – update. Posting for yard cleanup before the festival provided some backlash. Weed eating/control seems to be a big part of the issue. Mayor Gundersen mentioned a possible loan program for a weed eater to help residents comply with that part of the nuisance issues. **Action**: Just discussion, **no vote required**

6.E.8 City Attorney – Clint Fichter

a. Ponca Tribe of Nebraska updates – everything has been signed. They are still interested in discussing the storm water pond.

b. 122 Carter Lake Club – brought up by V. Skinner at the end of meeting. Hearing is set for September. More to come.

6.E.9 Ordinances and Resolutions

a. RESOLUTION NO 2026-20 – A resolution setting salaries and wages for appointed officers and employees of the City of Carter Lake for FY July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Action: Approved only with a 4% raise across the board, except for the police receiving 5% as dictated by the approved Union contract. **Motion**: V. Skinner moved to approve, seconded by J. Wahl. **Vote**: Approved unanimously

Comments
Mayor / City Council / Public

Councilman M. Seminara has a group of kids and is asking for volunteers to help clean up around the parade route on Wednesday afternoon**.**

V. Skinner Mentioned the festival, parade, and concert to support the community it's firefighters.

Mayor – Field dedication, Channel 22, and newsletter update.

Public Comments – Guests

Lisa Fuji Has a group of youth helping clean up Sunday after the festival if anyone would like to join.

Wanda Seminetti and Greg reminded people of the Police Night Out on Friday.

Adjournment

Action: V. Skinner made a motion to adjourn; **meeting adjourned** at 7:37 pm

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Celane Hauser, City Clerk Jason Gundersen, Mayor