

CARSON QUARTERLY

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CARSON CITY HALL 316 S. COMMERCIAL CARSON, IA 51525 712-484-3636 OFFICE

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:15 AM-4:30 PM

FRIDAY 8:15 AM-12:30 PM

LUNCH TAKEN 12:30 PM-1:00 PM

Several Changes with Carson City Council and Staff

The months of November and December have been full of changes for our City staff. On November 18, 2024, the City Council accepted the resignation of Tim Todd from the Mayor position and Kristina Hansen was hired for the City Administrator Clerk position. We thank Tim for his years of service and selfless dedication to our community. At the December 9th Council meeting, Adam Houser was appointed to Mayor, which has left his Council seat open for appointment. Finally, at a Special Council Meeting held on December 17th, Lisa Easton was hired as the City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk/Janitorial position previously held by Kristina Hansen. We are excited to have her join our office and we are confident she will be a valuable asset to the City Hall Office.

Notice for the open Council seat is in the next article and we encourage those who wish to service our community in this capacity, to consider submitting your letter of interest to City Hall by January 10th by noon.

We thank the residents for your patience during this transition period.

Notice of Intent to Fill the Open Council Seat at January Council Meeting

THE CITY OF CARSON, POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA, WILL HAVE A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL CREATED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF ADAM HOUSER AS MAYOR.

Pursuant to Section 372.13, (2), (a) of the Code of Iowa, notice is hereby given that the City Council of Carson, Pottawattamie County, Iowa intends to fill this vacancy by appointment during the Regular Meeting that will be held at the Carson Community Center at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025.

However, the electors of the City of Carson have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. If electors wish to require a special election, a valid petition requesting a special election must be filed with the City Clerk within 14 days after publication of this notice or within 14 days after the appointment is made. If no such petition is filed, the City Council appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election as defined in Section 69.12 of the Code of Iowa. Eligible electors of the City of Carson, Pottawattamie County, Iowa wanting to be considered for appointment should submit a request in writing to the City Clerk's Office by 12:00 pm on Friday, January 10, 2025.

Carson Business Club to Host a City Informational Meeting January 8th

The Carson Business Club will be hosting a City Informational Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dreamland Theatre. Carson has been working diligently through a strategic plan last updated April 2019 and it's time for an update on the progress made to date, efforts currently in flight, as well as understanding projects on the horizon. Representatives from the City of Carson, Advance Southwest Iowa, Western Iowa Development Association, MAPA, and Pottawattamie County will be in attendance to make remarks. As you may know, the city currently has a vacancy for a City Council Representative. This vacancy will be filled by appointment at the January 13th City Council Meeting. If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of the City Council and moving the vision for Carson forward, please attend. Popcorn will be provided.

At the conclusion of the Information Meeting, the Carson Business Club will convene its regular monthly meeting and updates on the Dreamland Theatre facade/marquee project will be provided for anyone who would like to learn more about this capital improvement historical project.

CARSON CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR: ADAM HOUSER
COUNCIL MEMBERS:
TROY GRAVES, KARI ROSE,
MARLENE RICHARDSON,
RACHEL JOHNSON

CITY STAFF

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLERK: KRISTINA HANSEN
CITY TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK: LISA EASTON
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR: DAVE ROSE JR.
PUBLIC WORKS: JAMES SKALBERG AND ETHAN SCHMITT

CARSON NEWS

Cardboard Trailer: A Valuable Benefit to Residents We Want to Keep

As many of you may have noticed, the cardboard trailer has been moved to South Rodeo Drive and Hwy 92 in the parking lot by the Pickleball Court. The move was made to have it visible to residents and to help curb abuse of the private dumpsters when the trailer is full. All cardboard must be broken down and cannot have food residue on it. **NO PACKING MATERIAL IS TO BE PUT IN THE TRAILER** (including bubble wrap, plastic, styrofoam, etc.). The trailer will be emptied on a schedule but if you find that it is full, please notify City Hall at 712-484-3636 or carsonclerk@gmail.com. Please do not leave your cardboard on the ground and **DO NOT** put it in a City or a private business dumpster. Take it home with you and store until the trailer has been emptied or take it to the Pottawattamie County Recycling Center located on Highway 59 at 41911 Industrial Drive, Oakland, IA. The trailer and City dumpsters are under surveillance and violators will be personally addressed if caught leaving cardboard on the ground or in dumpsters that belong to the City or private businesses. Thank you for your cooperation.



Holiday Garbage Collection Announcement



Mills Trash Service announced changes to the trash pick up schedule for the New Year's Eve Holiday.

1. TRASH COLLECTION WILL COMMENCE AT 12 AM (MIDNIGHT), TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024.

TRASH MUST BE OUT ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024.

It is imperative that your totes are set out by this time, or your trash will not be collected until the regular collection day the following week. Thank you.

News Release City of Carson Yearly Audit for FY 2023/2024

Schroer & Associates, P.C. released an audit report on the City of Carson, Iowa.

Financial Highlights: The City's receipts totaled \$1,557,002 for the year ended June 30, 2024, a 23.7% decrease from the prior year. Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2024 totaled \$1,598,262 a 14.1% decrease from the prior year. The significant decrease in disbursements is due to a water sewer extension project in the prior year. The significant decrease in receipts is due to bond proceeds in the prior year.

Audit Findings: Schroer & Associates, P.C. reported three findings related to the receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 36 to 38 of this report. The findings address issues such as lack of segregation of duties and deficit fund balances. Schroer & Associates, P.C. provided the City with recommendations to address each of the findings.

The three finding discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The City Council has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the City's operation and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor fo the State's website at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.



Be Prepared for Winter Weather and Snow Removal Requirements



Snowy weather is just around the corner! Here are some reminders of what the City requires to allow for snow removal to go smoothly.

1. Please have all vehicles from the street when we are anticipating a snow or ice event. It saves time, assists our street crew in completing a more efficient snow removal job, prevents accidents and can save you the expense of having your vehicle towed.
2. City Code states no person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or City owned off-street parking area. This will be in effect during a snow or ice accumulation event until the street is fully plowed or open for use. City Code 69.10
3. Dumping of Snow is Prohibited: It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto city street or alley. City Code 135.12
4. Removal of Snow and Ice Accumulations from Sidewalks: It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow and ice accumulations from sidewalks within 10 hours of accumulation. City Code 136.03.

CARSON NEWS

WATER WARNING REMAINS AT LEVEL 1 IN CARSON

CITY OF CARSON, IOWA RESOLUTION 2024-11 WATER WARNING LEVEL 1 CONSERVATION DECLARATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Carson, Iowa: With the recent rains, there has been some improvement to the region's water supply, the City Water Operator and Mayor hereby recommend to the City Council to lower the water conservation restrictions from Level 2 to Level 1. Although the well levels have improved, the local water sources are still stressed from years of drought. With the summer season approaching, City leaders remain cautious and will retain water conservation level 1 restrictions to allow the local resources additional time to rebound from the drought.

Therefore, the City Council, of Carson, Iowa hereby declares a PUBLIC WATER CONSERVATION: WATER WARNING LEVEL 1 as defined per city code chapter 93 in the City of Carson, Iowa during which time the following measures and provisions of the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 93 Water Conservation shall be in effect to produce an orderly and equitable reduction of water consumption until, by resolution, the Council finds and declares the water shortage or implications of drought stress on the city water system conditions to have been resolved.

Passed and approved by a vote of the City Council, of Carson, Iowa, this 10th Day of June 2024

The full Resolution and Ordinance Chapter 93 may be found our website, www.carsongov.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday - Thursday, December 30, 2024 -January 2, 2025 - City Hall is closed in observance of the New Year Holiday.

Monday, January 6th - Christmas Tree & Monthly Yard Waste Pick Up—Call City Hall at 712-484-3636 ahead of time

ONLY IF YOU HAVE YARD WASTE to be added to the list. (Christmas trees do not require a phone call)

Monday, January 13, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Community Center. The public is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 - **Water bill due date**. See below for water payment options.

Saturday, January 18, 2025 - Cornhole Tournament hosted by the CVFD and American Legion Post #556 at the Community Center from 4 pm to 10 pm.

Monday, January 20, 2025 - City Hall closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Monday, January 20, 2025 - City Budget Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. The public is welcome to attend.

Saturday, January 25, 2025 - Annual Pet Clinic at the Maintenance Shed (across from the rodeo arena). Cats from 9 AM to 10 PM and Dogs from 10:00 AM to Noon. Free Rabies Shot and Free Pet License on this day only! If your pet's rabies vaccination is up to date, bring the certificate with you and receive your free pet license.

Monday, February 3, 2024 - Monthly Yard Waste Pick Up—Call City Hall at 712-484-3636 ahead of time to be added to the list.

Monday, February 10, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Community Center. Public welcome.

Saturday, February 15, 2025 - **Water bill due date**. See below for water payment options.

Monday, February 17, 2025 - City Hall is closed in observance of President's Day.

Monday, March 3, 2025—Monthly Yard Waste Pick Up-Call City Hall at 712-484-3636 ahead of time to be added to the list.

Monday, March 10, 2025—Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Community Center. Public welcome.

Saturday, March 15, 2025—**Water bill due date**. See below for water payment options.

*The City of Carson Drop Box is located at 316 South Commercial (South Side of the Community Center).
Water bills and other correspondence may be dropped here after hours or on days the City Hall Office is closed.
Payments may also be done online at our City website, www.carsongov.com.*

ANIMAL CONTROL INFORMATION

The City of Carson contracts with the Pottawattamie County for Animal Control Services. The county has staff officers trained to handle animal control issues. If you have a complaint or concern regarding animal control inside the City limits of Carson please use these contact numbers:

Animal Control: 712-366-1143 Midland's Humane Society: 712-396-2270 For Emergencies: 911
Comm Phone: 712-328-5737 (Non Emergencies)

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CARSON POSTAL CUSTOMER

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PERMIT #4
CARSON, IA 51525

CITY OF CARSON
316 SOUTH COMMERCIAL
PO BOX 128
CARSON, IA 51525

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS THAT LIVE
INSIDE CARSON CITY LIMITS ONLY

**CITY OF CARSON'S 25TH ANNUAL
PET CLINIC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025**

MAINTENANCE SHED: 121 RODEO DRIVE
ACROSS FROM RODEO GROUNDS

**GET YOUR PETS UP TO DATE WITH A FREE
RABIES SHOT AND FREE CITY PET
LICENSE.**

TIMES:

CATS ONLY: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

DOGS ONLY: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PLEASE DO NOT BRING DOGS BEFORE 10 AM TO AVOID
STRESS ON ALL PETS.

THE OAKLAND VET CLINIC WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL VACCINATIONS.
THE COST WILL BE \$40.00 FOR EACH PET PAYABLE TO DOC TURNER BY
THE OWNER AT THE TIME OF SERVICE.

IF YOUR PET ALREADY HAS A CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION YOU
MAY STILL OBTAIN A FREE CITY LICENSE AT THIS CLINIC IF YOU
PRESENT A COPY OF YOUR PET'S CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE.

FREE OFFER GOOD THIS DAY ONLY

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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY CARSON FIRE AND RESCUE + AMERICAN LEGION POST 556

\$30
FOR TEAMS REGISTERED ONLINE (12/4 - 1/17)
DAY OF REGISTRATION: \$40
Follow Carson Fire & Rescue on Facebook for sign up link and updates.

BAGS BOARD RAFFLE PRIZE TICKETS
1/\$2 OR 3/\$5

SAT. JAN 18 • 4-10PM
REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 3PM

CARSON COMMUNITY BUILDING

WALKING TACOS • LIVE MUSIC • RAFFLE
• 50/50 PAYOUT TO WINNING TEAM
• CASH BAR

scan code to send registration payment via Venmo.
Contact Jordan @ 402-689-3602 or
Lisa @ 712-435-0273 for other payment option or questions

TEAMS OF TWO ONLY. DOUBLE ELIMINATION. TEAMS WILL FOLLOW RULES PROVIDED BY CARSON FIRE & RESCUE. WINNER OF RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN @ 9:30PM. MUST USE BAGS PROVIDED AT THE EVENT. RAFFLE WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR FINAL DRAWING.

Jordan Easton
@Jordan-Easton-1




