

CITY OF CARSON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM
JULY 10, 2024

Council Present: Rose, Graves, Richardson. Absent: Houser. 1 Council Seat Vacancy. Mayor Todd present. Staff present: Duede, Rose. Public Present: Wayne Steele, Rachel Johnson.

Mayor Todd called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Pledge of allegiance. Rose made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Graves – 3 ayes. General Public Forum Comment Discussion: Graves stated Irene Skank voiced concern for yellow paint needed on the new private property sidewalk in front of the post office, as well as the need for fresh paint on parking space lines and handicapped accessible parking spaces downtown. No other comments were received. Wayne Steele (201 S. Central) and Rachel Johnson (615 French) attended the city council meeting as interested citizens seeking to fill a vacancy on the council. Both introduced themselves and explained why they wanted to be appointed to serve the community. Rose made a motion to appoint Rachel Johnson to fill the city council vacancy, seconded by Graves. The motion carried with 3 ayes. Johnson will take her seat at the council table at the next city council meeting. **Rose made a motion to approve the 3rd & Final Reading of Ordinance 262 (Amending City Code Sections: 92.02 Water Service Rates, 92.03 Service Outside the City, 92.09 Customer Deposits, 92.10 Temporary Vacancy, 99.02 Sewer Service Rates), seconded by Graves – Roll Call 3 ayes: Rose, Graves, Richardson. Motion carried.** The council reviewed the latest draft of an agreement for land for a new municipal well site, land owned by Larry Allen, the property owner, regarding well testing and an option for purchase. They also considered recommendations from the city engineer and attorney. During the discussion, they also considered the impact on the site's tenant and potential crop damage language. The council has decided to seek recommendations from the city engineer and attorney on how to address these considerations within the agreement. An updated draft agreement is expected to be reviewed at the next council meeting. Public Works, Water, Sewer Department Reports were given by David Rose, Superintendent. Well-level reports were given, and well levels are improving. The department is obtaining electrical hook-up bids for an emergency generator for the water treatment plant and wells. Rose made a motion to approve Iowa Pump Works quote to repair and reinstall the Flygt 3127.090-0640074 pump \$6,435.29 at the wastewater treatment plant, seconded by Graves – 3 ayes. Review of public works maintenance project lists. David Rose provided an update on Ethan Schmitt's training classes and schedule to test for water operator licenses. The City personnel committee members, Council Members Rose and Houser, along with Mayor Todd, will be scheduling a meeting to discuss and recommend updates to the employee handbook pertaining to setting policy regarding the benefitted use of public works city vehicles driven to and from work by employees, employee evaluation schedules, and considerations for pay increases based on the evaluations and achieved licenses. City Council reviewed 6/25/2024 storm-related damages from the wind thunderstorm. Rose motioned to approve the city attorney to draft an ordinance to amend Chapter 151 Trees, seconded by Richardson – 3 ayes. City Council reviewed the municipal infraction report, and directed city hall to send nuisance abatement letters to property owners on the north side of 100 Block of Broadway for tall weeds/grass failure to mow, and junk accumulations along the alley, property owners on 100 block of Pleasant street for tall grass/weeds failure to mow/trim along the street. Richardson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Rose – Roll call 3 ayes: Richardson, Rose, Graves. Motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of June 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes, July Bills, Clerk Report, Utility Report, Community Center Report, Fire Department Report, Overtime Report, Sheriff's Reports, Animal Control Report, Carson Community Rodeo Inc Class C Alcohol License Application (Pending Dram Shop), Bar'n & Grill Beer Permit Renewal Pending Application and Dram Shop, authorize employee benefits insurance broker business associate agreement with Gallagher. Mayor & Commissioner Reports. Rose recommended the city cancel the 402-490-9622 cell service plan as the public works department does not monitor the phone. The clerk will cancel service for that line. Rose motioned to adjourn at 8:31 PM, seconded by Graves – 3 ayes. Tim Todd, Mayor Attest: Brianne Duede, City Administrator Clerk