

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARRINGTON**

**AUGUST 14, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The following members of Council and City Departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Tyler Hoggarth, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilmen Pederson and Olson, and Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Linda Schuster and Karen Evans.

Mayor Erdmann informed Council that Chief Bittmann rescinded his resignation on August 9, 2023 and the Mayor and Police Committee accepted.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held July 10, 2023 and special meeting minutes from July 27, 2023 and August 2, 2023 with a correction to the date of the July 27, 2023 minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve consent agenda items:

a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1007 to Friends of Kvamme's for a raffle and #1008 to Sykeston American Legion for a calendar raffle.

b. Request from Foster County Soil Conservation District to use the armory as a backup location for Eco Ed Day on September 6, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to approve revised policies 2.12 Training & Development and 4.06 On Call Time. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made at the July 10, 2023 meeting and a second was made by Hoggarth, to have the 2nd Reading and passage of Ordinance 278, an ordinance

granting a franchise to Daktel Communications, LLC, D/B/A Dakota Central Telecommunications of Carrington, ND. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Hoggarth, and Smith. (Roundy abstained). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to add the endorsement for equipment breakdown coverage from NDIRF for one year. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Smith, Fandrich, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to contribute \$300,000 from Fund 218 toward lowering 14-1 Special Assessments for taxable year 2023. The following voted in favor: Smith, Roundy, Fandrich, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPT:**

Assistant Chief Wolsky reported 3 calls on the rural side. There is a new fire marshall stationed in Jamestown. Wolsky stated commendations to Officer Kapp and the Police Department on National Night Out for including the fire department. 25 year open house celebration went well.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to allow the Haunted House/Lions group to utilize the armory free of charge. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Roundy, to allow a benefit for Carol Sherman in the armory on November 3, 2023 free of charge due to Mike Sherman's involvement with the fire department. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**FINANCE & LEGAL:**

Mayor Erdmann reported on Garrison Diversion/ Red River Valley Water Supply project, financials were reviewed, and utility liens were discussed.

**CCCEDC:**

Mayor Erdmann reported there are no funding requests this month.

**AIRPORT:**

Councilman Fandrich reported they met last Thursday with light repairs and paint issues in the new hangar, approved 2024 Budget,

and ND Aeronautics inspected the airport in June and passed inspection.

**POLICE:**

Mayor reported that Councilman Pederson will be the Chairperson of the Police Committee, still short staffed one Officer, service calls for the month were 227, traffic and ticket revenue is down for the year and discussed enforcement.

**TREE BOARD:**

Smith reported Sherman's were awarded the bid for the 2023 removal project.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilman Roundy reported on tonight's meeting. Kelly Hagel and Travis Dillman were present. Westside water expansion is going to be moved over to the west side with permitting getting taken care of and hopefully another bore attempt in September. Jason is working with Dean Pennington on a cost share for paving for a water line repair as well as getting a quote for other pavement replacement from water breaks. A storm drain will be repaired by the football field. State inspections were completed on the landfills with the lime landfill passing with the inert/old landfill requiring corrective actions due to the state. Citywide cleanup days will be held September 21-23. Jason will be working on the specifications as the lease for the blade will be coming up. Interstate has not set the elevations yet on Kelly Hagel's property as the pins seem to disappear and they will coordinate a time for both parties to be there.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

Wolsky reported that 8 building permits and 1 moving permit were issued.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve the committee reports as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Smith, Hoggarth, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CARRINGTON SCHOOL  
DISTRICT # 49 SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Carrington School District 49 School Board was held on August 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the high school ITV room. Present: Joel Lemer, Angela Kutz, Kevin Wolsky, and Dr. Ben Garr. Absent: Tonia Erickson. Kimary Edland recorded the minutes.

President Lemer called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and declared a quorum present.

It was moved by Kutz, seconded by Garr and carried (all voting yes on voice vote) to approve the minutes from July 11, 2023.

Financial reports for the Activity Fund, Special Reserve, Building, Special Assessment, Capital Projects, General and Hot Lunch Funds were reviewed. It was moved by Kutz, seconded by Garr and carried (all voting yes on voice vote) to accept the reports as presented.

It was moved by Wolsky, seconded by Kutz and carried (all voting yes on voice vote) to approve the check registers and payment of bills.

Mrs. Helseth presented elementary updates on the ice-cream social, school pictures, fresh fruit and vegetable program, TEAM, and reported that there are 38 students enrolled in PreK and 45 in kindergarten. She also reported that she had a substitute teacher meeting, a Colors of English training for teachers in grades 1-3, and a para meeting; that the classroom teachers letters and school mailing were sent digitally; that the teacher in-service is on August 16, 17, and 21; that she has been working on the 504/health care plans; that she has been conducting East Central interviews; and that McKenzie Johnson will be a student teacher this fall in Mrs. Tweeds's and Mrs. Laib's classrooms.

Mr. Weber reported that 8-12 registration was yesterday and today and that 7th grade orientation was also today.

Mrs. Helm reported that she and Joel met with Mark Wagner, assistant director for CTE, and discussed the next steps the District will need to take; that the office furniture has arrived; that she

has been working on the budget, finalizing the bus routes, planning for the professional development days, working with ND PHIT on the screenings; and that she and Joel met with YHR to start discussions about the beginning phase of the window project.

Transportation Committee: Kevin Wolsky reviewed the minutes from the August 1, 2023, meeting where the committee met and finalized bus routes for the 2023/2024 school year.

Finance Committee: Kevin Wolsky reviewed the minutes from the August 7, 2023, meeting where the committee reviewed the General Fund Budget for 2023-24. He then presented the Budget to the Board. After discussion, it was moved by Wolsky, seconded by Kutz and carried (all voting yes on voice vote) to approve the first reading of the budget.

After discussion, it was moved by Kutz, seconded by Garr and carried (all voting yes on voice vote) to approve an initial planning study by YHR Architecture's for a new office and secure entry at the high school and middle school at a cost of \$12,500.00.

The next regular meeting of the Carrington School Board will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 4:00 P.M.

The Board toured the school facilities.

Adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

Bills: General Fund: Badlands Environmental Consultants, Inc., \$300.00; Bessette Motors, Inc., 1,098.90; Bismarck Radisson Hotel, 264.60; Bremer Insurance, Inc., 18,034.00; C&J Oil Co., 193.15; Carrington Motor Co., 853.46; Carrington Rose Garden, 38.00; Central Business Systems, Inc., 125.07; Central City Lumber, 282.20; Chamber of Commerce, 680.00; City of Carrington, 3,399.00; Cognia, 500.00.

Dakota Central Telecommunications, 523.50; Dakota Fence, 5,595.00; East Central Special Education, 886.17; Family Vision Center, 125.00; Foster County Independent, 817.42; Gilliss, Shania, 395.44; Glass & Screen Repair, 16.00; Graybar, 17.05; Innovative Education, 179.99; Kiwanis Club of Carrington, 80.00; Kollman Furnace Repair, 1,876.92.

Leaf, 396.00; Linde Gas & Equipment, 82.40; MDU, 671.98;

Napa Auto Parts, 18.58; NDCEL, 870.00; NDSBA, 400.00; Network Services Co., 7,328.00; Ottertail Power Company, 9,419.57; Pat Biel Trucking, Inc., 3,150.13; Patriot Fuels, 161.33; Popplers Music Store, 40.00; Postmaster, 186.00.

Revolving Fund, 190.00;

Rosenau Equipment DBA Central City Repair, 95.81; Runnings, 2,055.96; Scholastic Book Clubs, 1,048.82; SDI Innovations, 726.23; Seesaw Learning, Inc., 2,412.50; Summit Fire Protection, 2,907.00; Time Management Systems, 189.18; Waterford Research, 4,620.00; WEX, 81.00; Willyard Excavating, 245.00; Workforce Safety and Insurance, 13,937.61.

Building Fund: Central City Lumber, \$6,178.18.

Activity Fund: Arick Scherr, 14.95; BSN Sports, 132.00; Capital Trophy, 50.50; Carrington School Activity Acc., 1,659.36; Carrington Sports Booster, 180.00; Cottonwood Golf Course, 50.00; CrossRoads, 690.00; David Johnson, 49.95; Forest Park Dance, 1,320.00; Gerrells and Co, Inc., 55.00; Griffin, Karlee, 14.95; HUDL, 1,648.00; Jostens, 740.87; Mayville Golf Course, 40.00; Revolving Fund, 999.50; Universal Athletic Services, 5,910.52; Wolsky, Kevin, 14.95.

Added Bills: Aaron Motter, \$89.50; Bradley Nold, 145.83; Brett Thielges, 89.50; Carrington School General Fund, 148.19; Carrington School Payroll, 400,000.00; Central City H2O+, 1,678.20; Commercial Card Solutions, 858.79; Concordia College, 926.00; Dakota Fence, 42,700.00; Foster County Medical Center, 500.00; Gussiaas Electric, LLC, 3,425.75; Hansen, Melissa, 260.01.

High Plains Equipment, Inc., 10,600.00; Benzer, Inc., 3,760.00; Kevin Walker, 89.50; Mark Ukestad, 89.50; MDU, 454.50; Morgan, Brady, 14.95; ND Educators Service Cooperative, 250.00; NDSU Dept. 3110, 926.00; NDSU Dept. 3110, 926.00; Pearce & Durick, 66.25; Rough Rider Industries, 24,647.00; SEEC, 2,200.00; Trautman, Megan, 125.00; UND, 926.00.

Kimary Edland, Business Manager  
Joel Lemer, President  
Carrington Public School District  
Board of Education  
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an open meeting to the public. Sonja said she would like to record this meeting and request was granted.

In front of the Post Office, a Handicap Sign will be put on the light pole and blue and yellow paint will be purchased to paint the sidewalk so the slope is more noticeable.

New Business: The Mayor announced that the cast iron pipe will be replaced the following week and not to water lawn or fill pools since the rural water will be off till pipe is replaced. The Water Tower will be full when rural water is shut off. A group text reminder will be sent out on Sunday.

Since Rick has been dealing with the Railroad Company already, he will contact them about a statement that was received in the mail.

Sonja questioned about the maintenance bill on the water statement thinking that she has been being over charged. Rick explained that the maintenance is a charge

a motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Smith, to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Bills: United States Treasury, \$6,304.19; NDPERS, 8,863.78; NDPERS, 262.50; Bank of North Dakota, 82,000.00; Bank of North Dakota, 11,820.00; Bank of North Dakota, 175,950.00; United States Treasury, 5,811.12; NDPERS, 262.50.

AT&T Mobility, 387.16; Unum Life Insurance Company, 71.98; Postmaster, 331.28; AFLAC, 527.27; ODIN, 1,254.00; Leaf, 55.00; Leaf, 226.00; Golden Acres Manor, 50.00; Grainger, 3,113.34; Absolute Aquatics, 167.88; Acme Tools, 504.99; Amazon Capital Services, 43.82; Aramark, 356.39; Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 402.55; Art and Learn, 849.06; Auto Value Carrington, 130.40; Avid Hawk LLC, 105.00.

Bank of North Dakota, 10,089.06; Barnes & Noble, 517.37; Belcher, Corinna, 140.00; Bessette Motors, Inc., 333.51; Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND, 21,375.00; Braun Intertec, 6,972.65; Carrington Park District, 1,538.93; Carrington Pool, 75.00; Carrington City Library

Petty Cash, 169.59; Central City Lumber, 444.51; Central Business Systems, 121.60; Central City H2O+, 27.00.

Central City Wellness Center, 26,084.39; Chieftain Conference Center, 81.35; City of Carrington, 855.12; City of Carrington Meter Depo, 100.00; C&J Oil Co., 1,093.06; Core & Main, 3,437.42; Carrington Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 4,396.37; Dakota Pump & Control, Inc., 1,006.00; Dakota Central Telecom I, 1,006.15; Daldsted & Ryan P.C., 2,146.50; Demco, 636.27.

Frey Municipal Software, 5,973.48; Ebsco, 157.88; Ecotlab Pest Elim. Div., 78.70; Farmer's Union Service Association, 1,052.00; Ferguson Waterworks, 995.94; Ferguson Enterprises-LLC #3325, 1,069.59; Forum Communications Company, 230.89; Foster County Independent, 1,163.96; GEI Consultants, 291.00; Graymont Western US, Inc., 7,608.69; Gross, Robert, 250.00.

Hawkins, Inc., 2,709.88; High Plains Equipment, 70.10; Information Technology Dept., 105.40; Interstate Engineering, Inc., 28,258.92; Carrington Economic

Development, 42,965.90; J&R Dirtworks LLC, 2,400.00; Law Enforcement Seminars LLC, 425.00; Leevers Foods, 293.77; Martin's Flag Co., Inc., 880.58; Lexis Nexis Mathew Bender, 28.58.

Montana Dakota Utilities, 331.80; Napa Auto Parts, 1,143.30; ND Dept. of Health, 50.00; ND Dept. of Health, 352.20; North Dakota Library Association, 160.00; One Call Concepts, 29.90; Northern Plains Electric Co-op., 782.04; Ottertail Power Co., 6,184.62; Patriot Fuels, 1,254.24; Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase, 985.02.

Rosenau Equipment, 80.86; Running's Supply, Inc., 1,199.80; Running's Supply, Inc., 261.26; Schroeder, Bradee, 250.00; Seil, Michele, 363.55; Strategos International, LLC, 297.00; UND, 200.00; VanDiest Supply Co., 5,076.50; Waster Management of ND, 28,120.00; Rick's Wholesale Tire, 113.00.

Payroll: August 25, 2023, \$24,636.76; September 8, 2023, \$21,709.09.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor  
Tom Erdmann, Mayor  
Carrington City Council  
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**CITY OF SYKESTON  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 8, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Rick Richter, Dennis Johnson, Jon Polries, Jim Speldrich, Bev Hafner, Jennifer McCann, Daniel Johnston, Sonja Johnston, Richard Hatch, Deanna Haugen, Wells County Deputy Sheriff Mike Beaver, Kim Speldrich and Kathy Lesmeister.

Minutes were read and approved with the following changes: Sonja said that with the sale of the "Cafe" the Century Code needs to be followed; the City had to get an assessment and not an appraisal of the "Cafe"; Karen Neumiller supplied the Stop Sign and Gary Garman put it up; 1st by Dennis and 2nd by Rick.

Bills were presented and approved 1st by Dennis and 2nd by Rick. Central Plains 220062 gal \$1350.37, Ottertail \$431.52, Ottertail ½ \$78.15, DCT ½ \$43.07, ND Health Dept \$14.00, Double M Sanitation \$2309.92, Independent \$265.64, Jerome Hoheisel

\$46.17, Dennis Johnson \$46.17, Rick Richter \$209.32, Kathy Lesmeister \$554.10, Jon Oatis \$671.40, Runnings \$35.70, J&R Dirtworks \$4098.00, Arrowwood ½ propane \$77.50, Postage \$18.66, BND \$14338.40; H&H Coating \$24200.00 and Johnston & Sons \$24200.00 to be submitted to Wells County Auditor.

Old Business: Sale of the "Cafe"; some of the things that were discussed was if the sale would be open or closed bidding, new owners would have to honor the existing contract, no contents will be sold with the property, and no guarantee of a liquor license. Jon Polries spoke up for the Community Club stating that the Club was objecting to the sale. He read a statement to the Community Club from the City when the City took over the ownership that talked about the management and finances. After some discussion it was decided that the City and the Community Club would hold a joint meeting on August 15 at 6:30 pm to decide on how to move forward with the "Cafe". This will be

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that is on each individual property.

The Sykeston Legion owners requested that the block on Main Avenue in front of the Post Office be blocked off for their 1st year anniversary on August 26. Request was approved 1st by Dennis and 2nd by Rick with the stipulation that the Fire Hall can not be blocked off. Owners agreed to the stipulation.

Kim asked about the pile of rocks and gravel that was left on Hughs and A Street after the water line was repaired. Rick stated that he would get the pile moved in the near future.

A comment was made that

not everything said at a meeting is in the minutes. I apologize for paraphrasing and not putting in the minutes all of the comments since some are inappropriate to be published. The cost for publishing the May minutes was \$170.64. I am trying to keep the cost down.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm 1st by Dennis and 2nd by Rick.

Next City Council meeting will be September 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

UPDATE: Sale of the "Cafe" property will be an open auction on September 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. outside the City/Fire Hall. Ad will run in the Independent for two weeks. No movable contents will be sold with the property. (Publish September 25, 2023)

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**ROADSIDE WEED AND GRASS MOWING NOTICE**

Pursuant to NDCC 63-05-01. "It is the duty of landowners or operators with land adjoining regularly traveled county and township highways, as designated by the township board of supervisors in organized townships, the board of county commissioners in unorganized townships, and the board of county commissioners in the case of county highways, to cut all weeds and grasses along the regularly traveled highways adjoining their lands, including weeds and grasses growing within the public right of way bordering the highways and their lands. **The cutting shall be completed not later than October 15th**, as prescribed by the board of county commissioners."

The maximum stubble height shall be 4 inches and the width of cut shall be a minimum of a 14-foot swath where possible. The roadsides on all county and township roads shall be mowed. **Haying of the grasses within rights of way is permitted, but all stored hay shall be removed by November 1st of each year.**

**"FAILURE TO CUT WEEDS AND GRASSES-EXPENSES LEVIED AS TAXES AGAINST LAND."** If the landowner or operator fails to cut the weeds and grasses along the designated highways or roads as provided in this chapter, the board of township supervisors or the board of county commissioners, as the case may be, may cause the weeds and grasses to be cut and actual expense of cutting shall be certified to the county auditor, all the excess shall be charged against the land of the landowners and shall become part of the taxes to be levied against the land for the ensuing year and shall be collected in the same manner as other real estate taxes are collected, and placed to the credit of the respective subdivisions entitled thereto NDCC 63-05-03.

Pursuant to authority vested in the above notice, the Board of County Commissioners and Township Supervisors of Foster County, North Dakota hereby designate October fifteenth as the deadline for completion of weed cutting.

Alan Scanson, Chairman  
Foster County Commission

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No swathing of weeds is permitted. If the landowner or operator fails to cut the weeds and grasses along the designated highways or roads as provided in this notice, the Board of Township Supervisors may cause such weeds and grasses to be cut, and the actual expense of cutting shall be certified to the County Auditor, and all such expense shall be charged against the land of the landowner and shall become a part of the taxes to be levied against the land for the ensuing year and shall be collected and placed to the credit of the respective sub-division entitled thereto.

It is required that a minimum of 14' be cut with a maximum 4" stubble height. There will be no snow removal on roads left uncut unless authorized and paid for by the township.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WELLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Foster County Soil Conservation District**

**It's time for Conservation Tree Planning**

Technical assistance on tree plans is free. Planning & preparation should begin in the summer & fall. Some programs require application a year before planting, so please contact us as soon as possible.

Foster County Soil Conservation District provides services for tree planting and weed barrier application, between-row grass seeding, tree site irrigation supplies and tree tube installation.

**Other Services Available:**

- No-till planting with 14' drill, SCD provides tractor and driver
- Between-tree-row and small site grass planting with 6' seeder
- Between-tree-row mowing with 6-foot rotary mower

**Equipment for Rent:**

- 14' no-till drill with legume box and native grass attachment
- 6' seeder with three-point attachment
- Fabric puller attachment for SkidSteer - helps remove old weed barrier

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Total: **\$31,500** (without tax)

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