

MINUTES of: City of Carlos Special Council Meeting
City Hall/ Office, Carlos, Minnesota
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 6 :00 PM

Meeting was available to be attended in person or over Zoom.

Mayor Todd Burgess called City of Carlos Regular Council meeting to order at 6:00pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance @ 6:00 pm

2. Roll Call was taken: Mayor Todd Burgess; Council Members Ronna Berghoff, Ashley Wildman, Donna Eveslage and James Young were present. Clerk/Treasurer Lori Johnson, Jesse Froemming, Donnie Froemming, Colton Steidl, Brian Balcome, Nicole Botzet, Dwayne Waldorf, Jared Voge, Andy Miller, Hope Miller, Lynn Timm, Neal , Jeff Gunderson, Teresa Zwieg, Rod Meyers, Bill Krivanek were also in attendance.

3. Mayor Todd Burgess explained purpose of meeting: to discuss and work on new fire hall project.

- Outgrown existing fire hall; new one required.
- Cost estimates more than City of Carlos can afford itself
- Fire Department serves Carlos Township and Belle River Township as well as City of Carlos.
- Looking for input as to ways to proceed
- Three proposals have been presented:
 - 1) Concept Plans by Bolten-Menk
 - 2) Concept Plan by Donnie Froemming
 - 3) Complete architectural and engineered plans from Widseth Engineering that would need to be updated to current code.
- After years of negotiating with IDS 206, in Sept of 2021 a contract for lease of property for 99 years for the purpose of building a fire hall. Stipulation being fire hall must be principally built within 5 years.
- History of project: Fire Chief Tim Sukke gave project to Builders First Choice in Osakis, lapse of many months and project was not done; enlisted Bolten-Menk to help. They produced concept drawings upon which an estimate of costs could be obtained. Financing consultation was sought from Jason Murry; basically City of Carlos could only afford \$2 million of debt and project estimate was over \$3 million. Donnie Froemming proposed he could build a more basic structure on his property and then lease it to City of Carlos until costs recovered. Last meeting Brian Balcome from Widseth Engineering, and also a resident of Carlos, brought a set of fully completed plans that Widseth had done and Carlos had paid for several years ago (which he said could be updated to current code for ten to fifteen thousand dollars). Current Council members were not familiar with this plan before that time.
- Bill Krivanek stated that at the March 2022 Carlos Township Annual Meeting it was made clear that Carlos Township was not going to be involved unless there was a Joint Powers Agreement established so they would have a say as to its design, etc.
- It was agreed with all parties: (Carlos Township, City of Carlos, and Belle River Township) that the next step is to establish a Joint Powers Agreement. Decision was made to contact lawyers and get this drawn up.

ADJOURNMENT: Ronna Berghoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ashley Wildman seconded it. Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 6:55pm.



Lori D. Johnson, City of Carlos Clerk/Treasurer