

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order September 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Striffler

Present: Mayor Thomas Striffler, Council Members Dick Pouliot, Joe Greene, Rick Lipan (Left at 8:40 p.m.), Mike Henry, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brent D. Morgan – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

**AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:** Brenda Binns expressed concerns regarding her lawn mowing bill. She submitted three letters to be entered into the public record. The Mayor will investigate the bill.

### COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Striffler noted the communications.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Regular Council Minutes – September 6, 2011
2. Policy Minutes – September 7, 2011
3. Invoices
4. Department Reports
  - a. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
  - b. Fire Report – Chief David Mattlin
  - c. Parks & Recreation – (Unavailable)
  - d. DPW/Water Report – Charles Sundblad
  - e. Blight Report – Jerry Thorp
  - f. WWTP – Curtis Wells
  - g. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Karen Snider

**Moved by Greene, seconded by Lipan to approve the consent agenda with correcting the Council minutes of September 6, 2011 to include Joe Greene as present and including the invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.**

### REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Disc Golf – Park & Recreation – Gary Anderson and Sean Smith were present to answer questions and explain the layout of the disc golf course. This is being funded through a grant from the Rotary Club and businesses. The total cost is \$3,600.  
**Moved by Henry, seconded by Kish to approve the proposed disc golf layout as presented by the Caro Parks & Recreation Committee subject to the Fair Board's review and approval. Motion carried.**

2. Request for IFT – MI Tech Tooling – Set Public Hearing – **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Langmaid to set a public hearing on October 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. on the request from MI Tech Tooling for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Motion carried.**
3. MML Voting Delegate – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Langmaid to appoint Greene as the voting delegate to the MML Annual Convention. Motion carried.**
4. Economic Vitality Incentive Program - **Moved by Pouliot, seconded by Langmaid to approve the Caro Dashboard & Citizen’s Guide and authorize the City Manager to submit them to the MI Department of Treasury in order to be in compliance and eligible for the Economic Vitality Incentive Program and have posted on the website. Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.**
5. Request from Tuscola County Economic Development Corp. – The EDC is requesting the City of Caro consider an allocation of \$14,600 for the 2011-12 EDC budget year. **Moved by Greene, seconded by Kish to table this item until additional information can be obtained. Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Policy – **Moved by Greene, seconded by Henry, to amend the City of Caro Water/Sewer Adjustment Policy by removing the word “or lease” at the end of paragraph number 1. Motion carried.** The Gun Club lease is continuing to be reviewed.
2. Park & Recreation – Sam Moore provided council with a Summer 2011 Summary for Parks & Recreation. Langmaid announced that the Punt, Pass & Kick is Sunday, September 25, 2011.
3. DDA – The E. Burnside Parking Lot Project is mostly finished. The lights and landscaping will be done in October. The new curb at Atwood Park is almost complete. The DDA has hired Troy Johnson to move forward with a website.

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

1. The City Manager reported that the curb has been replaced at the resident’s home on Gilford Road at a cost to the resident of \$700. There will be an open house on September 22<sup>nd</sup> for Community First Title Agency. The Chamber of Commerce held an After Hours at the Oven that was sponsored by Consumers Energy. The painting is almost complete at the Roadhouse.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

1. We have been interviewing for the position in the front office and hope to have a decision made by the end of the week. Trying to get someone on board before the Deputy Clerk goes on vacation.

2. At least two properties located in the City of Caro were sold at the Tuscola County auction. The City Attorney is researching if all utility bills and assessments are to be written off or just up to a certain date.

Taggett – Comments regarding Water/Sewer Adjustment Policy. Also expressed appreciation to the City Manager for doing a good job at explaining the Dashboard.

Sheardy – Comments on taking pictures before mowing lawns.

**Moved by Langmaid, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk/Treasurer