

## CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular meeting called to order December 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick Pouliot

Present: City Mayor Dick Pouliot, City Council: Mike Henry, Joseph Greene, Rick Lipan, Gordon Taggett, Charlotte Kish

Absent: Amanda Langmaid

Others in Attendance: Jared Olson – City Manager, Karen Snider – City Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:** None.

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – POET Biorefining –** As General Manager of POET Biorefining, Dave Gloer presented an update of the Caro facility. The Caro facility was originally designed to produce 40 million gallons of ethanol annually, and is now producing 58 million gallons. It also produces corn oil and animal feed. There is no waste at the facility. The ethanol industry helps our local economies as well by utilizing area restaurants, hotels and suppliers. The team members are very active in this community. It is their mission to give back to the community that has given so much to them.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Noted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Council Minutes - November 18, 2013
2. Invoices

**Moved by Kish seconded by Lipan to approve the consent agenda including the invoices as presented. Motion carried.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Gerace Construction Invoice - **Moved by Henry, seconded by Greene to approve the expenditure of the originally quoted amount of \$15,100 for all work performed in regards to the digester cover removal and approve the City Treasurer to make the appropriate budget adjustments to the current 2013-14 budget. Motion carried.**
2. Request for Banner –**Moved by Lipan, seconded by Kish to approve the request from the TISD Early On to hang a banner for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Fun Fair from April 14 – April 28, 2014. Motion carried.**

3. East Michigan Council of Governments 2013-14 Appropriation – **Moved by Taggett, seconded by Lipan not to participate at this time and to reevaluate at a different time. Motion carried.**
4. Resignation of Mark Putnam – Historical Commission – **Moved by Kish, seconded by Greene to accept the resignation from Mark Putnam from the Historical Commission with regret. Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Parks & Recreation – No report.

**MANAGER COMMENTS:** A pre-con meeting is scheduled for the Columbia Street Project on December 10 at City Hall. There will be a meeting on December 6 with MSHDA, MEDC and all interested downtown property owners regarding the Façade Improvement and Rental Rehabilitation Programs. A letter will be mailed to downtown property owners along with a copy of Ordinance #397 in regards to snow removal.

**CLERK REPORT:** We received a check in the amount of \$12,896 from Roes Contracting for the water main break that occurred back in June. Utility bills were mailed today. The Caro Voice will be coming out by January 1, 2014. The MML Capital Conference will be held at the Lansing Center, Lansing from March 18-19, 2014. Information is available on the MML website. Governor Snyder signed into law P.A. 161 of 2013 which amends MCL 211.7b regarding Veterans Exemptions. Disabled veterans, or if the veteran has died, the unremarried surviving spouse who meet certain criteria may be eligible for a 2013 tax exemption at the December 2013 Board of Review.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Sheardy asked for the State Boundary Public Hearing date and time at the Tech Center. Bill Petzold reported on the Chamber rebranding project.

**Henry moved, seconded by Greene to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Karen J. Snider, City Clerk