

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on July 19, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Joe Greene, City Council: Bob Eschenbacher, Kory Batschke, Don Hall, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Jill White, and Emily Campbell.

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: City Manager Matthew Lane, Assistant City Attorney Alexander Thibodeau (virtually), Ronald Redick, Tanya Batschke, Rita Papp, Herb Sheardy, Al Michele, Steve Campbell and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

21-M-142

1. **Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the agenda with the addition of item #10 Reschedule Policy Committee Meeting. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Correspondence from Ron Redick RE: Kappen Telecommunications Tower
2. MML Annual Meeting Notice

21-M-143

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to name Mayor Greene as voting delegate for the MML Convention in Grand Rapids. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – July 6, 2021
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report- Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report- Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement- Randall Heckroth
 - D. DPW/Water Report- Included with Manager Comments
 - E. WWTP- Curtis Wells
 - F. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report- Matthew Lane

21-M-144

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda-presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Treasurer Employment Agreement- Michele Perry

21-M-145

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to to approve the employment agreement with Michele Perry for the position of City Treasurer, as presented. Motion Carried.

2. Temporary Water Operator Agreement- MRWA

21-M-146

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the temporary water operator agreement with Michigan Rural Water Association. Motion carried.

3. Temporary Sewer Operator Agreement- MRWA

21-M-147

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to approve the temporary sewer operator agreement with Michigan Rural Water Association. Motion carried.

4. City of Caro Assessing Department Policy for Reasonable Accessibility to Taxpayers

21-M-148

Motion by Hall, seconded by Campbell to approve the Policy for Reasonable Accessibility to Taxpayers as presented. Motion carried.

5. Purchase of 721 S. State Street (resolution)

21-M-148

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the resolution to purchase 721 S. State Street from the Tuscola County Treasurer in the amount of \$4,330.85 Roll Call: Jones-Holubec-No; Batschke- Yes; White-Yes; Eschenbacher-Yes; Campbell-No; Hall-No; Mayor Greene- Yes. Motion carried.

6. Modification of City Mowing Contract

21-M-149

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the modification to the mowing contract with the addition of \$215 per week for mowing the entire fairgrounds making the total weekly charge \$900. Motion carried.

7. PC Recommendation: Special Condition Use- Kappen Telecommunications Tower

21-M-150

Motion by White, seconded by Batschke to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the special condition use permit and site plan for Kappen Properties LLC due to their failure to address the conditions set by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion Carried.

8. Ordinance #480: Rezone 1048 E. Caro Road

21-M-151

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve ordinance #480 rezoning parcels 050-035-101-1600 and 050-035-101-1990-00 from B-2 General Business to RA-1 One Family Residential with a B-1 Community Business, OS-1 Officer Services District Overlay. Motion carried.

9. Set Finance Committee Meeting- It was the consensus of Council to schedule the meeting for August 2, 2021 at 6:00PM
10. Reschedule Policy Committee Meeting- It was the consensus of Council to schedule the meeting for August 16, 2021 at 6:30PM

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. EDC- Mayor Greene gave an update on the pending projects for the EDC
2. Chamber of Commerce- City Manager Lane gave an update on what the Chamber is working on.
3. DDA- There was no meeting due to lack of quorum
4. Planning Commission- Council Member Eschenbacher advised council of three upcoming public hearings to be held by the planning commission on August 10, 2021.
5. Parks and Recreation- Council Member White advised that there was no meeting due to lack of quorum but there is an upcoming meeting for Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30pm.
6. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners- Council Member Jones-Holubec advised that the county mainly discussed the Putman development.
7. Indianfields Township- Mayor Greene advises that Indianfields Township has been searching for a new assessor, gave a pay raise to their seasonal workers and approved a 30-year franchise agreement with Thumb Electric.
8. Almer Township- Council Member Campbell advised there is nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greene provided a written report.

MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager Matthew Lane submitted a written report.

CLERK'S REPORT: Included in Manager Comments

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb Sheardy asked if the Clerk and Treasurer are two positions and inquired why the newly-painted fire hydrants have different color caps. He also inquired about the ISD Work Based Learning Crew.

Al Michele asked about where ALDI is proposed to be built, if Frank Street is a State Highway and if the Court House is open. He also made comments regarding the flowers downtown.

Tanya Batschke conveyed a complaint she received from residents on W. Grant Street regarding dangerous dogs.

Don Hall asked if there is an ordinance requiring secured buildings, commented that the City should be taking blight offenders to court sooner and recommends more signage for the DPW building.

Steve Campbell mentioned bricks fall from 202 W. Burnside Street.

Jill White mentioned that the grand stands at the fairgrounds are in disrepair and the fair board would like to focus on the buildings and have the City focus on the grounds more.

Mayor Greene challenged the Council to support the 4H kids at the Tuscola County Fair by purchasing livestock.

21-M-152

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew S. Lane, MPA
City Manager; Acting Clerk/Treasurer