

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on July 6, 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, Bryan Eschenbacher, Al Michele, Steve Campbell and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

21-M-132

- 1. Motion by Hall, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the addition of items #5 HRC Proposal for Digester Cover Engineering Assistance, #6 Request from Michele Perry Regarding Treasurer Employment Agreement, #7 Rita Papp City Clerk Employment Agreement, #8 Discussion of 425 Agreement for Putman Project with Indianfields Township. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – June 21, 2021
2. Special Council Minutes- June 29, 2021
3. Special Council Minutes- July 1, 2021
4. Invoices-
 - A. Two additions were added to the invoice register: Pole Relocation Project Invoice from SRS Inc in the amount of \$125,434.50 and Caro Center water main construction invoice from Sterling Excavations in the amount of \$444,492.20.

21-M-133

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the consent agenda including the invoices. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Purchase of Lift Station Generators- Wastewater

21-M-134

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve their purchase of three stationary lift station generators from Ken Martin Electric for the cost of \$105,000 and to approve the down payment of \$45,000 to get them ordered. Motion Carried.

2. Purchase of 2022 F450 Service Truck- Wastewater

21-M-134

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Campbell to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the purchase of a 2022 F450 Reg. Cab 4x4 Chassis with Knapheide Service Body from Signature Ford of Owosso for the MiDeal contract price of \$54,450 and to complete a budget adjustment in the amount of \$6,450 to cover the increase in costs since the preparation of the budget. Motion carried.

3. Purchase of Rescue Air Bags- Fire Department

21-M-135

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Batschke to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the purchase of rescue air bags from Dinges Fire in the amount of \$8,611, plus \$250 shipping, for a total cost of \$8,861.80 and to complete a budget adjustment in the Fire Fund to recognize the expense, offset by the use of fund balance, in the FY2021-2022 budget. Motion carried.

4. Purchase of Kabota Tractor- DPW

21-M-136

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to approve the purchase of the Kabota MX5400HSTC with 72" Bucket, quick hitch and forks from Farm Depot in the amount of \$39,138 and to complete a budget adjustment in the amount of \$4,938, offset by the use of fund equity, to cover the increase in costs since the preparation of the budget. Motion carried.

5. HRC Proposal for Digester Cover Engineering Assistance

21-M-137

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to accept the recommendation of the approve the HRC proposal in the amount of \$26,000 to remove and evaluate the primary digester cover and to design and bid necessary modifications. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer Employment Agreement Request from Michele Perry

21-M-138

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to deny the requests for additional vacation time and transition health insurance assistance and to re-offer the agreement as-is. Motion carried.

7. City Clerk Employment Agreement with Rita Papp

21-M-139

Motion by Batschke, seconded by White to approve the employment agreement with Rita Papp for the position of City Clerk, as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Discussion of 425 Agreement for Putman Medical Project with Indianfields Township

21-M-140

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to not proceed with discussions regarding a PA 425 agreement regarding the Putman Medical Project unless the City receives written requests from the Putmans and Indianfields Township. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation- Council Member White advises the June Parks and Recreation meeting was cancelled but that a subcommittee met with members of the Tuscola County Fair Board to discuss working together. She advises it went well and they plan to have another meeting.
2. Planning Commission- Council Member Eschenbacher advised they did not meet.
3. Zoning Board of Appeals- City Manager advised they have not had a meeting since the last report.

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT: None

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Michele asked about the police writing tickets at Walmart. Wants to know why the police are there so often.

Steve Campbell commented that he would like to see the police at Walmart more because of the traffic and reckless drivers.

Council Member Don Hall commented about tree limbs falling from City trees and brought up a concern with the mowing contract for City properties.

21-M-141

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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