

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on February 7, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Others: Matthew Lane – City Manager (via Teams Meeting), Rita Papp – Clerk, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

22-M-19

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the addition of:

7 – Schedule Policy Meeting

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Bieth Park/Aqua Zone Chair Order Form
2. Caro Cash 2021 Report
3. Invitation to Planning Commission meetings – Indianfields Township

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – January 17, 2022
2. Finance Committee Minutes – January 17, 2022
3. Invoices

22-M-20

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Banner Request – HDC – Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, April 1 - 30, 2022

22-M-21

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Hall to approve the Banner Request for HDC – Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, April 1 – 30, 2022.

Motion carried.

2. Caro Community Hospital Endowment Foundation – Charitable Gaming License

22-M-22

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the Caro Community Hospital Endowment Foundation – Charitable Gaming License as presented.

Roll call vote: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.

Motion carried.

3. Purchase of Gently Used Generator for DPW Building

22-M-23

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the purchase of the used 35 KW generator in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Motion carried.

4. Planning Commission – Special Condition Use for RightWay Automotive

22-M-24

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to accept the recommendation of the Administration and the Planning Commission and approve the special condition use permit for RightWay Automotive at 744 South State Street.

Motion carried.

5. Petition for Annexation to the City of Caro – Milton Berry/Connie Bishop

6. Petition for Annexation to the City of Caro – Arturo Reynero

22-M-25

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to accept the recommendation for the two petitions for annexations to the City of Caro by Milton Berry/Connie Bishop and Arturo Reynero. The City Manager is authorized to pursue annexation requests with Almer Township.

Motion carried.

7. Schedule Policy Committee Meeting

Policy Committee Meeting will be scheduled ½ hour before the next regular Council Meeting on 2/21/2022

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: Change Council Meeting Time

22-M-26

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to approve the City of Caro Resolution – Amend City Council Meeting Time to 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month effective immediately.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted

Highlighted – Attended the MME Conference in Troy, Michigan, Attended the Masterplan Community Visioning Session, Met with MSU Extension to discuss possible collaboration for Parks and Recreation programming. Attended Planning Commission meeting. Completed the Parks and Recreation 5-year plan. Addressed a question regarding environmental phase one at the police building. Addressed a question regarding residents still occupying a city owned property. Addressed a question regarding MMR meetings. Discussed the status of the city wells.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Bob Eschenbacher – Distributed the City Manager's evaluation form and directed the Council Members to drop off to City office before next meeting.

John Schneider – Commented on issues with dog feces in city parking lots. Questioned if there is a city ordinance regarding this. Commented in favor of changing the meeting time.

Pam Iseler – Inquired on the status of the water franchise process.

Council Member Jill White – Commented on the necessity of completing future global water franchise agreements going forward.

Council Member Kory Batschke – Commented that a global water franchise agreement will be completed in the future.

Mary Seehagen – Commented on the issues of residents parking on lawns and sidewalks on Gilford Road.

Council Member Tisha Jones-Holubec – Commented on the issue of plowed snow blocking handicap parking spots.

21-M- 27

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

**Rita Papp
City Clerk**