

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on January 4, 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, Rita Papp – Clerk, Michele Perry - Treasurer and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

22-M-1

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

1. Old Police Building – Demolition Project, # 2. Primary Bank Proposals, # 3. Well #1 additional work, # 4. DPW – Dump Truck, # 5. Water Project Workshop

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Ron Anderson – Commented that he has a pending purchase agreement for the Caro Strand Theatre. He would like the Council to consider tearing down the old police building for a parking lot. He is working with the EDC to keep the Caro Strand Theatre open.

Steve Erickson, EDC – Spoke in support of Ron Anderson. He explained the efforts of the EDC and working with the current owners of the Caro Strand Theatre. The EDC is in support of the new owners of the theatre and would like to see the theatre succeed. He assured that there will be continued support from the EDC.

Al Michel – Commented on the excellence of snow plowing in town. Inquired on the status of the water project with the medical development. Stated that he offered to donate a building to the County. Supports the consideration of tearing down the old police department for a parking lot.

Steve Campbell – Asked if Caro Police Department could patrol more at the Walmart entrance. He supports the Caro Strand Theatre and the tearing down of the old police department for a parking lot.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Facebook comment from Erwan Gicquel, Mayor of Caro, Brittany France.
2. Letter from Thomas Striffler – Caro City Resident
3. Letter from Al Jones, Chair of the Citizens for Cityhood committee and Vice-Chair of the City Charter committee.
4. Master Plan Update Flyer

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – December 20, 2021
2. Finance Committee of the Whole Minutes – December 20, 2021
3. Invoices

22-M-2

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Old Police Department – Demolition Project

22-M-3

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to authorize City Manager to move forward with the demolition project of the old police department and to complete the project in the next fiscal year, 2022-2023.

Motion carried.

2. Primary Bank Proposals

22-M-4

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to accept and approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee of the Whole to move the City of Caro primary banking to Frankenmuth Credit Union from Huntington Bank and to authorize Michele Perry, Treasurer to start said process.

Roll call vote: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – no, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.

Motion carried.

3. Well # 1 Additional Work

22-M-5

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the additional work by Peerless Midwest at a cost of \$53,579.00 and the completion of the required budget adjustment in the water fund to cover the additional expense.

Motion carried.

4. DPW – Dump Truck

22-M-6

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the purchase of the 2008 Freightliner from List Trucks and Equipment in Richville for \$56,900.00.

Motion carried.

5. Water Project Workshop

Mayor Greene proposed scheduling a water project workshop for January 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Packet was distributed to Council Members to read.

No motion brought to the table. No action taken.

6. Censure Mayor Greene on Water Project Discussion

22-M-7

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Campbell to censure Mayor Greene on water project discussion.

Mayor Greene requested roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – no.

Motion carried.

Mayor Greene requested legal opinion on censuring him on the water project discussion.

No motion brought to the table. No action taken.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – None submitted.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

22-M-8

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Motion carried.

**Rita Papp
City Clerk**