

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on October 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Others: Lauren Amellal – Interim City Manager/Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives, Rita Papp – City Clerk, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

22-M-203

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the agenda with the additions of:

#13 – Council Meeting Reschedule – November 10, 2022

#14 – HDC Request – Domestic Violence Ribbons

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Evonne Scott – Resident voiced concerns about a collapsed garage on her property that has been there for four months. She inquired on who owns it and who is going to clean it up.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Special Council Minutes – September 15, 2022
2. Finance/Policy Committee Minutes – September 19, 2022
3. Regular Council Minutes – September 19, 2022
4. Invoices

22-M-204

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the consent agenda as presented with amendments to the Special Council Minutes – September 15, 2022, and including invoices.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Set Halloween Trick or Treating Hours – October 31, 2022

22-M-205

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to approve the Halloween Trick or Treating Hours for October 31, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the siren to sound at the starting and ending times.

Motion carried.

2. Resolution for the adoption of the Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan

22-M-206

Motion by Jones, seconded by Hall to accept and approve the Resolution for the adoption of the Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones – yes, Iseler – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene - yes

Motion carried

3. Schedule 2nd Interviews for City Manager candidates

2nd Interview for City Manager to be scheduled on October 11, 2022 & October 12, 2022.

4. CDL Licensing

22-M-207

Motion by Hall, seconded by Iseler to postpone this matter to a later date.

Motion carried.

5. Jack Doheny Company – Estimates for Vac Truck Repair

22-M-208

Motion by Hall, seconded by Campbell to accept and approve the estimate from Jack Doheny Company in the amount of \$ 12,570.46 for the repair of the Vaccom.

Motion carried.

6. DPW Parking Lot Quotes

22-M-209

Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to postpone this matter to a later date.

Motion carried.

7. DPW Replacement Furnaces Quotes

22-M-210

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Hall to accept and approve the estimate from Newton-Johnson Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$6,223.00 for 2 Train furnaces.

Motion carried.

8. Skip Patching Pavement Quotes

22-M-211

Motion by Hall, seconded by Iseler to accept and approve the estimate from Mr. Asphalt in the amount of \$23,185.40 for the skip patching project.

Motion carried

9. Emergency Siren Quotes

22-M-212

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to accept and approve the estimate from West Shore Services and Ken Martin Electric in the amount of \$17,800.00 for the removal of current siren, install refurbished model, new pole, 60 amp electric, new antenna, and new control panel.

Motion carried

Recessed: 7:53 p.m.
Reconvened: 7:56 p.m.

10. HVAC Quotes

22-M-213

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Hall to accept and approve the estimate from Thumb Cooling & Heating in the amount of \$106,890.00 for the HVAC system at city hall with allocation from ARPA funds.

Motion carried

11. Master Plan Public Hearing

22-M-214

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Campbell to approve the draft Master Plan for public distribution and allow the Planning Commission to set a public hearing date in January 2023.

Motion carried

12. Resolution by City Council to Reserve Right to Final Approval Master Plan 2023-2043

22-M-215

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve the Resolution by City Council to Reserve Right to Final Approval Master Plan 2023-2043.

Roll call vote: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones – yes, Iseler – yes, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.

Motion carried

13. Council Meeting Reschedule – November 10, 2022

Council Meeting Rescheduled to November 9, 2022, due to the need to mail out invoice payments on November 10, 2022 and office is closed on November 11, 2022 for Veteran's Day.

14. HDC Request – Domestic Violence Ribbons

22-M-216

Motion by Jones, seconded by Campbell to allow HDC to hang their Domestic Violence Ribbons on the trees downtown.

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

Motion failed

CLOSED SESSION: Discuss Written Legal Opinion – MCL 15.268 Sec 8(1)(h)

22-M-217

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing written legal opinion.

Motion carried.

Entered closed session at 8:09 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:16 p.m. – **Motion 22-M-218**

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: Parks & Recreation Committee – Fence Quotes

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted

Mayor Greene commented that there are many grants out there that the city needs to research.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted

Councilor Don Hall requested that the city reimburse Jill White for the downtown decorations.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted

Highlighted – The Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption has been mailed to the State of Michigan Treasury for Larsen's Graphics. Signed lease paper work for the new 2022 Silverado that was delivered to the police department last week.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilor Tisha Jones presented her resignation letter and requested the letter to be read on the record.

22-M-219

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to accept the resignation letter that was presented by Tisha Jones.

Motion carried

Steve Campbell – Asked how long the domestic violence banner will be up.

Mike Carpenter – Applied for the MDOT Category B grant and was not successful. There are other grants available for infrastructure that have a deadline of November 1, 2022. He will follow up with new city manager.

Sue Ellen Greenlee – Suggested that the domestic violence ribbons be put on the light poles in the parking lots and the end of town.

22-M-220

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to approve the placement of the HDC Domestic Violence ribbons on the light poles in the city parking lots and the light poles on each end of town that do not have corn stalks on them.

Motion carried

Tanya Batschke – Asked council to have an open mind on the 3 city manager candidates. Commented on the CDL licensing issue and offered suggestions.

John Scheinder – Commented on the CDL Licensing issue and offered suggestions.

Beth Greene – Commented on the CDL Licensing issue and offered suggestions.

Karen Snider – Commented on the CDL issue. Should need at least 4 individuals licensed with CDL's.

Councilor Bob Eschenbacher – Addressed his concerns with Tisha Jones's letter of resignation.

Councilor Jill White – Addressed her concerns with Tisha Jones's letter of resignation.

22-M-221

Motion by White, seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk