

## **CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on October 4, 2021, 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, and other guests.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

#### **21-M-198**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the agenda with additional agenda items: #9 – Committee Appointments, #10 – Additional Parking on Park Drive, #11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ethics Ordinance, #12 – Schedule Policy Committee Meeting, #13 – Schedule Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:**

Written Public Comment received via email and read by Clerk: Gary Rolka – Opposes House of Hope. Council Member Hall – Thanked Jill, Sue Ellen, and Nathan Dicks for their assistance in putting up the cornstalks in town.

Council Member Batschke – Commented on 1st Reading of Ethics Ordinance on agenda.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Resolution – Open Meetings Act

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Minutes – September 20, 2021
2. Invoices

#### **21-M-199**

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

**Motion Carried.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)**

1. **Motion to Open Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 484**

#### **21-M-200**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to Open Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.**

**Motion carried**

2. **Public Comment/Council Discussion**

Verbal Comment received via phone and read by Clerk: Michael Karpovich & Pam Sutherland – Opposes UTV Ordinance.

Herb Sheardy – Questioned what a side-by-side was.

John Schneider – Questioned if this was same as golf cart ordinance.

### **3. Motion to Close Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 484**

**21-M-201**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to Close Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.**

**Motion carried**

### **4. Action on Proposed Ordinance No. 484 - An Ordinance of the City of Caro to Authorize the Operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles (Side-by-Sides) on City Streets.**

**21-M-202**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve City of Caro Ordinance No. 484 – An Ordinance of the City of Caro to Authorize the Operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles (Side-by-Sides) on City Streets.**

**Roll Call Vote: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.**

**Motion carried.**

### **5. Set Halloween Trick or Treating Hours**

**21-M-203**

**Motion by Hall, seconded by White to set Trick or Treating Hours for 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., October 31, 2021, with the siren to sound at the starting and ending times.**

**Motion carried.**

### **6. Fire Department Bunker Gear Purchase**

**21-M-204**

**Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Batschke to accept the recommendation from the City Manager and approve the purchase of 4 sets of bunker gear from Dinges Fire Company in an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$11,000.00 to account for potential contingencies associated with the transition to new gear.**

**Motion carried.**

### **7. Cell Tower Easement Offers**

**21-M-205**

**Motion by White, seconded by Hall to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and deny both offers to purchase easements and continue with the current lease arrangements.**

**Motion carried.**

### **8. Resolution Setting Wastewater and Drinking Water Rates for FY 2022-2023**

**21-M-206**

**Motion by Batschke, seconded by White to accept and approve the Resolution Setting Wastewater and Drinking Water Rates for FY 2022-2023.**

**Roll Call Vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec -yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Mayor Green – yes**

**Motion carried.**

## **9a. Board of Review Appointment – Karen Snider**

**21-M-207**

**Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by White to appoint Karen Snider to the Board of Review effective immediately to fulfill the term vacated by April Bonk. Remaining three-year term expiring November 2024.**

**Motion carried.**

## **9b. Planning Commission Appointment – Al Michel**

**21-M-208**

**Motion by Hall, seconded by White to appoint Al Michel to the Planning Commission effective immediately to fulfill the term vacated by Alvin Zavitz. Full three-year term expiring November 2025.**

**Roll Call Vote: Eschenbacher – no, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – no, White – yes, Batschke – no, Campbell – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.**

**Motion carried.**

## **10. Additional Parking on Park Drive**

**21-M-209**

**Motion by Batschke, seconded by Campbell to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the addition of 10 parking spots, along the south side of Park Drive near the tennis courts at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, to the Park Drive rehabilitation project.**

**Motion carried.**

## **11. Ethics Ordinance No. 485 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**21-M-210**

**Motion by White, seconded by Batschke to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ethics Ordinance No. 485 and set a public hearing for October 18, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

## **12. Set Policy Committee Meeting for November 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

## **13. Set Personnel Committee Meeting for October 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None**

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None**

**MAYOR'S REPORT –** Written report submitted.

Highlighted – MML Conference, chaired last meeting as President, participated in a ZOOM meeting regarding the airport runway project, Representative Phil Green asked for support on bills that are in progress.

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS –** Written report submitted.

Highlighted – Attended Pumpkin Festival with his son, Master Plan survey is forthcoming, Parks and Recreation 5 year plan survey is out with many responses received, Lincoln Street project is in progress, leaf truck is out of commission for two weeks therefore leaf pick up will be delayed two weeks, Silversmith GIS system is up and running, DPW employees have been trained, working with Caro Area District Library to partner with Parks and Recreation for equipment check out, RFP for moving houses will be opened on October 7<sup>th</sup>, working on RFP for demolition of houses after October 7<sup>th</sup> if necessary, met with the Putnam's regarding their sewer project.

**CLERK'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Greene – Discussed the dirt pile by the horse barn and the options of where to move the dirt. Mentioned grants are available for the tennis courts/pickle ball courts.

Mike Carpenter – Gave kudos to the Caro area, the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility ranked #1 in the State for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

Mayor Greene – New Building Codes Company will be renting space in the EDC building. A new Health Director is at the Health Department.

Council Member Batschke – Questioned if the firefighters received their budgeted raises. Response was yes.

**21-M-211**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

**Rita Papp**  
**City of Caro Clerk**