

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

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on October 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. electronically via Zoom Video Communications (meeting ID: 986 4302 0915)

Present: Mayor Joe Greene, City Council: Brian Rickwalt (7:38 p.m.), Alvin Zavitz, Bob Eschenbacher, Don Hall, Tisha Jones-Holubec, and Jill White

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Matthew Lane – City Manager, Sara Savage – Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

### **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

#### **20-M-179**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – absent, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.**

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

Herb Sheardy questioned what the status was on jake breaking.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Noted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Minutes – September 21, 2020
2. Invoices

#### **20-M-180**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Zavitz to approve the consent agenda including the invoices.**

**Roll call: Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.**

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

1. Post-Bid Sidewalk Work Additions

#### **20-M-181**

**Motion by Hall, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to approve the additional sidewalk work in the amount of \$35,007.51 and require participating property owners to pay their 25% share upfront and to complete the necessary budget adjustment.**

**Roll call: Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.**

2. Resolution Establishing Election Commission

#### **20-M-182**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to adopt the Resolution Establishing Election**

**Commission for the City of Caro as presented. Roll call: Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.**

3. Election Commission Appointment

#### **20-M-183**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to appoint to the Election Commission Councilor Bob Eschenbacher as the city official, and Terry Ewald as the qualified elector, and to pay \$200 per day per election inspector, \$250 per day for each chair, \$50 for attending necessary training, and if awarded the CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant to pay each election inspector an additional \$200 in hazard pay. Roll call: White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.**

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

**20-M-184**

**Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing attorney's written legal opinion. Roll call: Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.**

Entered closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:12 p.m.

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:**

1. Resignation of Planning Commission Member

**20-M-186**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept the resignation of James Willing from the Planning Commission with regrets. Roll call: Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.**

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Planning Commission – minutes in the packet.
2. Chamber of Commerce – City Manager Matthew Lane reported the chamber is going to open back up soon and bring April back into the office. They have two board vacancies and are working on a winter activity.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Greene submitted a written report.

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

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk/Treasurer Sara Savage submitted a written report.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilor Jones-Holubec commented there is a unity rally on the courthouse steps on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 p.m. and election officials were invited to come.

Councilor Eschenbacher questioned when the council was going to learn more about the arsenic problem.

**20-M-187**

**Moved by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Roll call: Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.**

Sara Savage

Clerk/Treasurer