

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on November 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Caro Fire Hall.

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

Absent: None

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

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR – Clerk/Treasurer Sara Savage administered the Oath of Office of City Mayor to Mayor Joe Greene.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS – Clerk/Treasurer Sara Savage administered the Oath of Office of Council Members to Kory Batschke, Emily Campbell, and Jill White.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

20-M-197

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Al Michele made a comment that South Almer Street looks great.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Finance Committee Minutes – October 19, 2020
2. Regular Council Minutes – October 19, 2020
3. Invoices

20-M-198

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Eschenbacher, to approve the consent agenda including the invoices with a hold on the payment to Vortex USA Inc. in the amount of \$103,550 pursuant to communication with the City Manager. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Emterra Environmental Waste Collection and Disposal Contract

20-M-199

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the Waste Collection and Disposal contract with Emterra Environmental for a five-year term as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract. Motion carried.

2. Chippewa Landing Park Walking Path Extension

20-M-200

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the concrete walking path bid from AJ Rehmus & Son in the amount of \$11,126.40 with the necessary budget adjustment. Motion carried.

3. Reschedule Council Meeting Date

20-M-201

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to reschedule the regular city council meeting of November 16, 2020 to November 23, 2020 at the Tuscola ISD Building. Motion carried.

4. Set Finance Committee Meeting
No action at this time.

5. First Read on Consumers Power Company Gas Franchise Ordinance/Set Public Hearing

20-M- 202

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to set a Public Hearing on Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance for November 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tuscola ISD Building. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:

1. DPW Equipment Replacement
The council requested more information for the next meeting. No action at this time.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation – minutes in the packet.
2. Chamber of Commerce – City Manager Matthew Lane updated that they were planning a Christmas time event and transitioning to opening back up with a COVID plan for the office.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Greene informed the new council members that there will be committees and liaison appointments at the next meeting. Provided a list of Tuscola EDC working projects. The airport is having oral arguments in DC. Attended Caro Center conference call.

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

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

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Michele made a complaint about Emterra and questioned the make of the current backhoe.

Dennis Boehm made a comment about the swine ordinance and asked for an exception for his potbelly pigs.

Mike Carpenter stated ROWE was hired indirectly by the state to oversee construction of the water main on the state’s site.

Al Michele made a comment about sugar beets.

20-M-203

Moved by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Sara Savage
Clerk/Treasurer