

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

Clerk Rita Papp called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on November 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Swearing in Mayor – Karen Snider

Swearing in New Council Members – Bob Eschenbacher, Charlotte Kish, & Don Hall.

Present: Mayor Karen Snider, City Council: Bob Eschenbacher, Emily Campbell, Don Hall, Pamela Iseler, Charlotte Kish, and Jill White

Absent: None

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

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

#### **22-M-234**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Hall to approve the agenda with the addition of:**

**#12 – Gingerbread Village Committee Request, # 13 – DDA Re-Appointment, #14 – Pet Rule Discussion, #15 – City Manager Contract Negotiations Update.**

**Motion Carried.**

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

Sue Ellen Greenlee – Commented on election results and swearing in of elected officials.

Allen Michel – Commented on his removal from Planning Commission, Tuscola County Fair, & Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2022 (unapproved)
3. Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes – October 18, 2022 (unapproved)
4. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2022 (unapproved)
5. MDOT Contract Modification

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Minutes – October 17, 2022
2. Regular Council Minutes – September 19, 2022 (Amended to add #4 Communication Item)
3. Invoices

#### **22-M-235**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

**1. MMR Quarterly Report**

Phil Petzold presented the MMR Quarterly Report to Council.

**2. Blight Elimination Grant Program**

**22-M-236**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to authorize Michele Perry – Treasurer to contact the Land Bank to apply for the grant.**

**Motion carried**

**3. Tuscola County Economic Development, City of Caro 2022 Allocation Invoice**

**22-M-237**

**Motion by Hall, seconded by Campbell to approve the Tuscola County Economic Development, City of Caro 2022 Allocation Invoice in the amount of \$6,500.00.**

**Motion carried.**

**4. Resolution Adopting the City of Caro Parks & Recreation 5-Year Plan**

**22-M-238**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the City of Caro Parks & Recreation 5-Year Plan.**

**Roll call vote: Campbell - yes, Eschenbacher - yes, Hall - yes, Iseler - yes, Kish - yes, White - yes, Mayor Snider - yes.**

**Motion carried.**

**5. Peerless Midwest Inc. Invoice – Well # 7**

**22-M-239**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve Peerless Midwest Inc. Invoice – Well # 7 for the amount of \$54,069.80 with the appropriate budget amendments.**

**Motion carried.**

**6. Municipal Building Parking Lot**

**22-M-240**

**Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve Rowe Engineering to move forward on the Municipal Building Parking Lot proposal and to work with DPW on drainage options.**

**Motion carried.**

**7. Mertz Road Building**

**22-M-241**

**Motion by White, seconded by Iseler to approve upgrades to the Mertz Road Building with cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 with the appropriate budget amendments.**

**Motion carried.**

**8. 2023 Council Meeting Schedule**

**22-M-242**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to approve the 2023 Council Meeting Schedule as presented.  
Motion carried**

**9. Northstar Bank Investment Changes**

**22-M-243**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to authorize Michele Perry – Treasurer to invest funds in a CDARS account based on recommendations.  
Motion carried**

**10. Schedule Finance Committee of the Whole – Financial Audit**

Finance Committee of the Whole schedule for November 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**11. Bank Accounts – Change Signatures to add Karen Snider as Mayor, Remove Joseph Greene**

**22-M-244**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to remove Joseph Greene from all City of Caro bank accounts and add Karen Snider to all City of Caro bank accounts.  
Motion carried**

**12. Gingerbread Village Committee Requests**

**22-M-245**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the Gingerbread Village Committee Requests as presented.  
Motion carried**

**13. DDA Re-Appointment Request – Ross Downing**

**22-M-246**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by White to approve the recommendation from DDA to re-appoint Ross Downing to a four-year term to expire November 2026.  
Motion carried**

**14. Pet Rule Discussion**

Pet Rule was discussed, and it was determined that a sign should be placed on the door.

**15. City Manager Contract Negotiations Update**

**22-M-247**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to authorize Rita Papp – Clerk to communicate with Christopher Shannon to give him a deadline of November 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.  
Motion carried**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:** Parks & Recreation Committee – Fence Quotes, CDL Licensing, DPW Parking Lot Quotes

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:** None

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Written report submitted  
Prior Mayor Greene commented on MML Convention highlights - Housing Shortage.

**MANAGER’S COMMENTS** – Written report submitted  
Highlighted items on the report.

**CLERK’S REPORT** – Written report submitted

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Al Jones – Commented on City Manager turnover and the importance of understanding the City Charter.

Joe Greene – Thanked the Veterans and promoted a dinner hosted at the Moose Lodge for Veterans.

Lauren Amellal – Commented in the Historical Home Tour and Marshalls Grand Opening Opening on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

**22-M-248**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

**Rita Papp**  
**City Clerk**