

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on December 21, 2020 at 7:33 p.m. electronically via Zoom Video Communications (meeting ID: 973 6143 8646)

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Matthew Lane – City Manager, Alexis Schultz – Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, Curtis Wells – WWTP Supt., Jeffrey Graham – DPW Supt., Jamie Peasley and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

20-M-226

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the addition of #11 Recycling Building and #12 Direction on Recreational Marijuana under the Regular Agenda. Roll Call: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Finance Committee Minutes – December 7, 2020
2. Regular Council Minutes – December 7, 2020
3. Invoices
4. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement – Randall Heckroth
 - D. DPW/Water Reports – Jeff Graham
 - E. WWTP – Curtis Wells
 - F. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Sara Savage

20-M-227

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the consent agenda including the invoices. Roll call: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. FY 2019-2020 Audit Report
20-M-228

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to accept the FY 2019-2020 audit report as presented by Jamie Peasley. Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

2. Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement
20-M-229

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to authorize the City Manager to sign the Designator Assessor Interlocal Agreement with Tuscola County, Angie Daniels as the Designated Assessor. Roll call: Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

3. Janitorial Services
20-M-230

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the Cleaning Services bid from Kristal's Helping Hand LLC for the price of \$325 per week and \$25 per additional hour, as needed. Roll call: Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

4. Team One Credit Union CD Renewals
20-M-231

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to invest with Team One Credit Union the two CD's of \$150,00 plus their interest each for a period of 12 months at an APY of 0.50% and to table the investment of \$600,000+ in the insured cash account. Roll call: White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

5. Frankenmuth Credit Union CD Renewals
20-M-232

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Batschke to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to invest with Frankenmuth Credit Union the two CD's of \$266,259 plus their interest each for a period of 18 months at an APY of 0.51%. Roll call: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

6. Tuscola County Right to Life Banner Request
20-M-233

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the banner request from Tuscola County Right to Life from January 11, 2021 to January 18, 2021. Roll call: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

7. Set Council Workshop Date

Council Workshop is set for January 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

8. Well #8 Generator Purchase

20-M-234

Motion by White, seconded by Hall to approve the low bid from W.W. Williams for the MTU unit in the amount of \$35,343 with the installation quote from Ken Martin Electric in the amount of \$2,000 and to complete a corresponding budget adjustment to account for the slight increase in costs since budget development subject to checking with city's insurance to cover any costs. Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

9. Firefighter Bunker Gear Purchase

20-M-235

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by White to approve the purchase of four new sets of bunker gear from Apollo Fire Equipment Co. in the amount of \$8,431. Roll call: Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

10. City Hall Parking Lot Options

No action.

11. Recycling Building

The county has asked if the city would want to sell the recycling building. Mayor Greene would like to see the building turned into a recreational facility. The consensus of the council is to keep the building for now.

12. Direction on Recreational Marijuana

The consensus of the council is to pursue an ordinance to allow recreational marijuana and to look at neighboring city's ordinances on it.

CLOSED SESSION: Consider Purchase of Property – MCL 15.268 Sec.8(d)

20-M-236

Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to enter closed session for the purpose of considering the purchase of real property. Roll call: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

Entered closed session at 8:22 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:32 p.m.

20-M-238

Motion by White, seconded by Eschenbacher to offer \$80,000 for 324 Madison Street and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents. Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

Mike Carpenter reviewed the three parking lot options.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation – Councilor White reported that the committee discussed concrete at the splash pad, signage, and purchasing agility equipment for the dog park. The library gave a presentation on the story book trail.
2. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners – Councilor Jones-Holubec reported she had difficulties getting into their virtual meeting. She has been in touch with Commissioner Bardwell.
3. Indianfields Township – Their meeting last week was rescheduled.
4. Almer Township – Councilor Campbell stated she was unable to go to the meeting but will be getting minutes.
5. Airport Authority – Mayor Greene reported the two easements for the city were signed. Working on buying snow equipment and planning milling and grinding of the runways.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greene reported he rode with Santa Claus on the fire truck for the Christmas cruise. He gave an update on the Caro Center call, also toured the recycling building and police building, and attended the Parks and Recreation meeting.

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

CLERK'S REPORT: None

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Batschke questioned when council is notified of committee meetings.
Councilor Eschenbacher made a comment about the church on Burnside Street.

20-M-239

Motion by Hall, seconded by Jones-Holubec to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

Alexis Schultz
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer