

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on December 6, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Don Hall

Others: Matthew Lane – City Manager, Rita Papp – Clerk, Michele Perry – Treasurer, Jamie Peasley – Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran, LLC and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

21-M-337

Motion by White, seconded by Batschke to approve the agenda with the addition of # 1. FY 2020-2021 Financial Audit, # 7. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing, & # 8. Set Finance Committee Meeting.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – Approved - October 26, 2021
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – Approved – November 9, 2021
3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – Unapproved – November 23, 2021
4. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
5. Tuscola Food Access Collaborative
6. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Resolution – Annexation of Michigan State Police

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – November 15, 2021
2. Invoices

21-M-338

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. **FY 2020-2021 Financial Audit Presentation**

21-M-339

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept and file the draft copy of the audited report on Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and with the final copy of the audited report on Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 to be completed by December 31, 2021.

Motion carried.

2. Schedule 2022 Council Meetings

21-M-340

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the 2022 Schedule of Council Meetings as presented by Rita Papp – Clerk.

Motion carried.

3. Boards & Committee Re-Appointments

21-M-341

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve the Boards & Committee Re-Appointments as presented by Rita Papp – Clerk:

- **Herb Sheardy to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term. Term will expire November 2024.**
- **Richard Ransford to the Downtown Development Authority for a 4-year term. Term will expire November 2025**
- **Thomas Striffler to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. Term will expire November 2024**
- **Sean Smith to the Parks & Recreation Committee for a 3-year term. Term will expire November 2024.**

Motion carried.

4. Parks & Recreation Committee Application

21-M-342

Motion by White, seconded by Batschke to appoint Pamela Iseler to the Parks & Recreation Committee for a 3-year term. Term will expire November 2024.

Motion carried.

5. Parks & Recreation Committee Member Removal

21-M-343

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to remove Christopher Phillips from the Parks & Recreation Committee and reduce committee to seven members.

Motion carried.

6. Air Advantage LLC – Right-of-Way Permit

21-M-344

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to accept the Air Advantage LLC – Right-of-Way permit and authorize City Manager and City Clerk to sign said permit.

Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation Committee Masterplan Public Hearing

21-M-345

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to set a public hearing for the Parks & Recreation Committee Masterplan. Public Hearing to be held during Council Meeting on January 4, 2022.

Motion carried.

8. Schedule Finance Committee of the Whole meeting

21-M-346

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to schedule a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting on December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted

Highlighted – Working on tax appeals with City Assessor Angie Daniels. City of Caro partnered with the Chamber of Commerce on Gingerbread Festival, Consumers Energy Caro Cash program, and Small Business Saturday event. The court case involving Walby & City of Caro is dismissed. City of Caro has received applications for Marijuana Adult-Use facilities. Mailed letters to residents on Lincoln Street explaining the delay in the paving project. Well # 1 Pump has been removed and is being inspected. Working on issues related to the city owned house located at 721 S. State Street. Working on drafting house demolition bids.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herb Sheardy – Requested copy of the 2022 Council Meeting Schedule.

Mike Carpenter – Commented on the synthetic ice arena in Lapeer and might be a potential idea to add to the Parks & Recreation Masterplan.

Mayor Joe Greene – Asked for support when Caro Strand Theatre re-opens. Theatre is in the process of changing owners.

21-M-347

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk