

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on December 7, 2020 at 7:31 p.m. electronically via Zoom Video Communications (meeting ID: 980 2117 8569)

Present: Mayor Joe Greene, City Council: Kory Batschke, Emily Campbell, 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-220

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the agenda with the addition of #2 Parks and Recreation under Committee/Liaison Position Reports. Roll call: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Written public comment submitted by Andrew and Brittany Hiser regarding recreational marihuana.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – November 23, 2020
2. Invoices

20-M-221

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell 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. Set 2021 Council Meeting Schedule

20-M-222

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve the 2021 Schedule for Regular City Council meetings as presented. Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

2. Set Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting – Audit

Finance Committee of the Whole meeting is set for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

3. First Quarter Financial Report

20-M-223

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept the FY 2020/2021 First Quarter Financial Report as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried. Roll call: Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

4. Resignation of Zoning Board of Appeals Member

20-M-224

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to accept the resignation of Gary King from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regrets and to send him a thank you letter. Motion carried. Roll call: Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals – Minutes in the packet. Two setback variances were approved, contingent upon requested documentation, to add a communications tower on Park Drive.
2. Parks and Recreation – Councilor White reported that the splash pad subcommittee met and recommends removing the concrete and re-doing it.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Greene reported that he visited splash pads in Alpena and Beaverton. Had a meeting with Indianfields Township Supervisor. Met with a business owner in town that is doing remodeling. He requested the City Manager ask the Fire Chief about having an event with Santa riding around the city on the fire truck.

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

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

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Carpenter gave an update on the Caro Center Water Main Extension Project.

Councilor Batschke questioned if the council will address recreational marijuana.

Mayor Greene made a comment about having a council workshop to discuss different topics, such as recreational marijuana.

Councilor Jones-Holubec commented about Christmas for Kids and thanked the Caro and Tuscola County Community.

20-M-225

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Roll call: White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

Sara Savage
Clerk/Treasurer