

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on February 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Caro City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Joe Greene, City Council: Brian Rickwalt, Bob Eschenbacher, Don Hall, Megan Calvin, Tisha Jones-Holubec, and Alvin Zavitz

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Don Duggar – Interim City Manager, Sara Savage – Clerk/Treasurer, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

20-M-032

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Zavitz to approve the agenda with the addition of #8 Caro Dam Resolution and #9 Letter from Megan Calvin under regular agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Mark Vollmar made a comment about the medical marihuana ordinance and asked the council to add a provision to the ordinance to not allow those businesses next to a daycare.

Gene Pierce, Tuscola ISD Superintendent, informed the council that there was an issue with the property description in the Tuscola ISD annexation resolution recently passed by the council. The property that needs to be included in the annexation houses farming animals for the FAA program. It needs to be reviewed if this property with animals would be in conflict with any city ordinance preventing farm animals. Mr. Pierce requested the council to postpone annexing the remaining property until further review.

20-M-033

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to withdraw regular agenda item #1 Tuscola ISD Annexation Resolution. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Special Council Minutes – February 1, 2020
2. Special Council Minutes – February 3, 2020
3. Regular Council Minutes – February 3, 2020
4. Invoices
5. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Monthly & Annual – 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-034

Moved by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve the consent agenda including the invoices. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

~~1. Tuscola ISD Annexation Resolution~~

2. MML Dues

20-M-035

Motion by Hall, seconded by Jones-Holubec to pay the invoice from Michigan Municipal League for membership dues including the Legal Defense Fund for period of 4/1/2020 – 3/31/2021 in the amount of \$3,086. Motion carried.

3. Utility Vehicle Purchase – DDA Recommendation

20-M-036

Motion by Rickwalt, seconded by Zavitz to approve the purchase of 2019 Kubota RTV-X900 from Farm Depot for \$14,100 from the DDA fund. Motion carried.

4. City Manager Contract

20-M-037

Motion by Hall, seconded by Calvin to accept the city manager contract for Matthew Lane as presented. Motion carried.

5. Second Quarter Finance Report

20-M-038

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Zavitz to accept the Second Quarter Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

6. Request for Uncollectible Debt Write-Offs

20-M-039

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to table the requests for uncollectible debt write-offs until the next council meeting. Motion carried.

7. New Council Member Committee and Liaison Appointment

Mayor Greene moved Councilor Bob Eschenbacher to Personnel Committee Chair and added Councilor Alvin Zavitz to the Personnel Committee and to the Capital Projects Committee.

8. Caro Dam Resolution

20-M-040

Motion by Hall, seconded by Jones-Holubec to support the Resolution to Support the Purchase and the Restoration of the Caro Dam by the Tuscola County EDC. Roll call: Calvin – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, Zavitz – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

9. Letter by Megan Calvin

Councilor Calvin submitted her letter of resignation to the council effective February 17, 2020.

20-M-041

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to accept Councilor Megan Calvin's resignation with regrets. Motion carried with Jones-Holubec dissenting.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Airport Authority – Mayor Greene reported that the land deal was straightened out and the airport received 83 acres. They are looking for bids for cement floors in some of the hangers and a new tractor with broom and snowblade.
2. EDC – Mayor Greene reported a meeting is coming up.
3. Planning Commission – Minutes in the packet.
4. DDA – Minutes in the packet.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greene submitted a written report.

MANAGER COMMENTS: Interim City Manager Duggar reported that the Caro Façade Program bid opening was extended to February 20, 2020. The quiet title for the farmers' market property should be clear by the end of February. The Planning Commission meeting is cancelled for February 18, 2020 and the next one will be on February 25, 2020. He will be leaving Wednesday, February 19, 2020 and the new city manager, Matthew Lane, will be starting that day.

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

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Carpenter, ROWE, stated the federal government has allocated the funds for the South Almer Street reconstruction project and the project is still on schedule. Also, a new cost estimate was submitted to the state for the Caro Center.

Councilor Rickwalt made a comment about adding a fire hydrant to Chippewa Landing for the fire trucks to use as another filling location. He also stated the need to have a capital projects committee meeting to discuss updating the shower facility for the police and fire departments. Herb Sheardy questioned the Tuscola County EDC purchasing the Caro Dam and also made a comment about garbage not getting picked up.

Raechel Bartolowits asked the council to add daycares in addition to schools to the medical marihuana ordinance.

Mark Perez questioned the manpower on the weekends for snow plowing.

Herb Sheardy made a comment about medical marihuana facilities in B1 and B2 zones.

20-M-042

Moved by Eschenbacher, seconded by Zavitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Sara Savage
Clerk/Treasurer