

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on February 3, 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, Tisha Jones-Holubec, and Alvin Zavitz

Absent: Megan Calvin

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

AGENDA APPROVAL:

20-M-025

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Chuck Dennis questioned what the update was on the water issue on Van Geisen Road property and the request to move the speed limit sign.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER – Clerk/Treasurer Sara Savage administered the Oath of Office of Council Member to Alvin Zavitz.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Special Council Minutes – January 20, 2020
2. Regular Council Minutes – January 20, 2020
3. Special Council Minutes – January 22, 2020
4. Invoices

20-M-026

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the consent agenda including the invoices. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Resolution Establishing Election Commission

20-M-027

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to adopt the Resolution Establishing the Election Commission for the City of Caro. Roll call: Calvin – absent, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, Zavitz – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

2. Appointment to Election Commission

20-M-028

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Eschenbacher to appoint to the Election Commission Mayor Pro Tem Brian Rickwalt, as the city official and Denise Steffen, as the qualified elector and to pay \$200 per day per election inspector, \$250 per day each chair, \$50 for attending necessary training and no compensation paid to the Election Commission. Motion carried.

3. Board of Review Reappointment

20-M-029

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to appoint Ed Hodgkinson to the Board of Review with a term ending January, 2023. Motion carried.

4. Set Finance Meeting to review 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Finance Committee meeting set for Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Parks & Recreation – Councilor Jones-Holubec reported the committee met with a representative from Vortex, a splash pad company. They are seeking to apply for the DNR grant to help fund the splash pad and a dog park.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Greene reported he met with Lapeer City Manager regarding their water and sewer project with the state prison in Lapeer. Attended Caro's Varsity Girls basketball game. Set up meeting with Michigan State Representative Phil Green. Volunteered at St. Christopher's Food Panty and Tuscola Area Airport. Attended Caro Citizen of the Year selection committee meeting.

MANAGER COMMENTS – Interim City Manager Duggar reported there was a faulty description on the resolution for the Tuscola ISD annexation that will be addressed at the next meeting. There will be a meeting with Booms Construction next week on the police building addition. The process is going on the quiet title action on the Stephen's Tire property for the farmers' market. Adam Fetting is requesting an extension on expired purchase option.

20-M-030

Motion by Rickwalt, seconded by Jones-Holubec to grant Interim City Manager authority to extend purchase option on Stephen's Tire property at \$1,500/month until the sale closes on the property. Motion carried.

Facade bids are due on February 6, 2020 and only two properties are still in the project. The Planning Commission is having public hearings on the medical marihuana applications on February 4, 2020. He will be meeting with Matthew Lane this week.

CLERK'S REPORT – Clerk/Treasurer Savage reported we have received ballots for the Presidential Primary election and began distributing them to absentee voters. Utility bills were mailed out.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb Sheardy made a comment to consider reclaiming the water for the splash pad.

Tanya Batshke urged the council to move faster on the splash pad project.

Jill White also urged the council to move faster on the splash pad and questioned the council on what projects they would like the Parks and Recreation committee to work on.

20-M-031

Moved by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Sara Savage
Clerk/Treasurer