

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on April 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Others: Matthew Lane – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Michele Perry – City Treasurer, Brian Newcomb – City Police Chief, David Johnson – City Director of Public Works & Utilities, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

22-M-55

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the agenda with the additions of:

10 – Finance Committee of the Whole recommendation, # 11 – Special Meeting RE: Water Franchise Agreement with Indianfields Township, # 12 – Chair Fundraiser Invoice – Parks & Recreation

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Allan Michel – Commented on his 10th anniversary as a business owner in Caro. Has had no issues with his business in the past 10 years. Commented on his turkey dinner distribution.

Mark Putnam – Inquired when will the budget will be available for public viewing.

Paul Whitney, Candidate for State Representative for District 97 – Introduced himself to Council and commented on his candidacy for office.

City Manager, Matt Lane introduced David Johnson to the Council as the new Director of Public Works & Utilities.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
2. Planning Commission Minutes – January 11, 2022
3. Notice of Intent to Prepare a Master Plan Amendment – Juniata Township

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – April 4, 2022
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement – Randall Heckroth
 - D. DPW/Water Reports – None
 - E. WWTP – None
 - F. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Rita Papp

22-M-56

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – Removal of Allan Michel from the City of Caro Planning Commission
Mayor Greene opened public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Allan Michel – Commented on his visit to the marihuana facility. He mentioned that he has attended all Planning Commission meetings and has attended Council meetings.

2. Close Public Hearing – Removal of Allan Michel from the City of Caro Planning Commission

22-M-57

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to close the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Motion carried.

3. Action – Removal of Allan Michel from the City of Caro Planning Commission

22-M-58

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to remove Allan Michel from the City of Caro Planning Commission pursuant to MCL 125.3815(9) for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office and Section 4-2 of City of Caro Ethics Ordinance.

Roll call vote: Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.

Motion carried.

4. ICMA – Mission Square 401A Money Purchase Plan Adoption Agreement Resolution

22-M-59

Motion by Batschke, seconded by White to accept and approve the ICMA-Mission Square 401A Money Purchase Plan Adoption Agreement Resolution with the revised attachment as recommended by City Clerk, Rita Papp.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.

Motion carried.

5. ICMA – Mission Square Governmental 457 Deferred Compensation Plan & Trust Roth Provision Amendment

22-M-60

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept and approve the ICMA-Mission Square Governmental 457 Deferred Compensation Plan & Trust Roth Provision amendment as recommended by City Clerk, Rita Papp.

Roll call vote: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.

Motion carried.

6. Banner Request – Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems – Mental Health Awareness – May 2 – 16, 2022

22-M-61

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the Banner Request from Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems – Mental Health Awareness – May 2 – 16, 2022.

Motion carried.

7. Banner Request – Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems – Suicide Prevention Awareness – September 1 – 16, 2022

22-M-62

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Campbell to approve the Banner Request from Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems – Suicide Prevention Awareness – September 1 – 16, 2022.

Motion carried.

8. Reschedule Council meeting scheduled for May 2, 2022 due to room needed for election.

22-M-63

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to reschedule the May 2, 2022 General Council meeting to May 4, 2022 due to room needed for election as requested by City Clerk, Rita Papp.

Motion carried.

9. Schedule Budget Workshop for Finance Committee of the Whole

22-M-64

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to schedule a budget workshop for the Finance Committee of the Whole for May 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

10. Finance Committee of the Whole – Auditor Bids – FY 2021-2022

22-M-65

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee of the Whole and to continue with Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C. for the fiscal year 2021-2022 at a cost of \$18,900.00 without a single audit and \$21,400 if a single audit is needed.

Motion carried.

11. Special Meeting RE: Water Franchise Agreement with Indianfields Township

22-M-66

Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to schedule a special meeting for the Water Franchise Agreement with Indianfields Township for April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

12. Chair Fundraiser Invoice – Parks & Recreation

22-M-67

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to accept and approve payment - Lasting Impression, Invoice # 421, \$9,947.84 for the purchase of 32 Adirondack chairs to be utilized for the fundraiser of Parks & Recreation Committee.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Greene) – Caro Strand Theatre real estate closing has been postponed. Commented on the 3D printer home construction program with EDC and was looking for feedback from the Council on this program. Mayor Greene will research further. EDC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Working on Cars and Crafts event. Citizen of the Year Banquet is Saturday, April 23, 2022.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Hall) – No meeting.
4. Fair Board (White) – No report. Mayor Greene inquired on internet and cameras for splash pad. Council Member White to check with the fair board.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Meeting is this week. Working on prioritizing projects.
6. Planning Commission (Eschenbacher) – No meeting.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Jones-Holubec) – Read the minutes and commented on response to the Commissioners from County Clerk, Jodi Fetting regarding the “paper pushers”.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Greene) – No meeting.
9. Indianfields Township (Greene) – Attended meeting. The Township discussed land split requests. Had a demonstration on the LED sign that they are purchasing. Township is dealing with serious blight issues.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – Did not attend meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Written report submitted
Highlighted – Caro Regional Center is 50% complete.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS – Written report submitted
Highlighted – Accepting DPW seasonal worker applications. The consultant on the digester cover is concerned and city may have to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant equipment. Nora and I attended the RRC Check-In with MEDC. Nora and I held CDBG grant meeting for Bieth Park upgrades. Aldi, Marshalls, and RightWay Auto are all in progress.

CLERK’S REPORT – Written report submitted
Highlighted – Currently busy preparing for election, May 3, 2022.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Written report submitted

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Batschke – Commented that we need to reschedule policy committee that was cancelled today. City Manager Matt Lane is waiting on draft food truck ordinance to discuss at policy committee.

22-M-68

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk