

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on April 4, 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 – Clerk, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

22-M-44

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the addition of: # 8 – Proclamation – April “School Library Month”.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Allan Michel – Commented on the four marihuana facilities.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Planning Commission Minutes – Unapproved – March 22, 2022
2. Charter Communications Upcoming Changes

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – March 21, 2022
2. Policy Committee Minutes – March 21, 2022
3. Invoices

22-M-45

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. **Banner Request – Human Development – Elder Abuse Month, June 1-30, 2022**

22-M-46

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Jones-Holubec to accept and approve the Banner Request from Human Development – Elder Abuse Month – June 1 – 30, 2022.

Motion carried.

2. Planning Commission – Adult Use Marihuana Establishment – Adessa Gardens (Class C Grow)

22-M-47

Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Condition Use Permit and Adult-Use Marihuana Class C Grow Establishment License for Adessa Gardens LLC at 1075 S. Colling Road, Caro, Michigan.

Motion carried.

3. Planning Commission – Adult Use Marihuana Establishment – Emerald Thumb LLC (Class B Grow)

22-M-48

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Condition Use Permit and Adult-Use Marihuana Class B Grow Establishment License for Emerald Thumb LLC at 1347 Prospect Avenue, Caro, Michigan.

Motion carried.

4. Planning Commission – Adult Use Marihuana Establishment – Spark Cannabis (Retail)

22-M-49

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Use Permit and Adult Use Marihuana Retail Establishment License for Spark Cannabis LLC retail establishment at 1345 Prospect Avenue, Caro, Michigan.

Motion carried.

5. Planning Commission – Adult Use Marihuana Establishment – Premier Provisioning (Retail)

22-M-50

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Condition Use Permit and Adult-Use Marihuana Retail Establishment License for Premier Provisioning LLC retail establishment at 1023 E. Caro Road, Caro, Michigan.

Motion carried.

6. Process to Remove Planning Commission Member

22-M-51

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Batschke to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and direct administration to issue written charges to Mr. Allan Michel and set a public hearing for the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting for the purpose of considering his removal from the planning commission pursuant to MCL 125.3815(9) for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office and Section 4-2 of the City of Caro Ethics Ordinance.

Motion carried.

7. House of Hope Dumpster Location

22-M-52

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to accept and approve the location of the dumpster as presented.

Motion carried.

8. Proclamation, City of Caro, Michigan – April as School Library Month

22-M-53

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Jones-Holubec to accept and approve the Proclamation for the City of Caro, Michigan - April as School Library Month.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted

Council Member Batschke inquired on the status of the Strand Theatre. Mayor Greene commented that the closing of the property sale with new owners is Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Mayor Greene highlighted the Easter Egg Hunt at Bieth Park, April 9, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted

Highlighted: Held bid opening for digester cover removal. Four dog waste stations have been installed downtown. Union contract negotiations are in the beginning stages. The new DPW/WWTP Superintendent is starting April 11, 2022. Sidewalk contractors are in town continuing the sidewalk projects.

Council Member Batschke asked about water at dog park. City Manager Lane commented that a spigot has been installed.

Mayor Greene commented that a trucking company has purchased Renee Wood's property.

City Manager Lane commented that 721 S. State is now vacant, and the demolition bid process will begin. Council Member Batschke commented on placing a walking trail to Bieth Park rather than a driveway after the house is demolished.

City Manager Lane commented that ALDI's and Marshalls has started construction.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted

Highlighted: The election process is under way for the May 3, 2022, election. Attended the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk's Institute. Clerk Papp thanked the Council for allowing her attend. Clerk Papp mentioned that she received a 50% grant for a portion of the cost for the Clerk's Institute.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allan Michel – Inquired on demolition of the old police station and fire department. City Manager Lane commented that they are waiting on Phase 1 Environmental study before demolition can start.

Council Member Eschenbacher commented on a hazardous condition with brick falling from church on the corner of Burnside Street and Sheridan Street. He requested that the sidewalk be taped off.

Mayor Greene inquired on what portion of the sidewalk in front of the post office is being repaired by the city. City Manager Lane will research.

22-M-54

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp

City Clerk