

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on April 5, 2021 at 7:33 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: City Manager Matthew Lane, Clerk/Treasurer Sara Savage, Chief Randy Heckroth, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

21-M-055

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of #4 Set Policy Committee Meeting under the regular agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Written public comment was read from Pete & Norma Sayers against permitting the sale of recreational marihuana.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Budget/Capital Improvements Workshop Minutes – March 15, 2021
2. Regular Council Minutes – March 15, 2021
3. Invoices

21-M-056

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda including the invoices. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. DTE Lincoln Street Double Block Utility Pole Relocation Easement

21-M-057

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve both DTE Electric Company Overhead and Underground Easements (City No. 59577133-59577137-2 and DDA No. 59577133-59577137-6) for the DTE Lincoln Street Double Block Utility Pole Relocation and allow City Manager Matthew Lane to sign documents. Motion carried.

2. Banner Request – TBHS Mental Health Awareness Month

21-M-058

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the request from Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems to hang banner from May 3, 2021 to May 17, 2021 for Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2021. Motion carried.

3. Set Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting (Budget)
Finance Committee of the Whole meeting set for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
4. Set Policy Committee Meeting
Policy Committee meeting set for Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greene submitted a written report. There a few Newly Elected Officials trainings coming up. There was discussion on hiring three seasonal DPW employees for the summer. There was council discussion regarding Vortex and the concrete at the splash pad.

21-M-059

Motion by White, seconded by Jones-Holubec to direct the city manager to direct Vortex to come back and redo the concrete ASAP. Motion carried.

MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager Matthew Lane stated the application deadline for the DPW Director and Project Coordinator positions is Friday, April 9th. He gave an update on the attorney review committee. Story walk locations have been identified and are primarily in Bieth Park. He attended the MML CapCon. Him and his wife had a baby named Jack and everyone is doing good.

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

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Ashcroft-Seehagen expressed concerns on how the city is not handling people that park on the lawn/sidewalk and questioned what the ordinance is. She showed the council pictures of cars parked on Gilford Road. She questioned the number of rentals in the city and is concerned about the number of rentals. She spends a lot of time and money on her property and is wanting to receive a letter of commendation from the blight officer for her property.

21-M-060

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried.

Sara Savage
Clerk/Treasurer