

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on May 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

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

Absent: Emily Campbell

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

21-M-071

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Al Michele made a comment against the proposed homeless shelter for 102 Joy Street.

Bill Bortel made a comment against recreational marihuana and explained marihuana was detrimental to our youth.

Andrew and Brittany Hiser submitted a written comment in favor of recreational marihuana.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Finance Committee of the Whole Minutes – April 19, 2021
2. Regular Council Minutes – April 19, 2021
3. Invoices

21-M-072

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Adult Use Marihuana Establishment Ordinance

21-M-073

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Jones-Holubec to set a public hearing for the Adult Use Marihuana Establishment Ordinance for May 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. with the addition of Section 8-40(b)(11) to be like Section 8-40(b)(1), but with the phrase “in the City of Caro”. Motion carried.

2. Lawn Care Services and Turf Improvement of City Properties RFP

21-M-074

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to award the 3-year contract for lawncare services to Timber Oaks Lawn and Snow for \$962.50 per week. Motion failed.

21-M-075

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to award the 3-year contract for lawncare services to Chris E. Eskelson Landscaping LLC in the amount of \$685 per week. Motion carried.

3. Mowing of Noxious Weeds/Grass RFP

21-M-076

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Hall to award the 3-year contract for lawncare services to Chris E. Eskelson Landscaping LLC for the bid price as follows: \$75 per 8,000 sqft, \$15.00 per additional 1,000 sq, \$30.00 per cubic yard additional brush, \$50.00 lump sum for hauling. Motion carried.

4. Resolution Establishing a Credit Card Use Policy

21-M-077

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Hall to adopt the Resolution Establishing a Credit Card Use Policy. Roll call: Batschke – yes, Campbell – absent, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

5. Resolution for ACH and Electronic Transactions

21-M-078

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Batschke to adopt the Resolution for ACH and Electronic Transactions. Roll call: Campbell – absent, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Batschke – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

6. The Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County Parade Permit

21-M-079

Motion by Hall, seconded by Batschke to approve the parade permit for The Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County's Superhero 5k Run/Walk on Friday, June 4, 2021 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

7. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

21-M-080

Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to appoint Rick Lipan to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending November 2024. Motion carried.

8. 2021 Sidewalk Replacement Strategy

21-M-081

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to extend the contract for AJ Rehmus & Son, through a change order, for the 2021 sidewalk replacement project, not to exceed the proposed budgeted amount of \$250,000. Motion carried.

9. Parks and Recreation Recommendations

The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended to the council to: 1. City Council approve a new Disc Golf Layout as presented by Chairman Sean Smith., 2. City Council consider installing security cameras in strategic locations in Bieth Park, including near the splash pad, playgrounds and the common areas of rec building which will hold the renovated bathrooms., and 3. City Council approve crack sealing and cleaning up the tennis courts in Bieth Park and establishing two (2) test pickleball courts using special court tape.

21-M-082

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to pursue all three recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion carried.

10. Manager Compensation/Bonus Determination

21-M-083

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Batschke to take to the matter to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

11. Set Finance Committee Meeting

Finance Committee meeting set for May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

12. Set Policy Committee Meeting

Policy Committee meeting set for June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: Councilor Eschenbacher updated the council on the last Planning Commission meeting and asked the council what they wanted to do about the homeless shelter and having the Planning Commission look for a different path that will work for both the city and the homeless shelter. It was the majority consensus of the council to move forward with a different path that will work for both parties.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greene reported that the EDC is working on projects all around the county. He attended the DDA meeting, Parks and Recreation meeting, and Planning Commission meeting.

MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager Matthew Lane submitted a written report.

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

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Batschke questioned if the city could do more to push COVID restrictions due to increases in Tuscola County cases.

Councilor Hall questioned when mowing would start.

21-M-084

Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Sara Savage
Clerk/Treasurer