

## **CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on May 4, 2022, at 6:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Kory Batschke

Others: Matthew Lane – City Manager, Rita Papp – Clerk, and other guests

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

#### **22-M-72**

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

**Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:**

Mark Putnam – Commented on article he submitted to the Tuscola County Advertiser regarding the Caro Strand Theatre.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Minutes – April 18, 2022
2. Special Council Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2022
3. Invoices

#### **22-M-73**

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

**Motion Carried.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)**

#### **1. Demolition of Residential Structures 2022**

#### **22-M-74**

**Motion by Hall, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and award the demolition contract to Willy's Contracting out of Saginaw in the amount of \$38,126.00.**

**Motion carried.**

#### **2. Fire Department Budget Adjustment Request FY 2021-2022**

#### **22-M-75**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the Fire Department Budget Adjustment as presented. Move \$4,000.00 from line-item number 536-336-740-000, Operating Costs to the Fire Prevention House and Water Rescue Craft purchase project. Fire Fighters to contribute the remaining cost to this project.**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/TABLED:** None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Written report submitted

National Teachers Week – May 2 - 6, 2022

National Firefighter Day – May 4, 2022

National Day of Prayer – May 5, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. – Courthouse lawn

National Military Month – May 2022

Nurses Week – May 6 – 12, 2022

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS** – Written report submitted

Mayor Greene – Asked about sidewalk project. Mike Carpenter gave an update on project.

Council Member Hall – Asked if they have determined sidewalks for next year. City Manager and Director of Public Works and Utilities to assess.

Mayor Greene – Asked about Lincoln Street project. Mike Carpenter gave an update on project and commented on the Gilford Street project and the condition of Court Street.

City Manager – Discussed the tree issue with adjacent neighbors behind municipal hall. Discussion followed.

**CLERK'S REPORT** – Written report submitted

Gave an update on the election. Caro Area Transit Authority millage passed. City of Caro had 352 voters of which 276 were Absentee Ballots and 76 were in person voters. Election day went well with no issues. Next election is Primary Election on August 2, 2022.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Allan Michel – Commented on his removal from the Planning Commission and issues with the chairperson. Also asked for an update on the old police station. City Manager gave an update.

Council Member Hall – Commented on the LED light on the Welcome to Caro sign is not working.

Commented on the condition of downtown buildings. Discussion followed. Commented on the condition of the church on Burnside Street and Sheridan Street. Discussion followed. Commented on ideas for the ARPA funds. Discussion followed.

Council Member Jones-Holubec – World Lupus Day is May 10, 2022, and National Lupus Awareness month is May 2022.

Council Member Eschenbacher – Reminded council of budget workshop on May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**22-M-76**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

Rita Papp  
City Clerk