

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on June 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Caro Fire Hall.

Present: Mayor Joe Greene, City Council: Brian Rickwalt, Bob Eschenbacher, Don Hall, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Alvin Zavitz, and Jill White

Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL:

20-M-100

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Al Michele made a comment opposing the proposed medical marihuana provisioning facility.

Herb Sheardy made a comment about the \$100 administrative fee for blight mowing.

Nicholas Schmelter submitted a written public comment opposing property ownership being an eligibility for elected office.

Unknown resident submitted a written public comment regarding parking spaces for the proposed medical marihuana provisioning facility.

Unknown resident submitted a written public comment opposing the proposed medical marihuana provisioning facility.

Beth Greene submitted a written public comment about foul language graffiti on a business building in the downtown area.

Ray Murad made a comment regarding the proposed medical marihuana provisioning facility.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Finance Committee Minutes – May 18, 2020
2. Regular Council Minutes – May 18, 2020
3. Invoices

20-M-101

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the consent agenda including the invoices. Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – no, Rickwalt – no, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Greene – yes. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance #477 – Amending Medical Marihuana Ordinance

Mayor Greene opened the public hearing on proposed Ordinance #477, an Ordinance to amend Section 8-29(h) of the City of Caro Code. This section deals with state licensed medical marihuana facility location requirements and specifically would add that no medical marihuana facility be located within five-hundred feet of a state licensed daycare.

2. Public Comment/Council Discussion
No public comment or discussion.

3. Close Public Hearing

20-M-102

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Zavitz to close the public hearing on proposed Ordinance #477. Motion carried.

4. Action on Proposed Ordinance #477

20-M-103

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to adopt Ordinance #477 as presented.

Roll Call: Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Greene – yes. Motion carried.

5. Special Condition Use Permit – Premier Provisioning Center LLC Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center

20-M-104

Motion by Hall, seconded by Zavitz to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Special Condition Use Permit for Premier Provisioning Facility at 1023 E. Caro Rd and to direct the City Manager to issue a Provisional Medical Marihuana Facility License in accordance with Ordinance 475 of the City of Caro Code of Ordinances. Roll call: Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – no, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Greene – yes. Motion carried.

6. Resolution to Set Charge for Mowing of Weeds/Grass/Brush

20-M-105

Motion by Zavitz, seconded by White to approve the Resolution to Set Charge for Mowing of Weeds/Grass/Brush as presented. Roll call: Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – no, Greene – yes. Motion carried.

7. Farmers' Market Bids

20-M-106

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to accept the recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority and award the Farmers' Market construction contract to Three Rivers Corporation in the amount of \$921,700 and to allow the City Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to execute the agreement. Motion carried.

8. DDA Pole Relocation Project

20-M-107

Motion by Hall, seconded by Jones-Holubec to match the contribution of \$80,000 and affirm the budgeted amount in the FY2020/2021 Budget. Motion carried.

9. Match on Main Business Grant Program

20-M-108

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the of the City Manager and pre-approve the expenditure of \$27,500 for the COVID-19 Match on Main Small Business Grant Program, if awarded and to pre-approve the necessary budget amendment to recognized the revenues and expense to facilitate the rapid deployment of these fund into the business community. Motion carried.

10. 2020 Graduating Class Parade

20-M-109

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to support the parade request for 2020 graduating class. Motion carried.

11. Tuscola County EDC Contribution Request

20-M-110

Motion by Jones-Holubec, seconded by Hall to approve the Tuscola County EDC allocation request of \$5,000. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Planning Commission – Minutes in the packet. Councilor Zavitz asked fellow council members for any input regarding irregular lots for building purposes.
2. DDA – Minutes in the packet. Discussed when the flower baskets and pots will be delivered.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Greene submitted a written report.

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

CLERK’S REPORT - The Clerk/Treasurer submitted a written report.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Campbell made a comment that owning a home does not matter if elected. Also made a comment about trash enforcement and the dog park.

Al Michele made a comment about South Almer Street.

Councilor White made a comment about grass clippings in the street.

20-M-111

Motion by White, seconded by Zavitz to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Sara Savage

Clerk/Treasurer