

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on July 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Caro Fire Hall.

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

Absent: Brian Rickwalt

Others in Attendance: Sara Savage – Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL:

20-M-120

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Al Michele asked a question about the flower pots downtown.

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Policy Committee Minutes – June 15, 2020
2. Regular Council Minutes – June 15, 2020
3. Invoices

20-M-121

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Dog Park Fencing

20-M-122

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to award the fence installation contract to L&L Fence and allow the City Clerk/Treasurer to sign any and all documents necessary to execute the agreement and schedule the work subject to city approval of layout, timeframe, payment on completion, and material specifications. Motion carried.

2. Sidewalk Project 2020

20-M-123

Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to award the contract to AJ Remus & Sons Inc, allow the City Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to execute the agreement and schedule the

work and allow funds to come out of the budgeted \$250,000 in the Municipal Streets Fund – Sidewalk Contracted Services. Motion carried.

3. Cat Ordinance Discussion

Mayor Greene received a call from a resident having issues with feral cats and asked the council if they would like to consider addressing cats as an ordinance. It was the consensus of the council to recommend to the Policy Committee.

4. Banner Request – Thumb Area Old Engine & Tractor Association
20-M-124

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the request from the Thumb Area Old Engine & Tractor Association to hang banner from July 27, 2020 to August 10, 2020 for the 45th Annual Old Engine & Tractor Show. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. EDC – Mayor Greene provided council with handouts of EDC Working Projects list and information on the Michigan Business Restart Grant.
2. Parks and Recreation – minutes in the packet.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greene submitted a written report.

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

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

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Carpenter gave an update on South Almer Street.

Al Michele made a comment about renaming South Almer Street after Mayor Greene.

Councilor Eschenbacher made a comment about needing to take care of city properties, such as parking lots, tennis courts, Caro Roadhouse, and the fairgrounds. Also made a comment about needing to fix Gilford Road and the garbage company leaving corral doors open again.

Tanya Batschke asked the council if the city could put a new fence at the fairgrounds with the money saved from the dog park fence.

Councilor White made a comment about fixing the fountain at Chippewa Park, overflowed garbage cans at Chippewa Park, and the grass being cut at the park after it's too long.

Mike Carpenter gave an update on the police building.

20-M-125

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Sara Savage
Clerk/Treasurer