

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on August 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. electronically via Zoom Video Communications (meeting ID: 940 2852 8276)

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

Absent: Don Hall

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

20-M-141

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of #8 WWTP Biosolids Dewatering and #9 Fourth Quarter Financial Report under regular agenda. Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – absent, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – August 6, 2020
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement – Randall Heckroth
 - D. DPW/Water Reports – Jeff Graham
 - E. WWTP – Curtis Wells
 - F. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Sara Savage

20-M-142

Motion by Zavitz, seconded by White to approve the consent agenda including the invoices. Roll call: Hall – absent, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – Necessity for Proposed Sidewalk Replacements
Mayor Greene opened the public hearing on the necessity for proposed sidewalk improvements.
2. Public Comment/Council Discussion

Sonja Richards – 131 Butler St. – commented that she does not see any cracks in her sidewalks.

Comment on behalf of owner at 325 S. Almer Street that sidewalk concrete damage due to condition of South Almer Street.

Robert Russel – 111 Butler St. – questioned if the sidewalk will be lowered to match their approach.

Patricia Tucker – 144 E. Congress St. – made a comment against the project and questioned who owns the sidewalk.

Linda Ackerman – 120 E. Gamble St. – made a comment against the project and special assessment.

Clarence Baker – 141 Butler St. – questioned his sidewalk dimensions.

Written public comment submitted by Paul Gale – 127 Butler St. – requesting the city to fully fund the project without a special assessment.

Councilor Jones-Holubec made a comment against the special assessments and not taking into consideration the effects of COVID-19 hardships in our community.

3. Close Public Hearing

20-M-143

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Zavitz to close the public hearing for the necessity for proposed sidewalk replacements. Roll call: Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – absent, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

4. Action on Public Hearing

20-M-144

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Zavitz to approve the necessity for the sidewalk improvements and to proceed with the 2020 sidewalk replacements subject to having a Policy Committee meeting to review the time of payment and interest percent of the Sidewalk Special Assessment Policy. Roll call: Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – absent, Jones-Holubec – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

Policy Committee Meeting of the Whole set for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

5. Set Public Hearing on 2020 Sidewalk Replacement Special Assessment Roll

Public Hearing on the 2020 Sidewalk Replacement Special Assessment Roll for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

6. Special Condition Use Permit – Samson Industries

20-M-145

Motion by Rickwalt, seconded by Jones-Holubec to direct the Planning Commission continue its review of the applications and provide the applicant with the necessary time to produce the requested information. Roll call: White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – absent, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

7. Tuscola Area Airport FY 2020-21 Allocation

20-M-146

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the invoice from the Tuscola Area Airport for \$13,000 for the 2020-2021 allocation. Roll call: Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – absent, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

8. WWTP Biosolids Dewatering
20-M-147

Motion by Zavitz, seconded by White to approve the proposal from BioTech Agronomics for the dewatering and landfill disposal of biosolids in the amount of \$149,676.64. Roll call: Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – absent, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

9. Fourth Quarter Financial Report
20-M-148

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept the fourth quarter financial report as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. Roll call: Hall – absent, Jones-Holubec – yes, Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Planning Commission – Councilor Zavitz gave an update from the meeting.
2. DDA – City Manager Matthew Lane gave an update from the meeting.
3. Airport Authority – information in the packet.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Greene presented his report.

MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager Matthew Lane presented his report.

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

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Carpenter made a comment that some Planning Commission members could benefit from being provided laptops to attend meetings.

Councilor White questioned if we received the fencing for the dog park.

20-M-149

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Roll call: Rickwalt – yes, White – yes, Zavitz – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – absent, Jones-Holubec – yes, Mayor Greene – yes. Motion carried.

Sara Savage
Clerk/Treasurer