CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on August 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Others: Matthew Lane – City Manager, Rita Papp – Clerk, Other guests – Herb Sheardy, Karen Sonquist, Pam Isler, Tanya Batschke, Matt & Megan Bartolowits, Scott Campbell

AGENDA APPROVAL

21-M-153

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda with the addition of agenda item #6 – FY 2020-2021 4th Quarter Financial Report Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes (2)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Regular Council Minutes July 19, 2021
- 2. Invoices

21-M-154

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Zenner USA Pilot Agreement

Matthew Lane, City Manager presented agreement. Discussion followed in regards to cost. City Manager will follow up with annual costs and additional detail. Matter to be tabled for two weeks.

21-M-155

Motion by Hall, seconded by Batschke to table this agenda item.

Motion carried.

2. Request from Harvest Your Craft – Transfer Liquor License

Matthew Lane, City Manager presented the request. Discussion followed.

21-M-156

Motion by Hall, seconded by Batschke to approve the Request to Transfer Liquor License – Harvest Your Craft as presented. Roll Call Vote: Batschke – Yes, Campbell – Yes, Eschenbacher – Yes, Hall – Yes, Jones-Holubec – Yes, White – Yes, Mayor Greene – Yes. Motion carried.

3. Tuscola Area Airport Authority – 2021-2022 Annual Allocation Fee

Matthew Lane, City Manager presented the Annual Allocation from the Tuscola Area Airport Authority. Discussion followed.

21-M-157

Motion by Batschke, seconded by White to approve the Tuscola Area Airport Authority – 2021-2022 Annual Allocation Fee as presented for \$16,353.00.

Motion carried.

4. Banner Request – TBHS Suicide Awareness/Prevention Month

Matthew Lane, City Manager presented the Banner Request from TBHS. Discussion followed regarding reducing the fee for nonprofit organizations. Matter to be sent to the Policy Committee for consideration.

21-M-158

Motion by Hall, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the Banner Request – TBHS Suicide Awareness/Prevention Month as presented.

Motion carried.

5. Caro Center Water Main – Change Order

Matthew Lane, City Manager presented the Caro Center Water Main – Change Order. Discussion followed with additional comments from Mike Carpenter, ROWE Construction Engineering.

21-M-159

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approved the change order in the amount of \$48,340 for Sterling Excavation for the modification request, bringing the contract to \$1,388,102, extend the substantial completion date to September 10, 2021 and to further approve the corresponding increase to the Rowe Construction Engineering contract in an amount not to exceed \$12,000, bringing the Rowe Construction Engineering contract from \$150,500 to \$162.500. Motion carried.

6. FY 2020-2021 4th Quarter Financial Report

Recommendation from the Finance Committee & City Manager to approve the FY 2020-2021 4th Quarter Financial Report.

21-M-160

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept the FY 2020-2021 4th Quarter Financial Report as presented by City Manager & Finance Committee.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

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

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – City Manager Matt Lane submitted a written report. Highlighted the ISD Transition workers – Painted fire hydrants, re-mulched the playground, and referred the workers to Neil Jackson, Fair Board for additional help.

CLERK'S REPORT – City Clerk Rita Papp submitted a written report. Added that she attended the POET tour with City Manager.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Greene – Commented on an UTV Ordinance from Rogers City and the City of Caro should study this for future consideration. MML Conference registration is open and encouraged Council Members to attend. Encouraged the City to bring more events to the area.

Herb Sheardy – Inquired if there was an election on August 3, 2021.

Mike Carpenter – Commented on how nice the fire hydrants look and explained the color coding of the caps signifies the size of the water main.

Tanya Batschke – Followed up with her complaint regarding residents on Grant Street with the dangerous dog issues and smell coming from that property. Also commented on the success of the local fair.

Council Member Hall – Commented on the Squirt Guns at Splash Pad not working properly. Slide in playground has sharp edges that need attention.

Council Member White – Tour with the fair board was phenomenal. Appreciated all the information the fair board provided. City needs to work tightly with fair board. Discussed a complaint regarding piles of dirt in the camping area at fair grounds.

Scott Campbell – Commented on the success at the Lions Concession booth at the fair. Daily sales were approximately \$3500.

21-M-161

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Rita Papp City of Caro Clerk