

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
September 6, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on September 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Joe Greene, City Council: Bob Eschenbacher, Emily Campbell, Don Hall, Tisha Jones (virtual until 6:55), Pamela Iseler, and Jill White

Absent: Tisha Jones (left virtual attendance at 6:55 p.m.)

Others: Lauren Amellal – Interim City Manager/Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives, Jana Brown – Deputy Clerk, Brian Newcomb – Chief of Police, Michele Perry – Treasurer, Tom Reese – Director of Public Works, Eric & Jody Vrable – Larsen Graphics, Evan Osentoski, Jim McLoskey – Tuscola County EDC, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

22-M-174

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the agenda with the additions of:
#13 - Discussion regarding letter of agreement between the City of Caro, POLC and Employee.
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITORS

William Campbell provided a handout and spoke regarding fire services being billed and requested council appoint individuals to develop a billing system for the City of Caro for fire runs.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular Council Minutes – August 15, 2022
2. Invoices

22-M-175

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices as amended.
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Open Public Hearing – Resolution Approving an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate
Mayor Greene opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

2. Public/Council Comment – Resolution Approving an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate

Jim McLoskey - EDC Communications Director, Eric Vrable – Larsen Graphics & Evan Osentoski – Osentoski Realty spoke regarding the Industrial Facilities Exemption

3. Motion to Close Public Hearing

22-M-176

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to close the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.
Motion carried.

4. Action - Resolution Approving an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate

22-M-177

Motion by Hall, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones – absent, Iseler – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes.
Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Banner Request – Relay for Life of Tuscola County – September 7 – 21, 2022
Discussion held regarding reinstating the charge for hanging banners. Matter to be addressed at a future meeting.

22-M-178

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the Banner Request – Relay for Life of Tuscola County – September 7 – 21, 2022
Motion carried.

2. Burt Watson Fleet Lease Proposal – Chief Brian Newcomb
Presentation given by Burt Watson staff regarding the lease proposal options. Council requested a specific lease contract be presented at a future meeting.
3. Caro Police Youth Program - Chief Brian Newcomb
Program started September 6, 2022. Chief Newcomb provided program information.
4. MML Annual Meeting Notice – Delegate an official representative & alternate to vote at the Annual Meeting held at MML Fall Conference October 19 – 21, 2022.

22-M-179

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Iseler to delegate Mayor Greene as official representative and Pamela Iseler as alternate representative to vote at the Annual Meeting held at the MML Fall Conference October 19 – 21, 2022
Motion carried.

5. Additional Office Holidays

22-M-180

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Veteran's Day as additional office holidays.

Motion carried.

6. LED Sign Quotes

22-M-181

Motion by Hall, seconded by Greene to approve Option 1 from the LED Sign Quotes-Midway Signs in the amount of \$26,500.00 plus permits.

Motion carried.

7. Schedule Special Meeting – Review City Manager Applicants

Mayor Greene, Bob Eschenbacher and Pamela Iseler to meet September 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss applicants and select those to be reviewed by council at the Special Council meeting scheduled for September 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

8. DPW Parking Lot Discussion – Request for Bids

Council requested bids be obtained for repaving the DPW parking lot.

9. Well #5 Piping Upgrade – Quote

22-M-182

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve Well #5 upgrade quote from Peerless Midwest Inc in the amount of \$19,748.11.

Motion carried.

10. Tuscola County Farm Bureau – Rural Education Day Street Closure Request

22-M-183

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the closure of Park drive on September 22, 2022, for the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Rural Education Day.

Motion carried.

11. Auger for Grit Separator – Quote

22-M-184

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the auger for grit separator quote from Smith & Loveless, Inc in the amount of \$10,401.00.

Motion carried.

12. AED Equipment– Quote

22-M-185

Motion by Hall, seconded by Iseler to approve the AED equipment quote from Aventric Technologies in the amount of \$5,940.00.

Motion carried.

13. Letter of Agreement between City, POLC and employee

22-M-186

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to approve the letter of agreement between the City of Caro, POLC and employee.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED - Parks & Recreation Committee – Fence Quotes

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS - None

MAYOR’S REPORT – Written report submitted

MANAGER COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

CLERK’S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Molby spoke on behalf Relay for Life of Tuscola County. He thanked council for approving their banner and reminded everyone of the upcoming Relay for Life event on September 17, 2022, at State Street Square.

Mike Carpenter indicated there are currently three vacancies on the Planning Commission and would like council to consider reducing the board from its current nine members to seven. He gave an update on the Gilford Road project which was completed faster than expected and came in under budget. He also inquired about potentially rebidding the sidewalk project; discussion followed which also included additional future projects.

22-M-187

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Motion carried.

Jana Brown
Deputy Clerk