

CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Present: Mayor Joe Greene, City Council: Bob Eschenbacher, Kory Batschke, Emily Campbell, Don Hall – arrived 8:04 p.m., Tisha Jones-Holubec, and Jill White

Absent: None

Others: Matthew Lane – City Manager, Rita Papp – Clerk, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

21-M-177

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the additional invoice and agenda items: #6 Banner Policy, #7 UTV Ordinance 1st Reading, #8 Resignation Letter – Alvin Zavitz, #9 Policy Committee Meeting.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Written Public Comments:

Carol Quinn – Letter opposing Homeless Shelter

Carol Quinn – Letter concerning issue with Council Member Jones-Holubec

Vanessa Ferguson – Letter supporting Council Member Jones-Holubec

Public Comment:

Michael Clinesmith – Spoke in support of Council Member Jones-Holubec

Ona Clinesmith – Spoke in support of Council Member Jones-Holubec

Susan Campbell – Spoke in support of Council Member Jones-Holubec

Ramon Zamora – Thanked the Council for the motion to recommend the resignation of Council Member Jones-Holubec in previous meeting. Spoke about concerns with Council Member Jones-Holubec.

COMMUNICATIONS: Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Minutes – August 16, 2021
2. Policy Committee Minutes – August 16, 2021
3. Invoices

21-M-178

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. **Water/Sewer Rate Resolution**

City Manager to complete a financial spreadsheet and present to next meeting.
Matter postponed to next Council Meeting.

21-M-179

Motion by Batschke, seconded by White to postpone this agenda item.

Motion carried.

2. MEDC Grant Agreement (CASE 337451)

21-M-180

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the MEDC Grant Agreement as presented with City Manager Matt Lane to sign said agreement.

Motion carried.

3. Sidewalk Special Assessment 2021-2022

21-M-181

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and schedule the sidewalk special assessment open house for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021, and set the public hearing on the necessity of the project for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021.

Motion carried.

4. Purchase DPW Work Truck

21-M-182

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Campbell to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the purchase of the GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4X4 Crew Cab from Bell-Wasik GMC of Caro in the amount of \$36,200.00 as requested by the Department of Public Works.

Motion carried.

5. Purchase Silversmith GIS System

21-M-183

Motion by Baschke, seconded by Campbell to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the purchase of Silversmith GIS System for a total first year cost of \$7,200.00 and an annual cost of \$2,100.00 as requested by the Department of Public Works.

Motion carried.

6. Banner Fees

21-M-184

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Jones-Holubec to accept the recommendation from the Policy Committee to remove the fees from the Banner Policy.

Motion carried.

7. UTV Ordinance – 1st Reading & Set Public Hearing

21-M-185

Motion by White, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept the proposed UTV Ordinance First Reading and Set a Public Hearing.

Motion carried.

8. Resignation Letter – Alvin Zavitz, Planning Commission

21-M-186

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept Alvin Zavitz's resignation letter from the Planning Commission with regrets.

Motion carried.

9. Policy Committee meeting set for October 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Highlighted he just returned from a fishing trip to Canada.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

Highlighted MDOT Bridge Safety Audit with ROWE and Spicer 8/17/21, Small Urban Taskforce Meeting RE: Gilford Road, City has won appeal case with the Walby matter, Recent home purchased by the City is in the process of being secured.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Highlighted Clerking 101 training, shared with Council the language for tabled item verses postponed item on agendas, received 5 applicants for Deputy Clerk and interviewing 3 applicants on Friday, September 10, 2021.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donald Clinesmith - Spoke in support of Council Member Jones-Holubec. Also discussed the City of Caro's Marijuana Ordinance.

21-M-187

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

Motion carried.

Rita Papp

City of Caro Clerk