

CITY OF CARO COUNCIL WORKSHOP
January 13, 2020 – 7:30 PM
Caro City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Joe Greene, City Council: Brian Rickwalt, Bob Eschenbacher, Don Hall, and Tisha Jones-Holubec

Absent: Megan Calvin

Others in Attendance: Don Duggar – Interim City Manager, Sara Savage – Clerk/Treasurer and other guests

The council watched a video about the Tuscola County EDC.

Set a special meeting for Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm to review city manager applications with Frank Walsh.

Set a special meeting for Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm to interview candidates to fill the council vacancy.

Mayor Greene updated the council that the State of Michigan sent a letter that they still want water from Caro for the Caro Center.

Discussion items:

1. Future Capital Projects

- a. Major streets – We are currently working on doing South Almer Street. West Gilford Rd. is in need of repair and discussed the possibility of using grant money and asking Almer Township to contribute.
- b. Local streets – Local streets discussed as needing repair are Lincoln, Pearl, East Sherman, and East Bush streets. Would like to budget about \$300,000 to repair local streets.
- c. Sidewalks – Discussed having the city's DPW replace areas where city trees uprooted sidewalks. Would like to budget about \$250,000 to repair sidewalks.
- d. Light poles – Would like to budget to have at least three light poles on hand.
- e. Line Striping – Discussed wanting to re-stripe all crosswalks throughout the city.
- f. Police Building – The new police building is scheduled to start construction this spring. The council would like to see about \$20,000 budgeted to demolish the rental house to be used for additional parking at city hall. Would like to budget about \$50,000 to demolish the current police department building to create more parking.
- g. Fairgrounds – There is a hole behind the Jaycee building that needs to be filled. Discussed what to do with the Jaycee building as it is in a good location for the possible splash pad; tearing it down or converting it to a bathroom, changing facility, or control house for the splash pad. Fences in the fairgrounds need to be replaced.

The workshop adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Sara Savage, Clerk/Treasurer