

CITY OF CARO SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Joe Greene called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Others: Matthew Lane – City Manager, Rita Papp – Clerk, Michele Perry – Treasurer, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, Lauren Amellal – Farmers Market Manager and other guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Steve Erickson – EDC – Introduced Ron Anderson, the owner of the Caro Strand Theater.

Ron Anderson – Commented on the progress of the theater. Supports the budget project to demo the old police department for an additional parking lot.

Allan Michel – Voiced his concern with the Planning Commission Chairperson.

Tony Perez – Concerned with the smell coming from the Michigan Sugar settling ponds.

SPECIAL AGENDA: (action required)

1. FY 2022-2023 Budget

Mayor Greene opened the discussion on the FY 2022-2023 budget.

Items that were approved at the June 6, 2022 meeting were: Purchase of Aerial Ladder Truck, \$400,000.00, Old Police Department Demolition \$150,000.00

Discussion followed on the Proposed Personnel Changes.

22-M-110

Motion by Hall, seconded by Jones-Holubec to approve the Full Time Police Officer (School Resource Officer) in the 2022-2023 budget.

Motion carried.

22-M-111

Motion by White, seconded by Hall to approve the Full Time Director of Development/Strategic Initiatives position in the 2022-2023 budget.

Motion carried.

22-M-112

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to put on hold the following positions: Part Time Police Officer, Part Time Parks & Recreation Program Coordinator, Assistant City Manager/Sr. Projects Administrator, DPW Position, WWTP Position

Motion withdrawn.

22-M-113

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to remove the Assistant Manager/Sr. Projects Administrator from the 2022-2023 budget and approve the Part Time Parks & Recreation Program Coordinator, Part Time Police Officer, DPW Position and WWTP Position in the 2022-2023 budget.

Motion carried.

22-M-114

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to accept and approve the City of Caro Resolution of Adoption FY 2022-2023 budget with amendments.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Hall – yes, Jones-Holubec – yes, White – yes, Mayor Greene – yes

Motion carried.

2. City Manager Vacancy Discussion

22-M-115

Motion by Hall, seconded by White to authorize the City Clerk to advertise the City Manager's position in the local newspaper, Facebook, and city website for two weeks.

Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tanya Batschke – Suggested hiring internally for the DPW Director and WWTP Director.

Allan Michel – Suggested placing City Manager ad in the Detroit News.

Sean Smith – Parks & Recreation Chairperson – Thanked Council for their support on the Parks & Recreation Program Coordinator in the budget.

Council Member Hall – Commented on the fire at his house and thanked Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief and the fire department for saving his house.

Amy Smith – Inquired on the process for selecting sidewalks that needed repair. City Manager explained the process. Also inquired on the status of the resignations.

Mayor Greene – Commented that the notifications of new water rates have been mailed.

22-M-116

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk