

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
June 19, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723
(AMENDED)

Mayor Karen Snider called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on June 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Karen Snider, City Council: Emily Campbell, Bob Eschenbacher, Pamela Iseler, Charlotte Kish, and Jill White

Absent: Doreen Oedy

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Michele Perry – City Treasurer, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Reese – DPW Superintendent, David Dienes II – WWTP Superintendent and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

23-M-127

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda with the additions of: Presentation – Adessa Gardens “Plant GenX”

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

PRESENTATION: Adessa Gardens “Plant GenX”

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes (unapproved) – June 13, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2023 (Amended)
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement Report – Randall Heckroth
 - D. DPW Superintendent – Tom ReeseCouncilor Jill White spoke about the flowers and street cleaning.
 - E. WWTP Superintendent – David Dienes II
 - F. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Rita Papp
 - G. Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives Report – Lauren Amellal

23-M-128

Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to approve the consent agenda with amended minutes including invoices.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Parks & Recreation Bylaws

23-M-129

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to accept and adopt the Parks & Recreation Bylaws as presented.

Motion carried.

2. SPARK Grant Application

23-M-130

Motion by Iseler, seconded by White to approve and adopt the Resolution for Spark Grant Application as presented with amendments.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Iseler – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – absent, White – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried.

3. Pavilion Rental at Caro Parks

23-M-131

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Campbell to allow the City Manager to implement a Pavilion Rental Program at City Parks.

Motion carried.

4. Budget Adjustments

23-M-132

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to accept and approve the Resolution of Adoption FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendments.

Roll call vote: Eschenbacher – yes, Iseler – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – absent, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Chamber of Commerce thanked everyone for their participation in Cars & Crafts, Chamber Golf Outing is August 4, 2023, Ribbon Cutting for Garden Club and Kretschkys.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Approved the DDA Director employment contract and job description.
4. Fair Board (Iseler) – No report

5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Discussed Spark Grant, Bylaws, and Received a donation for a local park.
6. Planning Commission (Eschenbacher) – No meeting.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Iseler) – County ~~received~~ applied for a grant for a marine boat and purchased playground equipment for Vanderbilt Park.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – Marijuana ordinance discussion and approved ordinance. Completed their board policies and discussed putting their ordinances online.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

Still waiting on media for the arsenic plant.

Will be on vacation July 3-7, 2023, Chief Newcomb is covering City Manager duties in my absence.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Attended MAMC Conference last week.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Received \$8,000.00 + for code enforcement fees.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Campbell – Spoke on pavilions and rental fees.

Sean Smith – Spoke on pavilions and rental fees, Parks & Recreation Committee involvement, and Spark Grant.

Tanya Batschke – Spoke on the increase of positivity in the community.

Randy Heckroth – Spoke on pavilion rentals, flowers, and sidewalk clean up using fire trucks. Zoning will be transferred to City Manager on July 1, 2023. Code Enforcement is working on blight ticket recovery process & working on blight elimination with community involvement. The new fire truck will be picked up July 7, 2023.

City of Caro has received their license for the Medical First Responders. The program will start July 1, 2023.

Councilor Pam Iseler – Spoke on council attendance at committee meetings.

23-M-133

Motion by Iseler, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk