

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 20, 2024, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723**

Mayor Karen Snider called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on May 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Bob Eschenbacher

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, and other guests

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**24-M-123**

**Motion by Campbell, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda with the additions of #7 – Resignation Letter – Bob Eschenbacher, #8 – Advertise Council Vacancy, #9 – Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.**  
**Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes (2)
2. DDA Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2024

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2024
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
  - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
  - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
  - C. Code Enforcement Report – Randall Heckroth

**24-M-124**

**Motion by White, seconded by Iseler to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices.**  
**Motion Carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Banner Request – Chamber of Commerce – Cars & Crafts

**24-M-125**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Oedy to approve the Banner Request from Chamber of Commerce, Cars & Crafts, May 20, 2024 – June 3, 2024, contingent on the City of Caro securing Kappen Tree Service for placement & removal and billing Chamber of Commerce \$300.00 total for the cost incurred.**  
**Motion carried.**

2. Fairgrounds Renewal Lease Agreement

**24-M-126**

**Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the proposed lease agreement with the Tuscola County Fair Board for the Fairgrounds as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

3. Great Start Enrichment Center Story Walk

**24-M-127**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to allow Great Start Enrichment Center to place 25 posts for a story walk along side the trail between Columbia Street and the Chippewa Landing Trail in consultation with the City Manager.**

**Motion carried.**

4. Schedule Public Hearing for FY 2024-2025 Budget

**24-M-128**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to schedule a Public Hearing for the FY 2024-2025 Budget on June 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

5. DDA Request to Install Speakers – Charlotte Kish, DDA Liaison

**24-M-129**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the recommendation from DDA to install the speaker system at Atwood Park at the expense of the DDA.**

**Motion carried.**

6. Investment Maturing

**24-M-130**

**Motion by Campbell, seconded by Kish to instruct the City Treasurer to leave the CDARS in the amount of \$512,951.00 at Independent Bank at the current rate.**

**Motion carried.**

7. Resignation Letter – Bob Eschenbacher

**24-M-131**

**Motion by Iseler, seconded by White to accept the resignation letter from Council Member Bob Eschenbacher effective May 20, 2024.**

**Motion carried.**

8. Advertise Council Vacancy

Council advised the City Clerk to advertise the Council Vacancy with the deadline of June 12, 2024.

9. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

**24-M-132**

**Motion by Campbell, seconded by Kish to appoint Charlotte Kish as the Mayor Pro Tem due to the resignation of Bob Eschenbacher.**

**Roll Call Vote: Campbell – yes, Iseler – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, White – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.**  
**Motion carried.**

**ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED:** None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Did not attend meeting. EDC hired a new Director, Trevor Keys.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Chamber of Commerce Officers were elected. Working on Cars & Crafts, Business After Hours, and Golf Outing.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Gave an update on the artwork project, Madison Olar project, Façade Project, Logo selection, & Lincoln Block project.
4. Fair Board (Iseler) – Did not attend. The fencing grant was denied.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Did not attend. Grand Re-Opening Event at Beith Park, Discussed Parks & Recreation Superintendent position requirements.
6. Planning Commission (Manager) – Reviewed the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Iseler) – Promoted Erica Walle to Assistant Prosecutor, Hired two seasonals & a Records Clerk.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – Unable to attend.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – Unable to attend.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.

Thanked Chief Newcomb & Mike Carpenter for attending meetings.

Announced Fire Hall Open House, May 30, 2024.

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS** – Written report submitted.

Recreation grant was denied. Package of bills in legislation to change the date to December 1 for elected city officials.

**CLERK'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**24-M-133**

**Motion by Oedy, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

Rita Papp

City Clerk