

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 updates 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