

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
September 3, 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 September 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

24-M-205

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes – August 20, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2024
2. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2024
3. Invoices

24-M-206

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Light Pole Usage Request – Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival

24-M-207

Motion by White, seconded by Kish to approve the Light Pole Usage Request – Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival from September 28, 2024 to November 2, 2024.

Motion carried.

2. Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Road Closure Request

24-M-208

Motion by Kish, seconded by White to allow the requested street closures for the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival.

Motion carried

3. Resolution Establishing Election Commission & Approve Election Inspector Pay

24-M-209

Motion by Kish, seconded by Oedy to approve the Resolution Establishing Election Commission for the City of Caro, Resolution No. 2024-16 and authorize the appointment of Councilor Pamela Iseler as the city official, and Tammy Ries as the qualified elector with no per diem pay to the Election Commission, and to pay \$15.00 per hour for Election Inspector, \$17.00 per hour for Precinct Chairperson, \$50.00 for attending necessary training.

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

Motion carried.

4. Discussion Regarding Policy Committee Recommendation for Rental Inspection Ordinance Amendment

24-M-210

Motion by White, seconded by Kish to take no action on the Rental Inspection Ordinance Amendment at this time.

Motion carried.

5. Set Policy Committee Meeting for September 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec 8(1)(e) “to consult with the City Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation in POET Biorefining Caro, LLC v City of Caro, Michigan Tax Tribunal Docket No. 23-001803, for the reason that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City”

24-M-211

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Kish to enter Closed Session Pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec 8(1)(e) “to consult with the City Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation in POET Biorefining Caro, LLC v City of Caro, Michigan Tax Tribunal Docket No. 23-001803, for the reason that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City”

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

Motion carried.

Entered Closed Session: 7:00 p.m.

Exited Closed Session: 7:17 p.m.

24-M-212

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell, having consulted with legal counsel, we approve the proposed litigation strategy as presented by counsel and authorize counsel to proceed with the litigation strategy as presented.

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

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

MDOT updated M24 bridge closure date for November 15, 2024.

Councilor Charlotte Kish inquired on personnel coverage due to WWTP Superintendent resignation.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stacy Crutchfield – Commented on ideas for activities for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

24-M-213

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Oedy to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk