

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL

October 7, 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 October 7, 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, Jana Brown – Deputy City Clerk, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief, Tom Reese – DPW Superintendent and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

24-M-222

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Kish to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Resident inquired about the feral cat issue.
2. Shane Polega expressed concern for how a law enforcement issue was handled.
3. Shane Polega's father commented regarding his son's incident
4. Bob Smith commented on Shane Polega's issue.

COMMUNICATION:

1. Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes – September 17, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2024
2. Invoices

24-M-223

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented with corrections to the September 16, 2024, meeting minutes and including invoices.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Open Public Hearing - Snow Removal Ordinance No. 487
2. Public/Council Comments
 - a. Heidi Parker questioned who would be responsible for snow cleanup downtown at the curbside.
 - b. Tanya Batschke asked for clarification on what areas the snow removal ordinance would affect and how will people be notified.
 - c. Randy Heckroth questioned if weekends were included in the snow removal ordinance.
 - d. Greg Hutchison inquired who would be responsible for snow removal on the Rite Aid property and if the City would be obligated to remove snow pursuant to the ordinance.
 - e. Counselor Kish inquired who would be responsible to determine the end of a snow event and who would enforce the ordinance.
 - f. Counselor Campbell wanted clarification on the definition of terms in Sec. 32-124(d)

- g. Counselor Oedy inquired as to how we would communicate the new ordinance to the citizens.

3. Close Public Hearing - Snow Removal Ordinance No. 487

24-M-224

Motion by White, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing regarding Snow Removal Ordinance No. 487.

Motion Carried.

4. Action - Snow Removal Ordinance No. 487

24-M-225

Motion by Kish, seconded by Mayor Snider to refer the Snow Removal Ordinance No. 487 back to the policy committee.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Hutchison – no, Iseler – no, Kish – yes, Oedy no, White – no, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion failed.

24-M-226

Motion by White, seconded by Iseler to adopt the Snow Removal Ordinance No. 487.

Roll call vote: Hutchison – yes, Iseler – yes, Kish – no, Oedy yes, White – yes, Campbell – no, Mayor Snider – no.

Motion Carried.

5. IT Services Bids

24-M-227

Motion by Iseler, seconded by White to accept the proposal from R&R Technical Services to provide IT Services for the proposed price of \$500 per month for the first year, \$550 per month for the second year, and \$600 per month for the third year and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents to execute a contract per the proposal.

Motion Carried.

6. DPW Trailer

24-M-228

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Campbell to purchase the load trailer from DR Trailer Sales as estimated for a cost of \$6,397.00 and authorize the signing of all documents required to complete the purchase.

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

Motion Carried.

7. Actuators for Water Treatment Facility

24-M-229

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to purchase the new electric actuators and control panel for the water treatment facility from Kurita America for the quoted price of \$217,545.00 and instruct the City Treasurer to adjust the budget to account for the costs above the adopted budget.

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

Motion Carried.

8. MDOT Maintenance Contract & Resolution

24-M-230

Motion by White, seconded by Hutchison to adopt Resolution 2024-17 to accept the contract between the City of Caro and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the city to perform maintenance on state trunklines.

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

Motion Carried.

9. Fire Department Radios

24-M-231

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the purchase of 4 state radios from Digicom Global 911 Inc. and have them programmed for a cost of \$21,455.03. and instruct the City Treasurer to adjust the budget to account for the additional cost.

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

Motion Carried.

10. Planning Commission Member Absence

24-M-232

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to declare the resignation of Planning Commission Member Chad Fields and post the vacancy.

Motion Carried.

11. Set Halloween Trick or Treating Hours

24-M-233

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Iseler to set trick-or-treating hours for October 31, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. with the siren to sound at the starting and ending times.

Motion Carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER COMMENTS – Written report submitted. Thanked Police, DPW & Fire Departments for their work during the Pumpkin Festival. Asked everyone keep City employees dealing with family issues in their thoughts.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Suzanne Reed commented on cleaning the sidewalks, corners & drainage.

24-M-234

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Hutchison to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Jana Brown
Deputy City Clerk

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