

## **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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