

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
October 21, 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 21, 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: Gregory Hutchison

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

24-M-235

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Don Hall – Commented on snow removal ordinance, blight mowings, and trees.

Resident – Commented on Montague Street.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
2. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – Unapproved
3. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes - Unapproved

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 7, 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-236

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Light Pole Replacements

24-M-237

Motion by White, seconded by Iseler to approve the purchase of 11 light poles and bases from Medler Electric Co #3 for the quoted price of \$39,600.00.

Motion carried.

2. Investment Maturing #1

24-M-238

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to keep the CD at Independent Bank for a 179-day term at 4.12%.
Motion carried.**

3. Investment Maturing #2

24-M-239

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to keep the CD at Independent Bank for a 179-day term at 4.12%.
Motion carried.**

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Allocation letter received, Mayor and City Manager researching the contract proposed by EDC, EDC Director to give a presentation to council.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Discussed budgets and future events.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – DDA hired Lauren Amellal for Interim Farmers Market Manager for the remainder of October. Special Meeting was held to discuss the DDA Executive position & Treasurer position. A Personnel Committee was formed. Music in the Park was given back to Parks & Recreation.
4. Fair Board (Iseler) — Discussed long term camping, Annual Meeting will be held October 29, 2024, Neil Jackson will give a presentation to council in December.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Chippewa Landing Event was successful. Fall Cleanup is scheduled for November 2, 2024.
6. Planning Commission (Hutchison) – No meeting. Vacancy is posted.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Iseler) – Controller has resigned. Former controller was hired as interim under a new title.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – No action taken on EDC allocation request. Discussed roads. Not renewing MTA membership. Winter taxes to be handled by County Treasurer.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.
Announced the passing of Dick Fullmer.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.
Local streets analysis has been completed.
Update on Starbucks provided.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Early Voting starts Saturday, October 26, 2024.

100 feet campaigning boundary will be marked by the end of this week.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Hall – Commented on money in the City accounts, employee turn over issues, and City taxes.

24-M-240

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Oedy to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk