

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
November 18, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723

Clerk Rita Papp called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on November 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Oath of Office, Mayor – Karen Snider

Oath of Office, Council Members – Emily Campbell, Doreen Oedy, Heidi Parker, & Jill White.

Present: Mayor Karen Snider, City Council: Emily Campbell, Greg Hutchison, Charlotte Kish, Doreen Oedy, Heidi Parker, and Jill White

Absent:

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

24-M-244

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

PRESENTATION:

1. Tuscola County Fair Board Annual Report – Neil Jackson

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 4, 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-245

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Pro-Tem

24-M-246

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Oedy to approve the recommendation of Mayor Snider and re-appoint Charlotte Kish as Mayor Pro-Tem for the remainder of her term set to expire 2026.

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

Motion carried.

2. Re-Appointments

24-M-247

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the following re-appointments:

**Doreen Oedy - Tuscola County Fair Board Council Liaison
Heidi Parker - Tuscola County Commissioners Council Liaison
Remove Liaisons from Almer Township and Indianfields Township
Robert Wolack - Downtown Development Authority, 4-year term
Sean Smith – Parks & Recreation Committee, 3-year term
Herb Sheardy – Planning Commission, 3-year term
Richard Lipan – Zoning Board of Appeals, 3-year term**

Roll call vote: Hutchinson – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, Parker – yes, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried.

3. Tri Star Investment Policy Statement

24-M-248

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Campbell to approve the Tri Star Investment Policy Statement as presented to include 50% stocks & 50% bonds.

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

Motion carried.

4. Gingerbread Festival Closures

24-M-249

Motion by White, seconded by Oedy to approve the road closures for Gingerbread Festival as requested and postpone the placement of the Gingerbread People on the city light poles pending approval.

Motion carried.

5. Gingerbread Festival Banner Request

24-M-250

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to approve the banner request from Gingerbread Festival, November 25, 2024 – December 9, 2024 pending payment of \$150.00 per banner and to schedule placement with DPW.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Meeting is Wednesday, 11/20/24.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Presentations given by EDC & Michigan Sugar. Discussed purchasing a laptop & printer, future events, Vietnam War Moving Wall, Ribbon Cuttings, and Business After Hours on Thursday, 11/21/24.

3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – No meeting.
4. Fair Board – No report
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 11/19/24.
6. Planning Commission (Hutchison) – No meeting.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners – No report
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – Discussed committee reports and Boy Scout Road project funding.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – Had changes in the board. Peggy Reavey & Patty Witkowski received Achievement Awards. Discussed the Vietnam War Moving Wall.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.
Gave update on streets and sidewalk repairs.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.
Discussed Social Media comments. Gave update on Van Geisen and M81 repair.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chief Brian Newcomb – Commented on R & R Technical Services and what they provide for the Police Department.

Paul Hooper – Commented on the Gingerbread people placement discussion.

Tiffany Behrens – Commented on the DDA Director vacancy and lack of communication on Farmers Market future.

Tanya Batschke – Clerk Papp read a letter into record from Tanya.

Don Hall – Commented on fire truck hanging banners.

Ray Rendon – Commented on Van Geisen Road and the agreement with MDOT for repairs.

Councilor Doreen Oedy – Thanked the clerks department for their hard work with the elections.

Councilor Charlotte Kish – Distributed the City Manager's evaluations. Due back to Clerk sealed by 11/27/24.

24-M-251

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk