

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
December 16, 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 December 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Scott Czasak – City Manager

Others: Rita Papp – City Clerk, Tammy Ries – City Treasurer, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

24-M-265

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

PRESENTATION:

1. Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C. – FY 2023/2024 Financial Audit
2. Tuscola County Economic Development – Trevor Keyes

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2024 (unapproved)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 2, 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-266

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. FY 2023/2024 Financial Audit Approval

24-M-267

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve and file the City of Caro FY 2023/2024 Financial Audit as presented.

Motion carried.

2. 2025 Meeting Schedule

24-M-268

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Kish to approve the City of Caro 2025 Meeting schedule as presented.

Motion carried.

3. Investment Maturing

24-M-269

Motion by White, seconded by Oedy to keep the CD at Independent Bank for a 179-day term at 4.10%.

Motion carried.

4. Downtown Development Authority Appointments

24-M-270

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the appointments to Downtown Development Authority: Jessica Riskey – term expires 2028, Kristin Weaver – term expires 2026, Greg Hollingsworth – term expires 2025.

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

Motion carried.

5. Planning Commission Appointments

24-M-271

Motion by Oedy, seconded by White to approve the appointment to Planning Commission: Robert Eschenbacher – term expires 2027.

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

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED:

1. Tuscola EDC Allocation

24-M-272

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell to approve the allocation request from Tuscola EDC in the amount of \$6,500.00 as budgeted.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Absent
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Meeting cancelled.
4. Fair Board (Oedy) – No meeting until February.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Met last week. Elected officers and discussed future events.
6. Planning Commission (Hutchison) – Met last week. Elected officers and sent items to the City Planner for review.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Parker) – Discussed increase in health insurance rates.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Carpenter – Inquired on DDA requirement rule.

Chief Brian Newcomb – Spoke about the incident at Spark Cannabis that Caro PD was involved with, spoke about Shop with a Hero event, and new Police Officer Bryan Eschenbacher was sworn in on Friday after graduating the Police Academy at Delta College.

24-M-273

Motion by White, seconded by Hutchison to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk