

**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 Risky – 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