

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
September 2, 2025, 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 September 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Jana Brown – Deputy City Clerk, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

25-M-184

Motion by Kish seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item #5 “ZBA Re-Appointment”.

Motion Carried.

Report from Fire Chief, Randall Heckroth, regarding the plane crash Tuesday afternoon.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

- Tina Wallace spoke in support of Robert Sturza for the vacant City Council seat.
- Jim Tussey spoke in support of Robert Sturza for the vacant City Council seat.
- Tanya Batschke spoke in support of Robert Eschenbacher for the vacant City Council seat.
- Stephanie Spencer spoke in support of Robert Sturza for the vacant City Council seat.
- Vivienne Spencer thanked Council for all they do for the City of Caro and presented them with handmade crocheted coasters as a token of appreciation.
- Letter read by Deputy City Clerk, Jana Brown, from State Representative of the 97th House District, Matthew Bierlein in support of Robert Sturza for the vacant City Council seat.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes – August 19, 2025
2. Letter to Purchase Land – Brian McCloskey

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2025
2. Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2025
3. Invoices

25-M-185

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. LED Light Kits

25-M-186

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to authorize the purchase of 59 LED retrofit kits from Medler Electric Co #3 for the quoted price of \$29,812.35.

**Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, Parker – yes, White – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.
Motion Carried.**

2. Light Pole Replacements

25-M-187

Motion by White, seconded by Parker to purchase 10 light poles and bases from Medler Electric Co #3 for the quoted price of \$37,895.30.

**Roll call vote: Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, Parker – yes, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.
Motion Carried.**

3. Generator for Well # 1

25-M-188

Motion by Kish, seconded by Oedy to purchase and install a generator for Well #1 from Problem Solved LLC for the quoted price of \$53,200.00.

**Roll call vote: Oedy – yes, Parker – yes, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Kish – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.
Motion Carried.**

4. New Kubota

25-M-189

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Parker to purchase a Kubota from Farm Depot for the quoted price of \$22,300.00

**Roll call vote: Parker – yes, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Kish – no, Oedy – yes, Mayor Snider – no.
Motion Carried.**

5. Council Vacancy Discussion/Action

Discussion was held about the eligible applicants for the open council seat with Manager Scott Czasak speaking about election options.

25-M-190

Motion by White, seconded by Parker to appoint Robert Eschenbacher to the vacant council seat.

**Roll call vote: White – yes, Campbell – no, Kish – no, Oedy – yes, Parker – yes, Mayor Snider – no.
Motion Failed.**

25-M-191

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell, to appoint Robert Sturza to the vacant council seat.

**Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – no, Parker – no, White – no, Mayor Snider – yes.
Motion Failed.**

25-M-192

Motion by Kish, seconded by Oedy to draft a resolution for a special election to fill council vacancy on December 9, 2025.

**Roll call vote: Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, Parker – yes, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.
Motion Carried.**

ITEMS POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR’S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER REPORT – Written report submitted. Scott Czasak has been in contact with the City IT person about streaming city meetings. A request has been made to the IT service to develop what is needed for equipment and develop pricing. As soon as the information is provided to the manager, he will present it to council.

CLERK’S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Pam Iseler spoke regarding wasting money on a special election.
- Stephanie Spencer does not want to see money spent on a special election and again supported Robert Sturza for the vacant council seat.
- Tanya Batschke spoke regarding mayoral candidates in the 2024 election and the results of said election.
- Brenda Peters spoke in support of a special election.
- Manager, Scott Czasak, wished fire fighter Amanda Raymond a Happy Birthday.

25-M-193

Motion by Oedy, seconded by White, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Motion carried.

Jana Brown
Deputy City Clerk

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