

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 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 15, 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, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief, Jon Beaupre – Code Enforcement Officer, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

25-M-194

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

Presentation was given by Chief Brian Newcomb & Chief Randy Heckroth regarding the recent incident at Schall Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Henry Knier – Comment on his concern with passing the special election resolution.

Pam Iseler – Commented on her concern with the ongoing process of selecting a council candidate for the vacancy.

Brenda Peters – Commented on her concerns with the special election process, fire department drone purchase request, and other fire department expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes (2)
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2025
3. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2025
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement Report – Jon Beaupre

25-M-195

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. 1st Reading – Ordinance No. 491 – Electronic Message Sign Ordinance/Set Public Hearing

25-M-196

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell, to consider proposed Ordinance No. 491 – Electronic Message Sign Ordinance adding regulations for electronic message signs to be read for the first time and schedule a Public Hearing and Second Reading of the Ordinance for Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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

2. Resolution No. 2025-8, Michigan Library Appreciation Month, October 2025

25-M-197

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-8, Michigan Library Appreciation Month, October 2025.

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

3. Resolution No. 2025-9, To Call a Special Election to Fill a Vacancy on the City Council.

25-M-198

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell, to postpone Resolution No. 2025-9, To Call a Special Election to Fill a Vacancy on the City Council.

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

4. Fire Department Bunker Gear Purchase Request

25-M-199

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell, to purchase 4 sets of bunker gear from Dinges Fire Company for the quoted price of \$11,192.00.

Motion carried.

5. Fire Department Drone Purchase Request

25-M-200

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell, to purchase a DLSP Pro's drone for a cost of \$13,057.00, and order the City Treasurer to make the necessary budget adjustments to account for this purchase.

Motion carried.

6. Police Department Tasers Purchase Request

25-M-201

Motion by White, seconded by Parker, to purchase Tasers from Axon Enterprise Inc. for the quoted price of \$10,109.18.

Motion carried

7. DPW Kubota Purchase Request

25-M-202

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell, to purchase a Kubota from Farm Depot for the quoted price of \$23,400.00.

Motion carried

8. MML Annual Meeting Voting Delegate Appointment

25-M-203

Motion by Parker, seconded by White, to appoint Scott Czasak as the City of Caro voting delegate to the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention to be held in Grand Rapids September 17-19, 2025.

Motion carried

9. Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Road Closure Request

25-M-204

Motion by Parker, seconded by White, to authorize the requested road closures for the 2025 Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival.

Motion carried

10. DDA Budget Adjustment Request

25-M-205

Motion by Oedy, seconded by White, to approve the budget adjustment as presented.

Motion carried

11. Investment Maturing

25-M-206

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell, to authorize the City Treasurer to invest the CD in the amount of \$105,652.63 at the best possible rate at the time of maturity.

Motion carried

12. Set Halloween Trick or Treating Hours

25-M-207

Motion by Parker, seconded by White, to set Trick-or-Treating hours for October 31, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the siren to sound at the starting and ending times.

Motion carried

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – No August Meeting.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Wreaths Across America presentation was given, Shop with a Hero presentation was given by Officer Bob Gaiser, and discussion on future events.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Discussed budget adjustment & current office building status. Farmers Market is wrapping up its season. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25, 2025.

4. Fair Board (Oedy) – New fence is being built by TLS Construction, looking at installing cameras, closing Midway Hall during the winter months, New PA System for Midway Hall, and upcoming Relay for Life Event.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Harvest on the River event is coming up as well as the Fall Clean Up.
6. Planning Commission (Vacant) – Discussed the Site Plan for Wild Bills Tobacco in the former Rite Aid Building. One marijuana application has been received for the building located on S. Colling Road.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Parker) – Animal Control has hired new employees as well as promoted a current employee.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – Met on September 11, 2025. Elected officers and discussed a variance request.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.
Did not attend the ZBA Meeting as reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilor Doreen Oedy – Inquired on the comments that were given in the previous council meeting regarding the council vacant seat.

City Manager Scott Czasak – Commented on the tragic incident involving Charlie Kirk.
Councilor Heidi Parker – Requested a moment of silence for the Charlie Kirk family.

25-M-208

Motion by Parker, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk