

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
October 6, 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 October 6, 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, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

25-M-209

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

Chief Randy Heckroth asked for a moment of silence for the Putman Family.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2025
2. Invoices

25-M-210

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – Ordinance 491 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the Caro City Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Electronic Signs

Mayor Snider opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

2. Public Discussion/Council Discussion

- Henry Knier – Commented on his concerns with Ordinance No. 491.
- Councilor Charlotte Kish – Commented on the minimum time for the electronic sign display.
- Councilor Heidi Parker – Commented on her concern of the need of Ordinance No. 491.
- Councilor Jill White – Commented on the electric sign at Living Waters church and if the rezoning of this sign was the reason for Ordinance No. 491.

3. Close Public Hearing - Ordinance 491 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the Caro City Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Electronic Signs

25-M-211

Motion by Parker, seconded by Kish to close the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried

4. Council Action – Ordinance 491 - Ordinance 491 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the Caro City Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Electronic Signs

25-M-212

Motion by Parker, seconded by Kish to refer the proposed electronic message signs ordinance back to the Planning Commission with the instructions of changing the display time and inserting a grandfather clause.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – no, Parker – yes, White – yes, Mayor Snider - no
Motion carried

5. Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License – Resolution No. 2025-10.

25-M-213

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 2025-10 to allow the Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association to pursue a Charitable Gaming License.

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

6. Schedule Committee of the Whole Meeting to Discuss City Water Issues

Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

ITEMS POSTPONED:

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

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Update was given on MML Conference, had a meeting with MDOT regarding RR Crossing closure on M81 November 10 – 23, 2025, publicly thanked student Jubilee for the hand decorated pumpkin, & gave an update on the Van Geisen Road Property appraisal status.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilor Emily Campbell – Commented that she recently completed courses through MML and they were very informative.

Councilor Heidi Parker – Inquired on the status of online streaming of meetings.

25-M-214

Motion by Parker, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rita Papp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Rita" on the top line and "Papp" on the bottom line.

Rita Papp, MiPMC

City Clerk