

**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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Rita Papp, MiPMC  
City Clerk**