

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
February 17, 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 February 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Karen Snider, City Council: Emily Campbell, Greg Hutchison, Charlotte Kish, Doreen Oedy, and Jill White

Absent: Heidi Parker

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Tammy Ries – City Treasurer, Brian Newcomb – City Police Chief, Randy Heckroth – City Fire Chief and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

25-M-25

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of the Presentation.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

PRESENTATION:

1. Exchange Club Forest Annual Update – June Kennedy – Postponed

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2025
2. Council Committee of the Whole Minutes – February 6, 2025
3. Invoices
4. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement Report – Randall Heckroth

25-M-26

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices and with the amendment to the Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Well # 6 Repair Quotes

25-M-27

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to accept the quote from Cribley Drilling Co., Inc. of \$25,174.80 to perform maintenance at Well # 6.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Hutchison – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, Parker – absent, White – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried.

2. Light Pole Policy

25-M-28

Motion by White, seconded by Oedy to approve the Light Pole Policy (#25-001) as presented.

Motion carried.

3. 2025 Cars and Crafts Road Closures

25-M-29

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Kish to approve the requested street closures for the 2025 Cars and Crafts event.

Motion carried.

4. Code Enforcement Officer

25-M-30

Motion by White, seconded by Hutchison to instruct the City Manager to create a Part Time Code Enforcement Officer position effective July 1, 2025.

Motion carried.

5. Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

25-M-31

Motion by Oedy, seconded by White to approve the requested mid-year budget adjustments as presented.

Roll call vote: Hutchison – yes, Kish – no, Oedy – yes, Parker – absent, White – yes, Campbell – yes,

Mayor Snider – no.

Motion carried.

6. New Investment

25-M-32

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Oedy to move the funds in the amount of \$608,561.36 from Frankenmuth Credit Union Savings Account to a CDARS at Northstar Bank for a one-year term at an interest rate of 3.8%.

Roll call vote: Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, Parker – absent, White – yes, Campbell -yes, Hutchison – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – No report.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Vietnam Wall arriving June 26 – 29, 2025 at the soccer fields, Goodwill of Bay City is having an open house. Citizen of the Year is April 12, 2025. Business After Hours is scheduled for May 14, 2025 at Goodwill in Caro. Also discussed future events.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Discussed the DDA Part Time Position. All new members are sworn in. The election of officers has been completed. Discussed the budget.
4. Fair Board (Oedy) – Working on the bathrooms. Fair may not have work release clients. Discussed future events.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Meeting is tomorrow. Will be discussing future events. Snowman burning event scheduled for March 30, 2025.
6. Planning Commission (Hutchison) – No report.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Parker) – Absent. No report.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

Publicly commended the DPW for all their hard work snow plowing. Made an employment offer to a new WWTP Superintendent, tentative start date March 10, 2025.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Highlighted the election audit. City passed, no issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 8 (d) of the Open Meetings Act - “To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.”

and

Pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act “To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.”

25-M-33

Motion by Oedy, seconded by White to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8 (d) of the Open Meetings Act – “To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.” And pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act – “To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure or disclosure by state or federal statute.”

Roll call vote: Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, Parker – absent, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Hutchison – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried

Entered Closed Session: 7:57 p.m.

Reconvened to Open Session: 8:39 p.m.

25-M-34

Motion by White, seconded by Kish to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of the property discussed in Closed Session.

Motion carried.

25-M-35

Motion by White, seconded by Oedy to authorize the City Manager to refer the Camping Ordinance to the Planning Commission to develop an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilor Jill White – Commented on the City not recognizing Presidents Day as a holiday.

Councilor Charlotte Kish – Commented on an issue on the gate at the dog park.

25-M-36

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk