

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
April 7, 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 April 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

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-61

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Presentation: POET Fire Update – Randy Heckroth, City Fire Chief.
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

PRESENTATION: POET Fire Update – Randy Heckroth, City Fire Chief

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2025
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2025
3. Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2025
4. Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025
5. Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2025
6. 2024 Annual Report - Caro Police Department
7. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
8. Tuscola County 911 CodeRed Alert Services

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2025
2. Invoices

25-M-62

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

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – 2025 Sidewalk Special Assessments
Mayor Karen Snider opened the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.

2. Public/Council Comments – 2025 Sidewalk Special Assessments

A resident questioned why the sidewalks on Williamsburg Drive were not completed prior.

3. Close Public Hearing – 2025 Sidewalk Special Assessments

25-M-63

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Oedy to close the Public Hearing – 2025 Sidewalk Special Assessments at 6:53 p.m.

Motion carried

4. Council Action – 2025 Sidewalk Special Assessments

25-M-64

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell to accept the necessity and scope for the 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Program and Special Assessment and schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss final approval of the Special Assessment.

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

Motion carried

5. 2025 AMA District 14 Flat Track Race - Fairgrounds

25-M-65

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to allow Hole Shot Promotions to conduct the AMA District 14 Flat Track Race at the Caro Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 30, 2025 in coordination with the Fire and Police Department and end time shall be dusk.

Motion carried

6. Well # 6 Cleaning

25-M-66

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell to authorize Cribley Drilling Company to provide cleaning services to Well # 6 for the quoted price of \$10,950.00.

Motion carried

7. City Hall Bathroom Remodel Bids

25-M-67

Motion by White, seconded by Oedy to accept the proposal from Bergman Corporation to revitalize the City Hall bathrooms for the bid price of \$26,760.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign all required documents.

Motion carried

8. Parking Lot Engineering Bids

25-M-68

Motion by White, seconded by Parker to accept the proposal from ROWE Professional Services to provide construction engineering for the Old Police Station parking lot project for a bid price of \$29,800.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign all required documents.

Motion carried

9. Refuse Service Bids

25-M-69

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Parker to instruct the City Manager to negotiate a contract with Emterra Environmental Services for refuse services for the years 2026-2030 based on Option C of their bid and return to Council for final contract approval.

Motion carried

10. Re-Allocate Parks & Recreation Capital Outlay Funds

25-M-70

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell to approve the reallocation of \$5,000.00 in the Parks & Recreation Capital Outlay Funds to repair the volleyball pits.

Motion carried

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Citizen of the Year Tickets are still available.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

CLOSED SESSION:

GELC Union Contract

Section 8(c) of the OMA – “For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.”

25-M-71

Motion by White, seconded by Parker to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act – “For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.”

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

Motion carried.

Entered Closed Session: 7:56 p.m.

Reconvened to Open Session: 8:36 p.m.

25-M-72

Motion by Oedy, seconded by White to accept the Revised Tentative Agreement with the directives instructed in Closed Session and instruct the City Manager to negotiate the contract language based on this agreement for Council approval.

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

Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

25-M-73

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Parker to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk