

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
June 2, 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 June 2, 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, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

25-M-113

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Brenda Peters – Commented on the resignation of firefighters and media interview.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2025
2. Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2025
2. Council Budget Workshop Minutes – May 15, 2025
3. Council Budget Workshop Minutes – May 27, 2025
4. Invoices

25-M-114

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – FY 2025-2026 Budget & 2025 Millage Rate L-4029
Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Snider at 6:38 p.m.
2. Public Discussion/Council Discussion
No public comments.
Councilor Kish commented on DPW budget requests.
Councilor Campbell commented on DPW budget requests.
Councilor Hutchison commented on DPW budget requests.
Councilor Kish commented on the DDA budget.

3. Close Public Hearing - FY 2025-2026 Budget & 2025 Millage Rate L-4029

25-M-114

Motion by Kish, seconded by White to close the public hearing for the FY 2025-2026 Budget & 2025 Millage Rate L-4029 at 6:49 p.m.

Motion carried

4. Council Action – 2025 Millage Rate – L-4029

25-M-115

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the 2025 Millage Rate – L-4029 as presented.

Motion carried

5. Council Action – FY 2025-2026 Budget Resolution

25-M-116

Motion by Parker, seconded by Oedy to adopt Resolution No. 2025-4, FY 2025-2026 Budget Resolution as presented.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Hutchison – yes, Kish – no, Oedy – yes, Parker – yes, White – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried

6. Capital Improvements Program – FY 2025-2031

25-M-117

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to adopt the City of Caro FY 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried

7. Resolution Setting Administrative Fee Schedule for FY 2025-2026

25-M-118

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 2025-5, Resolution Setting Administrative Fee Schedules for FY 2025-2026 as presented with amendments.

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

Motion carried

8. Resolution Setting Compensation for Planning Commission, Board of Review & Zoning Board of Appeals

25-M-119

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-6, Resolution Setting Pay Rates for Boards and Commissions as presented.

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

Motion carried

9. City Cleaning Services Bids

25-M-120

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell to accept the proposal from Busy Bee Cleaning to provide cleaning services for the City of Caro for the bid amount of \$325.00 per week and authorize City Manager to sign all required documents and further negotiate the contract to inquire on providing supplies, and after hours cleaning.

Motion carried

10. Resignation Letter – Denise Steffen, Planning Commission

25-M-121

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Hutchison to accept the resignation from Denise Steffen with regrets and authorize the City Clerk to post the vacancy for the Planning Commission.

Motion carried

11. DPW Superintendent Contract 2025-2028

25-M-122

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to postpone approval of DPW Superintendent Contract until the next regularly scheduled council meeting and instruct the City Manager to make the amendments as presented.

Motion carried

12. Investment #1

25-M-123

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Hutchison to move the CD in the amount of \$500,000.00 from LPL Financial to a CDARS at NorthStar Bank for a 52-week term at 3.80%.

Motion carried

13. Investment #2

25-M-124

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Campbell to move the CD in the amount of \$544,137.25 from Independent Bank to a CDARS at Northstar Bank for a 26-week term at 3.85%.

Motion carried

14. Parks & Recreation Committee Appointment

25-M-125

Motion by Mayor Snider, seconded by Kish to appoint Dani Dise to the Parks & Recreation Committee for a partial term expiring November 2025.

Roll call vote: Oedy – no, Parker – no, White – no, Campbell – yes, Hutchison, no, Kish – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion failed.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Made a comment on the resignation of the 9 firefighters and media interview.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Clerk's office will be unavailable Wednesday – Friday.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tanya Batschke – Commented on the Parks & Recreation Vacancy.

Bob Eschenbacher – Inquired on Medical First Responders coverage.

Chief Brian Newcomb – Commented the Caro PD will cover MFR priority one calls & DPW will assist when necessary. Officer Bob Gaiser received the Liberty Bell Award from the Tuscola County Bar Association.

25-M-126

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk