

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

25-M-142

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Victoria Brown – Commented on concerns with the DPW Truck purchase request & land purchase agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
2. DDA Special Meeting By-Law Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2025
3. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2025
Councilor Charlotte Kish commented on the successful foam party this past weekend and requested that some corrections to the minutes be brought back to the committee secretary.
4. Letter from Jerry Middaugh, Great Lakes Management

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2025
2. Invoices

25-M-143

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 488 – Amend Section 44-111 of the Caro City Code Regarding Camping in the RA-2 District

25-M-144

Motion by Kish, seconded by Parker to Open Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 488 – Amend Section 44-111 of the Caro City Code Regarding Camping in the RA-2 District at 6:42 p.m.

Motion carried.

2. Public Discussion/Council Discussion

Neil Jackson – Commented in favor of Ordinance No. 488.

Michigan Sugar Company – City Clerk Rita Papp read into record a letter in support of Ordinance No. 488.

3. Close Public Hearing– Ordinance No. 488 – Amend Section 44-111 of the Caro City Code Regarding Camping in the RA-2 District

25-M-145

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell to Close Public Hearing– Ordinance No. 488 – Amend Section 44-111 of the Caro City Code Regarding Camping in the RA-2 District at 6:47 p.m.

Motion carried

4. Council Action– Ordinance No. 488 – Amend Section 44-111 of the Caro City Code Regarding Camping in the RA-2 District

25-M-146

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to adopt Ordinance No. 488 – Amend Section 44-111 of the Caro City Code Regarding Camping in the RA-2 District

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

Motion carried

5. Open Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 489 – Add a New Section 44-516 of the Caro City Code Regarding Drive-Throughs

25-M-147

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell to Open Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 489 – Add a New Section 44-516 of the Caro City Code Regarding Drive-Throughs at 6:48 p.m.

Motion carried

6. Public Discussion/Council Discussion

None

7. Close Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 489 – Add a New Section 44-516 of the Caro City Code Regarding Drive-Throughs

25-M-148

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to Close Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 489 – Add a New Section 44-516 of the Caro City Code Regarding Drive-Throughs at 6:49 p.m.

Motion carried

8. Council Action - Ordinance No. 489 – Add a New Section 44-516 of the Caro City Code Regarding Drive-Throughs

25-M-149

Motion by Kish, seconded by White to adopt Ordinance No. 489 – Add a New Section 44-516 of the Caro City Code Regarding Drive-Throughs.

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

Motion carried

9. Open Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 490 – Amend Section 44-502 of the Caro City Code Regarding Accessory Buildings

25-M-150

Motion by Kish, seconded by White to Open Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 490 – Amend Section 44-502 of the Caro City Code Regarding Accessory Buildings at 6:51 p.m.

Motion carried

10. Public Discussion/Council Discussion
None

11. Close Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 490 – Amend Section 44-502 of the Caro City Code Regarding Accessory Buildings

25-M-151

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Kish to Close Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 490 – Amend Section 44-502 of the Caro City Code Regarding Accessory Buildings at 6:52 p.m.

Motion carried

12. Council Action - Ordinance No. 490 – Amend Section 44-502 of the Caro City Code Regarding Accessory Buildings

25-M-152

Motion by Kish, seconded by White to adopt Ordinance No. 490 – Amend Section 44-502 of the Caro City Code Regarding Accessory Buildings

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

Motion carried

13. Employee Handbook Amendments – Holidays & Bereavement

25-M-153

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Hutchison to approve the Employee Handbook Amendments for Holidays and Bereavement as presented.

Motion carried

14. DPW Truck Purchase Request

25-M-154

Motion by Parker, seconded by Oedy to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-550, Regular Cab, from LaFontaine Ford for the quoted price of \$156,136.00 and authorize the signing of all documents to complete this purchase.

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

Motion carried

15. DPW Rake Purchase Request

25-M-155

Motion by White, seconded by Parker to approve the purchase of a Land Pride Power Rake from Farm Depot for the quoted price of \$12,700.00 and authorize the signing of all documents to complete this purchase.

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

Motion carried

16. Van Geisen Road Subdivision Purchase Agreement

No action taken. Matter referred to the Council Committee of the Whole. Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR’S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER’S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Gave updates on DPW employees’ water tests, well #6, WWTP Project, L & J Garage blight, Tubby’s blight, & Farmers Market bus stop repair.

CLERK’S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Cockerill, Juniata Township Trustee – Commented on the ongoing concerns with the recent departure of the 9 firefighters.

25-M-156

Motion by Parker, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk