

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 20, 2026, 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 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Heidi Parker

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, and other guests

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**26-M-153**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to move Communication No. 1 – EGLA – City of Caro Drinking Water to Regular Agenda Item No. 5 for discussion only.**

**Motion Carried.**

**26-M-154**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None**

**PRESENTATION:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. EGLE – City of Caro Drinking Water – Moved to Regular Agenda Item No. 5

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2026
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
  - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
  - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth – May & June 2026
  - C. Code Enforcement Report – Chris Drake

**26-M-155**

**Motion by Riley, seconded by Oedy to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices.**

**Motion Carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Resolution No. 2026-11, Restatement of the City of Caro Retirement Plan

**26-M-156**

**Motion by Oedy, seconded by Campbell to approve Resolution No. 2026-11 authorizing the restatement of the City of Caro Retirement Plan and participation in the Self-Correction Program at an approximate cost of \$2,000.00.**

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

**Motion carried.**

2. Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising Bid

**26-M-157**

**Motion by Riley, seconded by Campbell to award the contract to clean and camera City sewer lines to Taplin Group, LLC for the bid amount of \$66,250.36.**

**Motion carried.**

3. Fairgrounds Sign

**26-M-158**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to allow the Tuscola County Fair Board to apply for a new entrance sign off of Almer Drive as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

4. Set Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

5. EGLE – City of Caro Discussion

Councilor Kish Started the discussion with questions on insurance claim status and cost of repair. City Manager Scott Czasak mentioned that this was an emergency purchase and didn't need council approval. The information about the insurance claim requested by the City Clerk has not been received yet from City Manager and DPW Superintendent. There was a concern that the council was not informed of the incident at Well #5. Mayor Snider voiced her concern with the levels of chlorine and the complaint that was received from a resident to EGLE. She also had a concern that the information for the insurance claim has not been supplied to the City Clerk. City Manager stated that he wasn't sure if the vendors were contacted for the information and will follow up with DPW Superintendent Tom Reese. Councilor Campbell voiced her concern about the lack of communication, lack of follow-through with getting information to the City Clerk, and that we need to make our residents a priority. Council John Riley inquired if the pump has been repaired and the issue has been taken care of. City Manager stated yes. Councilor Kish inquired if wells are inspected daily and can any DPW staff inspect. City Manager will follow up with the answer if any DPW staff can inspect the wells. Discussion on EGLE's recommendations. City Manager will look into the cost and implementation of those recommendations.

**ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None**

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Attended the Brownfield Meeting, there will be a TIFF presentation at the next meeting. EDC recently signed a lease with MSU extension and Tuscola County. Executive Director gave a one year review of activities and applied for USDA Rural Development Grant.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Did not attend. According to agenda they received a presentation from the DDA Director and discussed future events.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Discussion on a skate park, façade grant requests, Farmers Market drinking fountain was damaged, looking into purchasing a speaker system, trash enclosures/gates and decided not to pursue an EV charging station grant.
4. Fair Board (Oedy) – They are finishing up their projects, 4H had some registration issues, and commented on specific fair days.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – No report. Mayor commented on the mural project on the Parks & Recreation Barn.
6. Planning Commission (Campbell) – No meeting
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Parker) – Absent
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.  
Highlighted the murals that are in progress in town.

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS** – Written report submitted.  
Discussed with Neil Jackson on a potential dump station at the fairgrounds for limited use.

**CLERK'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.  
Mentioned that Early Voting is starting on Saturday, July 25, 2026 thru August 2, 2026 with hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and filing deadline for mayor and council is July 21, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.  
Absent

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment  
Council Oedy inquired on signposts on M81. City Manager indicated that MDOT is replacing signs.

**26-M-159**

**Motion by White, seconded by Oedy to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rita Papp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rita Papp, MiPMC2  
City Clerk