

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
February 19, 2024, 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 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Karen Snider, City Council: Emily Campbell, Bob Eschenbacher, Pamela Iseler, Charlotte Kish, Doreen Oedy and Jill White

Absent: None

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, David Dienes II – WWTP Superintendent and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

24-M-40

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

PRESENTATION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes (2)
2. Caro Roadhouse Museum and Historical Society Annual Report 2023

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2024
2. Special Council Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2024
3. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2024
4. Invoices
5. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement Report – Randall Heckroth

24-M-41

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Sand Volleyball Pits Bids

24-M-42

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Oedy to accept the bid from Powell's to install two (2) sand volleyball pits per bid documents in the amount of \$22,950.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents to execute the bid.

Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – no, Iseler – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, White – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried.

2. City Hall Back Wall Repair Bids

24-M-43

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Iseler to accept the bid from National Restoration to repair and brace the back wall of City Hall per the bid documents in the amount of \$65,950.00, authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents to execute the bid, and instruct the City Treasurer to adjust the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget as required to facilitate this project at the bid cost.

Roll call vote: Eschenbacher – yes, Iseler – yes, Kish – yes, Oedy – yes, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried.

3. David Dienes II Contract Renewal

24-M-44

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Iseler to authorize the City Manager to sign the employment contract with David Dienes II to continue as Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent per the terms of the contract.

Roll call vote: Iseler – yes, Kish – no, Oedy – yes, White – yes, Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Mayor Snider – no.

Motion carried.

4. Investment Change #1

24-M-45

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to authorize the City Clerk to reinvest current CD # 301 at Frankenmuth Credit Union at the current rate for 11 months.

Motion carried.

5. Investment Change #2

24-M-46

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Iseler to authorize the City Clerk to reinvest current CD # 301 at Frankenmuth Credit Union at the current rate for 11 months.

Motion carried.

6. Set Policy Committee Meeting

Policy Committee is scheduled for February 29, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

7. Set Special Council Meeting

Special Council Meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Still searching for an EDC Director.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Citizen of the Year invitation have been mailed. The Chamber is accepting nominations for the Citizen of the Year. The next Business After Hours is scheduled for March 13, 2024 at Independent Bank.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Presentations were given by Jim Tussey and Lauren Amellal.
4. Fair Board (Iseler) – Neil Jackson reported that they will have grant opportunities for upgrades to the grandstand due to funds received from Michigan Sugar Company for camping.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Committee is working on volleyball courts, sled lending library, spring clean-up and Easter Egg Hunt. Meeting is tomorrow, February 20, 2024.
6. Planning Commission (Eschenbacher) – No meeting.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Iseler) – No report.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – Discussed Park maintenance & vandalism issues. They are working on 3D park maps. The Board of Review meeting was rescheduled. A public hearing will be held for the budget.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.
Discussed grant options and opportunities.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.
Gave an update on Early Voting process.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chief Brian Newcomb – Commented on the need for funds for Tuscola County 911 Dispatch and potential millage request.

Michele Perry – Made her parting comments.

Councilor Jill White – Inquired on snow issue called in by resident.

Councilor Emily Campbell – Commented on employee/employer relations.

24-M-47

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Iseler to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk