

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
March 18, 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 March 18, 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, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

24-M-65

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Lauren Amellal – Commented on Farmers Market Spring Fling & LEAD Tuscola Fundraiser.

Sean Smith – Commented on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

PRESENTATION:

1. George Rierson – Caro Community Schools Superintendent

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
2. LEAD Fundraiser “An Evening In Venice”
3. DDA Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2024 (unapproved)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2024
2. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – February 29, 2024
3. Special Council Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2024
4. Special Council Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024
5. Invoices
6. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement Report – Randall Heckroth

24-M-66

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Resolution Establishing Election Commission & Approve Election Inspector Pay

24-M-67

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the Resolution Establishing Election Commission for the City of Caro, Resolution No. 2024-4 and authorize the appointment of Councilor Charlotte Kish as the city official, and Jana Brown as the qualified elector with no per diem pay to the Election Commission, and to pay \$15.00 per hour for Election Inspector, \$17.00 per hour for Precinct Chairperson, \$50.00 for attending necessary training.

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

Motion carried.

2. Splash Pad Repair Quote

24-M-68

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to accept the quote from American Rec Services, LLC to replace the broken splash pad feature and complete the concrete work at the quoted price of \$8,191.28 and instruct the City Treasurer to adjust the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget to account for the cost of this project in the Parks and Recreation Contracted Services line.

Motion carried.

3. Recreation Passport Grant Application Resolution

24-M-69

Motion by White, seconded by Iseler to adopt the Resolution for Recreation Passport Grant Application, Resolution No. 2024-5, Local Government Match for the Racetrack Fence Project as presented.

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

Motion carried.

4. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Recommendation

24-M-70

Motion by White, seconded by Iseler to give permission to the DDA to install an electrical pedestal at Atwood Park at the expense of the DDA and calculate an average cost of three years and bill the increase in the cost to the DDA.

Motion carried.

5. City Treasurer Contract

24-M-71

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the City Treasurer contract as presented with the amendments to vacation time and agreement date and is contingent on a successful background check.

Motion carried.

6. MSU 4-H Program Coordinator

24-M-72

Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to consult the city attorney on the contract and refer this matter to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion carried.

7. Parking Lot Project – Joy Street/Montague Street

24-M-73

Motion by White, seconded by Iseler to authorize and approve the City Manager to hire Rowe Engineering to complete the design engineering on the parking lot and sign appropriate documents and to place the project in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget.

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

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Meeting is Wednesday morning. Executive Director should be appointed in April 2024.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Chamber is working on membership. Citizen of the Year Banquet is April 13, 2024. Held a Business After Hours at Independent Bank. Ribbon cutting at Back Alley Fibers. Food Drive sponsored by Farm Bureau.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Reviewed the 2024-2025 budget. Had a discussion on the electrical pedestal.
4. Fair Board (Iseler) – Applied for grants. Replaced flooring at Midway Hall.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Easter Egg Hunt is being planned. There is a 4H activity at Midway Hall following the Easter Egg Hunt. Committee to discuss the MSU 4-H Program Coordinator position.
6. Planning Commission (Eschenbacher) – No meeting.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Iseler) – Animal Control has applied for a grant. Looking into home delivered meals millage. Discussed local control of solar & wind developments.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – Adopted their budget. Had a discussion on Indianfields Township Park concerns.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – Adopted their budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

CLERK’S REPORT – Written report submitted.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karly Creguer – Commented on the MSU 4-H Program Coordinator position.

Councilor Pam Iseler – Inquired on city organizational chart.

Councilor Jill White – Inquired on the status of dog park cleanup.

Councilor Emily Campbell – Commented on the status of dog park cleanup.

24-M-74

Motion by Iseler, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk