

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
April 17, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 317 S State St, Caro MI 48723
(AMENDED)

Mayor Karen Snider called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on April 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Swearing in of new council member Doreen Oedy.

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, Jana Brown – Deputy City Clerk, Michele Perry – City Treasurer, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief; Tom Reese – DPW Superintendent; David Dienes II – WWTP Superintendent; Lauren Amellal – Director of Development and Strategic Initiatives and other guests.

23-M-86

Motion by Kish seconded by Eschenbacher to approve the agenda with the addition of #6 – Certificate of Deposit Report (page 74).

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATION:

1. Planning Commission Annual Report – 2022
2. Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes – March 20, 2023 (unapproved)
3. Planning Commission Minutes – March 28, 2023 (unapproved)
4. Planning Commission Minutes – January 24, 2023 (amended)
5. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – March 30, 2023 (unapproved)
6. Downtown Development Authority Minutes – March 1, 2023 (approved)
7. Downtown Development Authority Minutes – March 8, 2023 (approved)
8. Downtown Development Authority Minutes – March 16, 2023 (approved)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2023
2. Special Council Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2023
3. Special Council Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2023
4. Invoices
5. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement Report – Randall Heckroth
 - D. DPW Superintendent – Tom Reese
 - E. WWTP Superintendent – David Dienes II
 - F. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Rita Papp
 - G. Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives Report – Lauren Amellal

23-M-87

Motion by Eschenbacher seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda with the amendments to the April 5th and April 12th Special Meeting Minutes and invoices.
Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems – Ribbons on Light Posts Downtown – Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2023.

23-M-88

Motion by Iseler seconded by Kish to allow Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems to place Mental Health Awareness Month ribbons in the month of May in consultation with the city.
Motion Carried.

2. Code of Ordinances – Supplement No. 8

23-M-89

Motion by Kish seconded by Campbell to authorize the City Clerk to proceed with Supplement #8 to the City of Caro Code of Ordinances in the approximate amount of \$3,080.00.
Motion Carried.

3. Downtown Development Authority Appointments

23-M-90

Motion by Kish seconded by Campbell to appoint Robert Wolak and Sonya Otremba to the Downtown Development Authority.
Roll call vote: Campbell – yes, Eschenbacher – yes, Oedy – yes, Iseler – no, Kish – yes, White – no, Mayor Snider - yes
Motion Carried.

4. BioTech Agronomic, Inc. Biosolids Contract

23-M-91

Motion by Iseler seconded by Eschenbacher to allow the City Manager to sign and execute the contract with BioTech Agronomics, Inc for the testing, removal and land application of biosolids from the City of Caro Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented.
Motion Carried.

5. Schedule Budget Workshop – May 3, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
6. Certificate of Deposit Report

23-M-92

Motion by Eschenbacher seconded by Kish to approve City Treasurer to close the above CDs at Independent Bank and move the funds into the ICS account at the current interest rate of 2.60%.
Motion Carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Meeting is this upcoming Thursday.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Attended meeting at the beginning of the month. The Chamber office has moved upstairs from the previous location. Attended the Citizen of the Year Banquet. Susan Rickwalt-Holder was named Chamber Citizen of the Year. Erin Schmändt was the Merit Award Winner. Emma Joslyn is the Jr Citizen of the Year. Michigan Sugar was named Business of the Year and Sandra Bassett was named the Special Tribute Award Winner.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Discussed lawncare services, had election of officers and Jill White gave an update on the flowerpots.
4. Fair Board (Iseler) – No contact.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Meets tomorrow night. The Easter Egg Hunt was a success. This Saturday is the Bieth Park cleanup. Registration is at 8:30 with cleanup starting at 9:00.
6. Planning Commission (Eschenbacher) – No Meeting.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Iseler) – No Report.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – Ollie's sign was approved.
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – Special meeting was held to discuss board policies and procedures, a resolution to distribute the proposed Master Plan and MML insurance. The regular meeting was held to discuss the master plan, recreational marijuana, purchasing a manure spreader, work on Washburn Road, what to do with logs at the park and an expansion to Club 24.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – Treasurer, Patricia Witkovsky, is retiring. Also held discussion about the soccer club.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted. Highlighted new drop box and will be attending Treasurer's Institute the week of April 23, 2023.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Hall spoke regarding the DDA applications.

Tanya Batschke commented on new DDA member Sonya Otremba.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENT:

Bob Eschenbacher discussed the old police building and its contents.

Pamela Iseler inquired on the mayor's (amended per 5-3-2023 meeting) authority to appoint DDA members.

Emily Campbell addressed the council about getting along.

23-M-93

Motion by Eschenbacher seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion carried.

Jana Brown
Deputy City Clerk