

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
May 1, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 317 S State St, Caro MI 4872

Mayor Karen Snider called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on May 1, 2023, 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, Jana Brown – Deputy City Clerk, Michele Perry – City Treasurer, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

23-M-94

Motion by Eschenbacher seconded by Kish to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Al Michel praised the individuals who participated in the weekend cleanup of M-24. He commended Randy Heckroth, Fire Chief, on a fine job. Inquired about his application to Planning Commission.

Tanya Batschke urged council to approve the funding request for parks.

Lew Werth commented on the blight issues in Caro and inquired about enforcement of blight issues.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
2. Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes – April 18, 2023 (unapproved)
Request by Pamela Iseler to have her name spelled correctly in the minutes. Also, Emily Campbell and her husband were present at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2023
2. Invoices

23-M-95

Motion by Eschenbacher seconded by Iseler to approve the consent agenda as presented with amendment to the April 17th minutes including invoices.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Rowe Engineering Contract – S. Colling Road

23-M-96

Motion by Eschenbacher seconded by Campbell to allow the City Manager to sign and execute the contract with Rowe Professional Services Company for Engineering Services for the S. Colling Road Resurfacing Project.

Motion carried.

2. Fire Chief Contract 2023-2026

23-M-97

Motion by Kish seconded by White to allow the City Manager and Mayor to sign the contract with Randall Heckroth to continue as Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer as presented.

Motion carried.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee Request

23-M-98

Motion by Eschenbacher seconded by White to purchase one bike rack at \$468.85, six trash receptacles at \$218.85 a piece with shipping costs and, by 4:00 p.m. tomorrow (to give time to place the order), allocate up to \$2,800.00 towards the acquiring of picnic tables which must be in the City's possession by June 30, 2023. Also make the budget amendments of moving \$5,500.00 from 101-691-970-000, Parks & Recreation Capital Outlay to 101-691-740-000, Parks & Recreation O&M Supplies.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted. Indianfields Township will hold a public hearing on their Draft Master Plan tomorrow. Will be out of the office Tuesday after the next council meeting for the Michigan Association of Planning Spring Institute.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tanya Batschke commented on Council writing off business taxes for individuals who are still in business but condemning someone who didn't pay taxes on something inherited.

Al Michel commented on tearing down the old police station and the contents of the building.

Mike Carpenter commented on the DWSRF (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund) Plan. Plan will be on file at City Hall on Thursday. There will be a 10-day review period. Will present plan at next council meeting.

Don Hall commented on his council experiences and current dealings with the Mayor. Just purchased the Medallion Village in Sebewaing which will now be called Bay View Gardens. Also commented on the parking lot at the old police station.

Sean Smith, chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee, thanked council for their action tonight. He has seen improvement between the council and the committee. Wants to have better understanding of the budget process as a chairperson and keep improving communication.

Ron Anderson spoke regarding the old police station and pending parking lot.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENT:

Pamela Iseler is still waiting for call from Mayor to provide statute regarding DDA appointment. Mayor will have the City Manager contact Pamela tomorrow regarding the issue.

Jill White asked if the bids have gone out for the demolition of the old police building. No, bids have not gone out yet. City Manager commented that the process takes time.

23-M-99

Motion by Eschenbacher seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

Motion carried.

Jana Brown
Deputy City Clerk