

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 2023, 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 June 5, 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, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Michele Perry – City Treasurer, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

23-M-110

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2023 (unapproved)
2. Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes – May 16, 2023 (unapproved)
Councilor Charlotte Kish had a concern with the speaker system at Bieth Park for events.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2023
2. Special Council Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2023
3. Special Council Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2023
4. Invoices

23-M-111

Motion by Kish, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve the consent agenda as presented with amendments to Special Council Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2023 and including invoices.

Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – FY 2023-2024 Budget & 2023 Millage Rate

Mayor Snider opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.
Mayor Snider presented the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget.
Don Hall – Commented on sidewalks & property taxes.
Councilor Jill White – Commented on sidewalks.

23-M-112

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to Open the Public Hearing – FY 2023-2024 Budget & 2023 Millage Rate.

Motion carried.

Don Hall – Commented on sidewalks & property taxes.
Councilor Jill White – Commented on sidewalks.

2. Close Public Hearing – FY 2023-2024 Budget & 2023 Millage Rate
Mayor Snider closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

23-M-113

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to Close the Public Hearing – FY 2023-2024 Budget & 2023 Millage Rate.

Motion carried.

3. Council Action – 2023 Millage Rate

Councilor Bob Eschenbacher commented on the option of lowering the millage rate. Discussion followed by Council and City Manager.

23-M-114

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to accept & adopt form L-4029 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 with a millage rate of 16.1643 as presented.

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

Motion failed.

23-M-115

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Iseler to reconsider previous motion to adopt form L-4029 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 with a millage rate of 16.1643.

Motion carried.

23-M-116

Motion by Char, seconded by Emily to accept & adopt form L-4029 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 with a millage rate of 16.1643 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

4. Council Action – FY 2023-2024 Budget

23-M-117

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to accept & adopt the Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget for the City of Caro as presented.

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

Motion carried.

5. Capital Improvements Program – FY 2023-2024

23-M-118

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Iseler to approve & adopt the City of Caro Fiscal Year 2023-2029 Capital Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried.

6. Fire Insurance Withholding Program & Resolution

23-M-119

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Kish to approve the updated Resolution for the Fire Insurance Withholding Program for the City of Caro.

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

Motion carried.

7. First Right of Refusal – City of Caro Foreclosed Properties

23-M-120

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the City Treasurer to sign the Waiver of Refusal for the 4 foreclosed parcels.

Motion carried.

8. Investments at LPL Financial (Team One Credit Union)

23-M-121

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the City Treasurer to invest \$1 million from the LPL Financial account into U.S. Treasury Bills at a term of 6 to 8 months.

Motion carried.

9. Election Commission Appointment & Election Inspector Pay

23-M-122

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to approve & appoint to the Election Commission; Councilor Charlotte Kish as the city official, and Scott Czasak as the qualified elector with no per diem pay, and to pay \$15.00 per hour for Election Inspectors, \$17.00 per hour for Precinct Chairperson, \$50.00 for attending necessary training.

Motion carried.

10. Resolution Establishing Election Commission for the City of Caro

23-M-123

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to approve the Resolution Establishing Election Commission for the City of Caro.

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

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

No additions.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

Mentioned he has completed 6 months of employment and thanked the council for their support.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Highlighted the grants received and will be attending the MAMC Conference next week.

CLOSED SESSION: Discuss City Manager Evaluation – MCL 15.268 Sec 8(a)

23-M-124

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing city manager evaluation pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(a).

Motion carried.

Entered closed session: 7:47 p.m.

Exited closed session: 8:13 p.m.

Reconvened 8:15 p.m.

23-M-125

Motion by Kish, seconded by Eschenbacher to accept & approve the 6-month performance review of the City Manager as a satisfactory rating and the City Manager shall receive an increase in pay of \$2,500.00 effective the first pay period following said evaluation.

Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Carpenter – Gave an update on the new parking lot and sidewalk projects.

Don Hall – Commented on sidewalks, the budget and trimming trees.

23-M-126

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk

Amended 06/19/23, Motion 23-M-125