

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 17, 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 July 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Doreen Oedy

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Michele Perry – City Treasurer, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Reese – DPW Superintendent, David Dienes II – WWTP Superintendent and other guests

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**23-M-142**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:**

Jamie Devine – Commented on issues with deer in the city and in city parks.

Dave Reyna – Commented on issues with cats in the city.

Ron Anderson – Inquired on progress of the demolition of the police department.

Bianca Jolani, Adessa Gardens LLC – Commented on her presentation from a previous meeting.

**PRESENTATION:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes (2)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 3, 2023
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
  - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
  - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth – Gave an update on the Medical First Responders Program
  - C. Code Enforcement Report – Randall Heckroth
  - D. DPW Superintendent – Tom Reese

Councilor Pam Iseler inquired on the weeds in the downtown area.  
Mayor Karen Snider inquired on the HVAC system as noted in report.
  - E. WWTP Superintendent – David Dienes II

Mayor Karen Snider recognized David Dienes II for passing his Class B Wastewater test.  
Mayor Karen Snider inquired on the settling issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as noted in report.
  - F. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Rita Papp

**23-M-143**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices.  
Motion Carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Tuscola Area Airport Authority Annual Allocation Invoice

**23-M-144**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to authorize payment of the Tuscola County Airport Authority allocation for 2023 in the amount of \$15,956.00.  
Motion carried.**

2. Banner Request (2 banners) – Thumb Area Old Engine & Tractor Show – July 31 – August 14, 2023

**23-M-145**

**Motion by Campbell, seconded by White to approve the Banner Request from Thumb Area Old Engine & Tractor Show, July 31, 2023, to August 14, 2023.  
Motion carried.**

3. Water System SCADA System Upgrade

**23-M-146**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to authorize the City Manager to purchase the CRUiSE SCADA System from UIS for a cost of \$13,995.00 and pay the annual \$1,275.00 fee.  
Motion carried.**

4. Investment Changes

**23-M-147**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Kish to approve City Treasurer to transfer \$400,000.00 from LPL Financial, \$100,000.00 from Independent Bank and invest it in Frankenmuth Credit Union into 2 \$250,000.00 7-month Certificates of Deposit earning 5.25%. Then transfer \$500,000.00 from Frankenmuth Credit Union to Independent Bank and invest it in CDARS for 4 weeks at approximately 4.25%.  
Motion carried.**

5. Certificate of Deposit Report

**23-M-148**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to approve City Treasurer to close out Certificate of Deposit and deposit it into the Plus Saving at Frankenmuth Credit Union.  
Motion carried.**

6. Termination of Job Descriptions

**23-M-149**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to terminate the positions of Project Coordinator and the Director of Development and Strategic Planning.  
Motion carried.**

7. Set Policy Committee Meeting  
Policy Committee is scheduled for July 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

**ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None**

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Meeting is Wednesday.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Planning a Golf Outing, New Members are needed, Gingerbread Festival planning.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – No meeting.
4. Fair Board (Iseler) – No report.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Discussed rentals of pavilions, Meeting is July 18, 2023.
6. Planning Commission (Eschenbacher) – No meeting.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Iseler) – Refilled 3 positions, Bid was received for the new Tuscola County offices & HVAC system for Dispatch.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – Discussed issues with ordinances on their website, Marijuana ordinance discussions, authorized Tuscola County to collect winter taxes.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – No report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.

Highlighted – Frankenmuth Bible Church needs volunteering ideas by August 1, 2023. Flyers are available.  
Discussion on the tree planting project.

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS** – Written report submitted.

Highlighted – Will be attending the MME Conference. Gave an update on the Small Urban Task Force Meeting, spoke on potential ordinance change regarding marijuana licenses. Updated council on the arsenic tanks needing repairs. Mayor Karen Snider inquired on the Small Urban Task Force Meeting and their schedule of projects.

**CLERK'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Written report submitted.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Al Michel – Thanked the city workers for their hard work. Spoke on the flowerpots, the budget, bank accounts, and the old police department demolition.

Tanya Batschke – Commented on her support of the potential ordinance change regarding marijuana licenses.

Mike Carpenter – Gave an update on the new well project.

Councilor Pam Iseler – Commented on the cat issues in the city.

Councilor Charlotte Kish – Distributed the Performance Evaluations of the Clerk and Treasurer and asked that these get completed and turn them into Clerk or to Councilor Charlotte Kish by August 17, 2023.

Councilor Bob Eschenbacher – Inquired on Wastewater Treatment Plant grant and the Drinking Water grant. Discussion followed.

**23-M-150**

**Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

Rita Papp  
City Clerk