

## **CITY OF CARO REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Karen Snider called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on August 8, 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, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief and other guests.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

#### **23-M-153**

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

**Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:**

Al Michel – Commented on the new fire truck, weeding in town, flowerpots, & police vehicles.

Dave Reyna – Commented on cat issues in town.

Tanya Batschke – Commented on cat issues in town.

### **PRESENTATION:**

1. Burt Watson – Police Vehicle Lease Program – Ben Spreeman & Chief Brian Newcomb presented a brief overview of the lease program.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2023
2. Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting, October 18-20, 2023 – RSVP to Clerk by September 1, 2023.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2023
2. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2023
3. Special Council Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2023
4. Invoices

#### **23-M-154**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)**

1. Police Lease Vehicle – Burt Watson

**23-M-155**

**Motion by Iseler, seconded by Oedy to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with GM Financial via Burt Watson Chevrolet for a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado for \$57,814.15 and execute all necessary documents.**

**Motion carried.**

2. Fire Lease Vehicles – Berger Chevrolet

**23-M-156**

**Motion by Iseler, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into lease agreements with Berger Chevrolet for two (2) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe's, one for the Chief's vehicle at a price of \$41,119.00 and one for the medical vehicle at a price of \$40,924.00 and execute all documents necessary to complete the leases.**

**Motion carried.**

3. Rowe Engineering Contract – Columbia Street

**23-M-157**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to take no action. The City Manager is to obtain three bids and bring them back for further review at a future meeting.**

**Motion carried.**

4. Caro Center Water and Sewer Agreements – State of Michigan

**23-M-158**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by White to approve and allow the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Sewer agreement between the City of Caro and the State of Michigan for services at the Caro Center as presented and take no action on the water agreement. The City Manager is to bring back the water agreement for further review at a future meeting.**

**Motion carried.**

5. Fire Department Radios – Digicom Global Inc.

**23-M-159**

**Motion by Iseler, seconded by Campbell to approve and authorize the purchase of 6 radios from Digicom Global, Inc. for a cost of \$22,923.44.**

**Motion carried.**

6. Policy Committee Recommendation

**23-M-160**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to accept and approve the Amended City of Caro Purchasing and Bid Procedure Policy with the following language added "Any and all purchases made must be within the employee spending limit and in the amount of such budgeted item. It must be taken out of the line in which it is budgeted. Any budget adjustments must be approved by the Council prior to purchase".**

**Motion carried.**

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

Addition: Frankenmuth Bible Church is still looking for projects in the community. Please respond within one week. Mayor distributed flyers to Council. Mayor requested that the flyer be reposted on Facebook and webpage.

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

Presented photos of the arsenic tanks to the council.

Councilor Jill White inquired on meeting with resident, mayor, and city manager regarding weeds in the downtown area and asked if weed spray has been ordered.

Councilor Pam Iseler commented on weeds in the downtown area.

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

Election day is August 8, 2023. Precincts 1 and 2 are voting in the firehall.

Councilor Doreen Oedy thanked the Clerk for her hard work on the election.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilor Charlotte Kish reminded the council to turn in Clerk and Treasurer evaluations by August 17, 2023.

**23-M-161**

**Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

Rita Papp  
City Clerk