

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
October 2, 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 October 2, 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-197

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

Councilor Charlotte Kish introduced ReAnna Hecht, MSU Extension 4-H Program Instructor – New Hire. ReAnna gave a brief introduction of herself to the council.

PRESENTATION:

1. Fire Chief Randy Heckroth – Fire Coverage Area

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank You Card – Family of Thomas Striffler
2. Thank You Card – Family of Levi Anderson (Steve Anderson's son)
3. Mayor Photo Purchase
4. Charter Communications – Updates
5. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2023
6. Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes – September 19, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2023
2. Invoices

23-M-198

Motion by Kish, seconded by White to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices and amendment to Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2023.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Budget Amendment Request – Fire Truck Purchase

23-M-199

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the City Treasurer to make a \$375,000.00 budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for the aerial ladder fire truck purchase.

Motion carried.

2. Budget Amendment Request – Downtown Development Authority

23-M-200

Motion by Kish, seconded by Iseler to approve and accept the recommendation from the Downtown Development Authority and to approve the transfer of \$200.00 from local 242-905-965-005 to building rent 242-728-943-001 and \$600.00 to insurance 242-728-914-000.

Motion carried.

3. Purchase Request – Light Poles

23-M-201

Motion by White, seconded by Iseler to approve and allow the City Manager to purchase six light poles from Medler Electric Co. # 3 for a total of \$20,895.12.

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

Motion carried.

4. Well # 8 Cleaning

23-M-202

Motion by Mayor Snider, seconded by Iseler to approve and allow the cleaning of Well # 8 by Northern Pump and Well, Inc. for an additional price of \$10,377.00.

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

Motion carried.

5. Parks & Recreation Committee Recommendation – Little Library

23-M-203

Motion by Kish, seconded by Eschenbacher to approve and allow the City Manager and the Department of Public Works to work with Kristie Hutchison to install a Free Little Library at the park in Northwood Subdivision.

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

Motion carried.

6. Parks & Recreation Committee Recommendation – Pavilion at Northwood Park

23-M-204

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to approve and allow the City Manager, in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Committee, to purchase a pavilion and place it at the park in Northwood Subdivision for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 and direct the City Treasurer to adjust the Fiscal Year budget 2023/2024 as required.

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

Motion carried.

7. Collection Agency Agreement

23-M-205

Motion by White, seconded by Kish to deny any action on the Collection Agency Agreement.

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

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/TABLED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Will be out of town a few days next week.

Thanked the DPW and the volunteers that did work up town for the Pumpkin Festival.

Pumpkin Festival is looking for more volunteers.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

Old Police Building has been demolished.

Will be out of town at training Wednesday – Friday this week.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Carpenter – Commented on the Little Library in Northwood Subdivision Park.

Councilor Bob Eschenbacher – Commented on potential donation of a park bench in Northwood Subdivision Park.

Sue Ellen Greenlee – Commented on the Thank You from Mayor Snider.

Monica LeValley – Commented on the old police station demolition, inquired on alley repair behind Thumb Meat Market.

Councilor Pam Iseler – Inquired on catch basin issue in the fairgrounds.

Councilor Bob Eschenbacher – Commented on fire hydrant repairs & collapsed garage on State Street.

Zakiya Jackson – Inquired about volunteering for Pumpkin Festival.

23-M-206

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Iseler to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk