

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
October 16, 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 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Charlotte Kish

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

23-M-206

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

PRESENTATION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Downtown Development Authority Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2023
2. Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2023
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement Report – Randall Heckroth
 - D. DPW Superintendent – Tom Reese
 - E. WWTP Superintendent – David Dienes II
 - F. Municipal Parking Violations Bureau Report – Rita Papp

23-M-207

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Fire Coverage Expansion – Juniata Township

23-M-208

Motion by Iseler, seconded by Eschenbacher to allow the City Manager and the City Mayor, in consultation with the City Attorney, to develop, review, and approve an addendum to the Juniata Township Fire Contract to provide service for sections 3-9 beginning November 1, 2023, until March 31, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Campbell - yes, Eschenbacher - yes, Iseler - yes, Kish - absent, Oedy - yes, White - yes, Mayor Snider – yes.

Motion carried.

2. Skip Patching Bid

23-M-209

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to take no action.

Motion carried.

3. G.H. Moore Building Road Closure Request

Mayor Snider read into the record a statement from Mark Ransford.

23-M-210

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to authorize the closure of Lincoln Street between M-81 and the alley from 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2023, until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Eschenbacher – yes, Iseler – yes, Kish – absent, Oedy – yes, White – yes, Mayor Snider – yes, Campbell - yes.

Motion carried.

4. Certificate of Deposit Report

23-M-211

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Oedy to approve the City Treasurer to cash in the two Certificates of Deposit from Frankenmuth Credit Union that mature on October 28, 2023, and transfer the funds to Independent Bank into CDARS for a period of 13 weeks at the best interest rate at the time of maturity.

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – Meeting is scheduled. Read a thank you letter from EDC for the annual donation.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Did not attend meeting. The Chamber discussed ribbon cuttings and had a presentation from Bianca, Adessa Gardens LLC.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – City Manager reported on Councilor Kish's behalf. DDA approved their purchase policy and accepted the resignation of Michael Bauerschmidt.

4. Fair Board (Iseler) – No meeting.
Councilor Eschenbacher commented on some issues with camping at the fairgrounds.
Councilor White commented on some issues with camping at the fairgrounds.
Discussion followed and it was requested that the City Manager schedule a meeting with Neil Jackson to review the fairground lease.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Parks & Recreation discussed the pavilion and portable library in Northwood Park.
6. Planning Commission (Eschenbacher) – No meeting.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Iseler) – No report.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
9. Indianfields Township (Manager) – Discussed parks, wood chippings & trails. The township hired a new cemetery employee. Old Big Boy restaurant may potentially be leased by a Mexican restaurant.
10. Almer Township (Campbell) – No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

The Rotary Tip night is at Pizza Hut. Gave update on Frankenmuth Bible Church volunteer event.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

Spark Grant was not awarded to the City of Caro. Gave update on status of water funding.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Gave update on the Regional Early Voting Site Agreement.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tanya Batschke – Commented on the camping at the fairgrounds and the clean-up event at the fairgrounds on November 4, 2023.

Councilor Jill White – Commented on the Rotary Tip Night at Pizza Hut.

23-M-212

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk