

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
December 1, 2025, 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 December 1, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Karen Snider, City Council: Emily Campbell, Charlotte Kish, Doreen Oedy, Heidi Parker, and Jill White.

Absent: None

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Jana Brown – Deputy City Clerk, Tammy Ries – City Treasurer, and other guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL

25-M-251

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell, to approve the agenda with additions as presented.
Motion Carried.

PRESENTATION:

1. Rowe Engineering – 2026 Sidewalk Project – Mike Carpenter
2. Ransford & Wasik Presentation Regarding New Year's Eve Event – Mark Ransford

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
2. Thank You Letter – Caro Area District Library
3. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2025
2. Invoices

25-M-252

Motion by Parker, seconded by White, to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices.

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Sherman Street Project Engineering Bids

25-M-253

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell, to award the Project Engineering contract for Sherman Street to Rowe Professional Services for a quoted price of \$130,600.00 and allow the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

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

Motion carried.

2. 2026 Sidewalk Replacement Engineering Proposal

25-M-254

Motion by Parker, seconded by White, to accept the quote from Rowe Engineering to provide services for the 2026 sidewalk projects for the quoted price of \$7,800.00.

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

Motion carried.

3. Adult Use Class C Grow Special Use Permit – Emerald Acres LLC

25-M-255

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Oedy, to grant the Special Use Permit for Emerald Acres LLC to operate a Class C Adult Use Marijuana Grow facility in Caro using one of the available licenses.

Motion carried.

4. Medical Class C Grow Special Use Permit – Emerald Acres LLC

25-M-256

Motion by Kish, seconded by White, to grant the Special Use Permit for Emerald Acres LLC to operate a Class C Medical Marijuana Grow facility in Caro using one of the available licenses.

Motion carried.

5. Investment Maturing #1

25-M-257

Motion by Parker, seconded by Kish, to keep the CD at Independent Bank in the amount of \$258,068.24 for 6 months at 3.60%.

Motion carried.

6. Investment Maturing #2

25-M-258

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Parker, to keep the CDARS at Northstar Bank in the amount of \$560,492.77 for 52 weeks at 3.40%.

Motion carried.

7. Request for Fireworks Permit

25-M-259

Motion by White, seconded by Oedy, to grant the New Year's Eve party permission to have residential grade fireworks at their event with all of the insurance provided for the City.

Motion carried.

8. Hanging Four Donated Signs in Bieth Park

25-M-260

Motion by White, seconded by Oedy, to approve the installation of camera signs in Bieth Park.

Motion carried.

9. Schedule Committee of the Whole

25-M-261

Motion by Kish, seconded by Parker, to set a Committee of the Whole to review the audit on December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

10. Addressing the Appointment of Vacancy

25-M-262

Motion by Parker, seconded by Oedy, to vote for Logan Carpenter to fill the vacancy on city council.

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

Motion failed.

25-M-263

Motion by White, seconded by Oedy, to put Bob Eschenbacher back in the chair.

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

Motion failed.

25-M-264

Motion by Mayor Snider, seconded by Kish, to put Bob Sturza in.

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

Motion failed.

25-M-265

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Kish, to vote for Brenda Peters.

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

Motion failed.

ITEMS POSTPONED:

1. Resolution No. 2025-9 – To Call a Special Election to Fill Vacancy on the City Council

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Written report submitted. Explanation was provided regarding the water testing letter mailed to residents. Reported DPW Superintendent, Tom Reese, passed his S2 water exam.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Suzanne Reed commented on the usage of Robert's Rules of Order.

Robert Eschenbacher commented on the cost of advertising the open council seat and his reason for resigning his council seat.

Manager, Scott Czasak, discussed the upcoming week's events.

25-M-263

Motion by Parker, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Motion carried.

Jana Brown
Deputy City Clerk