

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 6, 2026, 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 April 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Heidi Parker

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, and other guests.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**26-M-63**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes (2)
2. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2026

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Robert Eschenbacher – Commented on his support of agenda item number 14 – Van Geisen Property RFQ.

Sharon Slough - Commented on her concern with the sidewalk project on her property.

Resident on Montague Ave. – Inquired on the process of leaf pick up in the spring and commented on his concern with Montague Avenue and the need for repair.

Greg Bird, Allen Edwin Homes – Commented on agenda item # 14 – Van Geisen Property RFQ and introduced himself.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2026
2. Invoices

**26-M-64**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Open Public Hearing – 2026 Sidewalk Special Assessments  
**Mayor Snider opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.**
2. Public/Council Comment – 2026 Sidewalk Special Assessments

Sharon Slough – Inquired on the contingency cost and how it is determined. Also disagrees with the need for the sidewalk project on her property.

Councilor Charlotte Kish – Suggests not doing corner lots all at once.

3. Close Public Hearing – 2026 Sidewalk Assessments

**26-M-65**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to Close Public Hearing – 2026 Sidewalk Special Assessments at: 7:00 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**

4. Council Action – 2026 Sidewalk Assessments

**26-M-66**

**Motion by Mayor Snider, seconded by Kish to postpone this matter to the next regular council meeting.**

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

**Motion carried.**

5. 2026 Sidewalk Construction Engineering Services

**26-M-67**

**Motion by Riley, seconded by White to postpone this matter to the next regular council meeting.**

**Motion carried**

6. Columbia Street Resolution No. 2026-04

**26-M-68**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2026-04 adding portions of Columbia Street into the City of Caro Act 51 Road Map as presented.**

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

**Motion carried**

7. Water Meters Purchase Request

**26-M-69**

**Motion by White, seconded by Oedy to approve the purchase of 150 MIU Stealth water meters from Michigan Pipe and Valve for the quoted price of \$24,750.00.**

**Motion carried**

8. Parks and Recreation Reallocation Request

**26-M-70**

**Motion by Oedy, seconded by White to accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee to reallocate unused funds from the kayak launch and installation of the Lions Head Fountain to be spent on picnic tables and shade umbrellas.**

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

**Motion carried**

9. Picnic Tables Purchase

**26-M-71**

**Motion by Campbell, seconded by Riley to approve the purchase of six (6) 8' brown A-frame recycled plastic picnic tables from ULINE at a cost of \$1,120.00 each (\$6,720.00), totaling \$7,433.47, including shipping and handling of \$713.47.**

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

**Motion carried**

10. AquaZone (Splash Pad) Shade Purchase

**26-M-72**

**Motion by Campbell, seconded by Oedy to approve the purchase of three (3) 15' X 15' X 8' Offset Single Post Pyramid Shade Systems at a cost of \$8,271.00 each (\$24,813.00), for a total project cost of \$29,046.00, including Michigan Professional Engineer sealed drawings, calculations, and shipping/handling.**

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

**Motion carried**

11. Personnel Request – Randy Heckroth, Fire Chief

**26-M-73**

**Motion by White, seconded by Oedy to adopt the proposed Fire Department Reorganization Plan as presented.**

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

**Tie Vote - Motion failed.**

**\*\* Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this issue.**

12. Sherman Street Contractor

**26-M-74**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by White to award the Sherman Street construction contract to Glaeser Dawes Corporation for the bid price of \$689,982.32 pending MDOT approval and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.**

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

**Motion carried**

13. Sherman Street Resolution No. 2026-05 & Contract

**26-M-75**

**Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 authorizing the City Manager to sign MDOT contract 26-5094 as presented.**

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

**Motion carried**

14. Van Geisen Property RFQ Results

**26-M-76**

**Motion by White, seconded by Riley to authorize the City Manager to enter exclusive negotiations with Allen Edwin Homes for the sale of the Van Geisen Property.**

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

**Motion carried**

**ITEMS POSTPONED:** None

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:** None

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

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

Gave an update on the recent WWTP discharge, The City of Caro has obtained Tree City USA status and City Manager presented a plaque and flag to City Council. Montague Avenue and the extensive cost it will be to repair was explained.

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

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sharon Slough – Inquired on the entrance to Marshalls and who is responsible for repairing the road.

Sue Ellen Greenlee – Thanked council on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Tanya Batschke – Thanked council for Parks & Recreation projects. Commented on her support for the Personnel Request from the Fire Chief and commended his hard work.

Danielle Rolando – Commented her disappointment on how the Van Geisen Property is being handled and the conversation of the sale should have been communicated to current residents for further comments. Inquired if the property is platted.

Randy Heckroth, Fire Chief – Commended Louise Hodges for her 20 years of service.

**26-M-77**

**Motion by Oedy, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**



Rita Papp, MiPMC2  
City Clerk