

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
May 4, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723
****Amended****

Mayor Karen Snider called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on May 4, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

26-M-92

Motion by White, seconded by Parker to approve the agenda as presented with additions of Item #6 – Removal of Dog Waste, Item #7 – Trees at Fairgrounds.

Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. DDA Regular Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026
2. DDA Special Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2026
3. Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026
4. Email – Dara Hood, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner
5. Letter – Brenda Peters

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

City Manager Scott Czasak introduced the new Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Drake.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2026
2. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2026
3. Invoices

26-M-93

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. DDA Budget Adjustment Request – Full Time DDA Director

26-M-94

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell, to approve the budget line item adjustment to offer a full-time position to a new DDA Director in both FY 25/26 and FY 26/27 as follows: FY 25/26 Hospitalization Insurance (248-728-716-000) to \$4,666.67, FY 25/26 Retirement (248-728-718-000) to \$879.44, FY 25/26 Worker’s Compensation Insurance (248-728-721-000) to \$1,750.00, and for FY 26/27 adjust the proposed DDA Wages Budget Line (248-728-702-000) from \$43,000.00 to \$50,000.00, with other Budget Lines of DDA Wages-Admin, Seasonal DDA, Payroll Taxes, Hospitalization Insurance, Life Insurance, Retirement, Short/Long Term Disability and Worker’s Compensation Insurance to be adjusted accordingly based on Caro City Treasurer calculations in reference to wages.

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

Motion carried.

2. Fire Department Reorganization

26-M-95

Motion by Parker, seconded by Riley, to approve the motion as presented.

Motion carried

26-M-96

Motion by Parker, seconded by Riley, to amend the main motion by deleting the words “as presented” and adding the words “to add the Fire Chief to Firefighter/Medical, to count the two Firefighter Reserves as employees, and to add two additional employees to the Medical First Responders and to fill those vacancies.

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

Motion carried

3. Investment Maturing #1

26-M-97

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell, to keep the CD at Independent Bank in the amount of \$261,652.89 for 1 year at 3.70%.

Motion carried

4. Investment Maturing #2

26-M-98

Motion by Riley, seconded by Oedy, to keep the CD at Independent Bank in the amount of \$261,555.29 for 1 year at 3.70%.

Motion carried

5. Schedule Budget Workshops

Budget Workshops are scheduled for: May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., & May 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

6. Removal of Dog Waste

City Manager to discuss with staff and bring back to next council meeting.

7. Trees at Fairgrounds

26-M-99

Motion by White, seconded by Parker, to approve the purchase of 4 trees from the Parks & Recreation budget line item and to approve the necessary planting expense from the appropriate wage budget line item.

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

Tie vote – Motion failed

ITEMS POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

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The repair of the media at the arsenic plant is covered under warranty and there will be no cost to the city. Update was given on the Van Geisen Road property as well as an explanation of the appraisal process. Update was given on the CDBG grant process.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tanya Batschke – Commented on her disappointment with the council not approving planting trees at the fairgrounds.

Vicky Brown – Commented on her concern with the potential favoritism with leased properties and the dog park cleaning issues.

Chris Drake – Presented proposed ordinance changes. City Manager will follow up.

26-M-100

Motion by Parker, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion carried.



Rita Papp, MiPMC2
City Clerk