

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 18, 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 May 18, 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-101**

**Motion by Parker, seconded by White to approve the agenda with the additions of #5 – Reschedule Budget Workshop.**

**Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2026
2. Caro Roadhouse Museum and Historical Museum Annual Report 2025
3. Capturing Kids Hearts – Caro Community Schools Award
4. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2026
2. Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2026
3. Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2026
4. Invoices
5. Department Reports
  - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
  - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
  - C. Code Enforcement Report – Chris Drake

**26-M-102**

**Motion by Riley, seconded by White to approve the consent agenda as presented including invoices and the amended Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2026.**

**Motion Carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:** (action required)

1. Police Chief Employment Contract

**26-M-103**

**Motion by Riley, seconded by Kish to adopt the proposed contract for Police Chief Brian Newcomb as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the contract.**

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

**Motion carried.**

2. Fire Chief Employment Contract

**26-M-104**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Parker to adopt the proposed contract for Fire Chief Randy Heckroth as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the contract.**

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

**Motion carried.**

3. DDA Bylaws

**26-M-105**

**Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to approve the Downtown Development Authority Bylaws as submitted by the DDA Board.**

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

**Motion carried.**

4. Set FY 2026/2027 Budget Hearing

FY 2026/2027 Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

5. Reschedule Budget Workshop

Budget Workshop originally scheduled for May 26, 2026 will be rescheduled for May 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None**

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:**

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – No meeting. The nonpayment of the 2025 Allocation was recently brought up and will be discussed in a future council meeting.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Board elections took place, Discussed future events.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – Reviewed the DDA Director's employment agreement for Devon Pomeroy-Ruppert. He started employment today, May 18, 2026.
4. Fair Board (Oedy) – Continuing to work on projects. Sidewalks are being repaired. Grant was received, \$23,500.00. Working on some electrical issues and a welcome sign.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – May 29, 2026 is a ribbon cutting for the Lions Head Drinking Fountain at Bieth Park. Corey Will made a Parks & Recreation presentation at Schall School on behalf of Carrie Will, P&R Superintendent.
6. Planning Commission (Riley) – No meeting. Councilor Riley requested to be reassigned as he is not available on Tuesdays for the Planning Commission Meetings.

7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Parker) – No report. Councilor Parker requested to be reassigned as she is not available for the meetings.

8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting

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

Commented on the event at Schall School and regretfully couldn't be there. The demolition of the old Methodist Church on Burnside Street is currently in progress. Calendar of demolition events was presented.

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

DPW will handle the clean up at the dog park. Update given on the status of DPW Superintendent water test results.

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

Reported that all seasonal workers have been hired and will be starting at the beginning of June.

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

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**26-M-106**

**Motion by Oedy, seconded by Parker to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

**Motion carried.**



Rita Papp, MiPMC2  
City Clerk