

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
August 17, 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 August 17, 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, and other guests

AGENDA APPROVAL

26-M-164

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2026
2. DDA Resignation Letter – Robert Wolak

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2026
2. Invoices
3. Department Reports
 - A. Police Report – Chief Brian Newcomb
 - B. Fire Report – Chief Randall Heckroth
 - C. Code Enforcement Report – Chris Drake

26-M-165

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

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA: (action required)

1. Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting – Designate Voting Delegate(s)

26-M-166

Motion by Kish, seconded by Campbell to appoint City Manager Scott Czasak as the voting delegate and to appoint Councilor Charlotte Kish as the alternate voting delegate.

Motion carried.

2. Police Department Ballistic Vest & Carriers

26-M-167

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Kish to approve the purchase of 5 sets of ballistic vests and carrier gear from CMP Distributors for the quoted price of \$7,100.00

Motion carried.

3. Fire Department Budget Adjustments

26-M-168

Motion by Oedy, seconded by White to authorize the City Treasurer to adjust the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget line item 216-336-740-000 from \$50,300.00 to \$52,600.00.

Motion carried.

4. Water Tower Engineering Quote

26-M-169

Motion by Parker, seconded by Riley to accept the quote from Dixon Engineering to provide engineering services for Water Tower repairs for the quoted price of \$5,200.00.

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

Motion carried.

ITEMS PENDING/POSTPONED: None

COMMITTEE/LIAISON POSITION REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Corporation (Mayor Snider) – No meeting.
2. Chamber of Commerce (Manager) – Vacant position was filled by Mandy Knox. Discussed future events.
3. Downtown Development Authority (Kish) – DDA Director is having conversations with MDOT for placement of benches along M81. Discussed holiday decorations, upgrading flower bulbs in the downtown parking lots, using a portable speaker system at the market, and looking at material for trash enclosures.
4. Fair Board (Oedy) – No meeting. Mayor Snider asked if Neil Jackson could come and do a presentation.
5. Parks & Recreation (White) – Meeting is tomorrow, August 18, 2026. Plan on discussing the 5-year plan.
6. Planning Commission (Campbell) – Site plan was reviewed.
7. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (Parker) – No report.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals (Mayor Snider) – No meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Mark Ransford was awarded Rotarian of the Year. Along with Mayor Pro Tem Charlotte Kish, attended the MAM Workshop and shared information with council.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Written report submitted.

Gave an update on the grass seeding issues. Received a \$21,000.00 grant from Tree City USA. Council asked for information on the wells, information on clogged drains after rain, and voiced concerns with weeds and grass clipping in the streets.

CLERK'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

Announced Write in Candidate deadline is October 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Written report submitted.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vicky Brown – Commented on the lack of clean up efforts by the residents with sewer drains and grass clippings and that the street sweeper doesn't work well.

Tanya Batschke – Commented on her concern with commercial blight and the status of cleaning up the triangle area by Almer Street/M81.

Police Chief Brian Newcomb – Gave an update on the lease turn in for the police department which resulted in a savings of \$12,000.00. Commented on his gratefulness for the 911 Dispatch millage passing.

Fire Chief Randy Heckroth – Appreciated the approval of the budget adjustment. Further commented on the grass clipping issue. Announced that two firefighters have resigned and one is in the process of being hired. Thanked Caro PD for their assistance with a large fire the other night. The Fire Department is planning their Annual Open House for Halloween, October 31, 2026.

Councilor Jill White – Inquired on the completion of the shade at the splash pad. Update was given by DPW Superintendent Tom Reese.

26-M-170

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

Motion carried.



Rita Papp, MiPMC2
City Clerk