

CITY OF CARO SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
May 11, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723

Mayor Karen Snider called the Budget Workshop meeting of the City Council to order on May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Doreen Oedy, Heidi Parker

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Tammy Ries – City Treasurer, Carrie Will – Parks & Recreation Superintendent, Sonya Otremba – DDA Treasurer, Tom Reese – DPW Superintendent.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: None

SPECIAL AGENDA: (action required)

1. FY 2026-2027 Budget Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to review and discuss the proposed fiscal year budget, departmental requests, revenues, expenditures, capital improvements and related financial matters.

Departments/Funds Reviewed were Parks & Recreation, Downtown Development Authority, Farmers Market, and DPW Various Funds.

Budget Line Items Discussed:

Parks & Recreation Department – Carrie Will, Parks & Recreation Superintendent

- Retirement
- O & M Supplies
- Recreation Programs
- Education & Training
- Travel & Lodging
- Capital Outlay – potential grants to cover, if grants not received, funds would go back into general fund. P & R requests the expense of tennis courts regardless of grants.

Downtown Development Authority – Sonya Otremba, DDA Treasurer

- Hospitalization
- Seasonal DDA
- Luncheons
- Downtown Music
- Education & Dues
- Capital Outlay – street lights, façade program, parking lot maintenance

Farmers Market – Sonya Otremba, DDA Treasurer

- Farmers Market Expenses

Building and Grounds – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- O & M Supplies

- Contracted Services – Janitorial
- Contracted Services

Public Works – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- Technology
- Education & Training

Fairgrounds – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- Wages
- Contracted Services

Chippewa Landing – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- Wages – Discussion on Dog Park Fence

Major Streets Fund– Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- Contracted Services – Const. – E. Sherman Street Project
- Contracted Services – Engineering – E. Sherman Street Project

Tree Trimming – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- M24 Tree Trimming – Mandated tree trimming expense

Administration – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- Contracted Services – LED Lights – Increased cost

Local Streets Funds – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- Contracted Services – Howard Street Project

Municipal Streets Fund – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- Sidewalks – No project for FY 2026/2027
- Alleys – Future requested projects

Meter Reading – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- New Meter Updates
- Equipment Rental

Motor Pool – Tom Reese, DPW Superintendent

- Capital Outlay – New vehicle purchase request

Budget Workshop Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.



Rita Papp, MiPMC2
City Clerk