

**CITY OF CARO SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**May 12, 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, Doreen Oedy, Heidi Parker and Jill White.

Absent: John Riley

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, Tammy Ries – City Treasurer, Brian Newcomb – Police Chief, Randy Heckroth – Fire Chief

**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 Police, Fire, and Various General Fund Departments.

Budget Line Items Discussed:

Police – Brian Newcomb, Police Chief

- Uniforms/Equipment
- Wages
- Contracted Repairs
- Police Technology
- Capital Outlay

Fire – Randy Heckroth, Fire Chief

- Wages
- Volunteer Fireman Pay
- Capital Outlay

General Fund Departments

- Council – Education & Training
- Manager – Education & Training, Office Supplies
- Treasurer – Printing & Publications, Technology
- Assessor – Contracted Services
- Clerk – Office Supplies, Technology, Telephone
- Election – Office Supplies, Capital Outlay

- Code Enforcement – Contracted Services, Education & Training, Travel & Lodging
- Planning – Contracted Services
- Economic Development Corporation – Transfer to EDC

**Budget Workshop Adjourned: 7:11 p.m.**



Rita Papp, MiPMC2  
City Clerk