

CITY OF CARO COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

February 19, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723

Mayor Karen Snider called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the City Council to order on February 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Charlotte Kish

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. CDBG Application Discussion

Presentation was given by Bruce Johnston & Reece Burton from Revitalize LLC and Mark Ransford from Ransford Wasik LLC. Discussed the CDBG Process and what is required by the council and by the city manager. Discussion followed.

2. Policy on Recording Council Meetings

Mayor Karen Snider provided sample information on policy language for recording council meetings. Council would like to start with city council meetings first with the opportunity to add others later. City Clerk will work with the mayor to draft a policy to send to the attorney.

3. 2026/2027 Capital Projects Discussion

City Manager asked for input and/or ideas for capital project for the 2026/2027 FY Budget. He also discussed different funding sources for roads. Council indicated they wanted to see Van Geisen Property developed and Community Center. Council members are to bring ideas to the first budget workshop.

4. Update on Projects

Councilor Emily Campbell asked the City Manager to include updates on projects in his manager's report at council meetings.

5. Website

Mayor Karen Snider discussed her concerns with photos and forms on the website. City Manager asked the council to submit a picture and a bio to him to upload them to the website.

6. Advertising

Mayor Karen Snider discussed her concerns with transparency and the method of publishing ordinances, public surplus auctions, and bids in the newspaper. City Manager discussed the requirements for posting bids. Council had a discussion on supporting local businesses, including The Advertiser. Council requested that the approved amended bid policy be sent to the attorney for review.

7. WWTP Project Discussion.

Councilor Charlotte Kish requested this update but was absent. City Manager gave a brief update on the project. Discussion followed.

Councilor Doreen Oedy inquired on the status of the current open FOIA – Shane Polega. City Clerk gave an update to council.

Motion by Riley, seconded by Oedy to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Motion carried.



Rita Papp, MiPMC2
City Clerk