

CITY OF CARO COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

April 10, 2025, 5:30 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 April 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Karen Snider, City Council: Emily Campbell, Charlotte Kish, Doreen Oedy, and Heidi Parker.

Absent: Greg Hutchison, Jill White

Others: Scott Czasak – City Manager, Rita Papp – City Clerk, and Randy Heckroth – City Fire Chief and other guests.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Blight/Code Enforcement Discussion

Laura Genovich – City Attorney presented information on a blight checklist to council.

Randy Heckroth – City Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer – explained his process and problems with unresolved blight issues such as animals, non-plated trailers, non-plated vehicles and uncollected blight tickets.

Discussion followed with the City Attorney and the Council.

- Discussed the idea of the attorney sending a letter after the 3rd offense.
- Discussed the idea of developing an updated residential and commercial blight ordinance to expand on animals and non-plated trailers.
- Discussed the idea of a blight forgiveness program.
- Discussed Landlord/Renter properties and issuing blight tickets.

An update on the hiring of a PT Code Enforcement Officer was given to the council by the City Manager. Interviews are scheduled Friday and Monday.

Motion by Oedy, seconded by Kish to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

Rita Papp
City Clerk