

CITY OF CARO COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
June 8, 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 June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Doreen Oedy

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following individuals addressed Council regarding the proposed changes and/or additions to the animal ordinance: Tanya Batchke, Kayla Langmaid, Bob Sturza, Tiffany Mossner, Bob Castlewood, Tiffany Berands, Lisa Polega, Mary Ruthcall, Logan Carpenter, Vicky Brown, and Bob Eschenbacher. Comments focused on whether current owners can be grandfathered in, number of pets allowed, feral cat issues, and wild animal issues.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Welcome Sign – City of Caro

City Manager gave brief information on the signs. The second set of letters are stored at Tuscola ISD. City Manager to research further for possible locations to place the sign.

2. FY 2026/2027 Fee Schedule

City Manager gave a brief overview of the increases in the fire schedule, water, sewer, and sanitation. Questions were raised on the mowing administration fees, illegal fires, water meters, and potential miscalculation of the increase in rubbish & trash pickup fees. City Manager will follow up.

3. City Dump Hours

Councilor John Riley discussed the possibility of increasing the hours at the Weeden Road dump. Residents have previously used the Almer Township dump and that is no longer an option. The idea of increasing the hours during spring and fall was discussed. Option of hours will be on the next regular meeting agenda.

4. Animal Ordinance – Proposed Changes/Additions

City Manager and Code Enforcement Officer gave additional information on the proposed changes/additions. There was a discussion on who will monitor, types of animals, issues with feral animals, requiring spay & neuter, and feral cats. Both expressed that this is a starting point for discussion.

5. Parking Issues – Burnside Street

Council Jill White mentioned her concern about parking on Burnside Street and the potential issues. City Manager and Chief of Police will do a study.

6. Service Drive – Starbucks/Dairy Queen

City Manager updated council on the service drive and explained that it is private property and that the city is not responsible for maintaining the drive. Tuscola County Building Codes (Safebuilt) has been notified, and the Code Enforcement Officer will have further information forthcoming.

7. Lion Head Fountain – Ownership/Funding

Council Emily Campbell inquired about maintaining a separate account for the Lion Head Fountain for future maintenance. Documentation on ownership will be requested by the City Manager.

8. Drone

Counciler Charlotte Kish inquired on training status of employees. Fire Department has started and the Police Department will follow. Training on the drone is intense and takes time. The drone that was damaged was replaced by a new one.

9. DPW Licenses

City Clerk stated the employee has requested that this issue be discussed in a closed session.

Council Jill White inquired on signage for Trudeau Square. City Manager to contact owner of buildings to initiate signage discussion.

Motion by White, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.
Motion carried.



Rita Papp, MiPMC2
City Clerk