Minutes Of The Meeting Of The City Council
City Of Carthage, Missouri
January 9, 2018

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Mike Harris presiding. Fire Chief Roger Williams gave the invocation and Police Chief Greg Dagnan led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Jason T.A. Shelfer, Brady Beckham, Juan Topete, James Harrison, Tim Shields, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Darren Collier and Dan Rife. Council Member Ceri Otero was absent. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Greg Dagnan, Fire Chief Roger Williams, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks Director Alan Bull and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Rebecca Friedrich, CPA with KPM CPA's, presented a brief overview of the City's Financial Statements and commended the City Staff for an unmodified/clean audit. City reserves are at 78% when funds from the sale of the hospital are removed. Mr. Shelfer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to accept the audit. Motion carried.

Mr. Rife reported the Budget Ways and Means Committee met January 8. Bids for an IP Office networked telephone system were reviewed. Amon Henady, IT Tech, recommended the bid from Crexendo in the amount of $18,463.95 due to the versatility and ability to handle an unlimited amount of calls. Additional fees will be necessary to complete the project. There will be an early termination fee with AT&T of approximately $2,500, new routers will need to be purchased, and additional analog lines will need to be added. Mr. Rife made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shields, to accept the bid from Crexendo in the amount of $18,463.95. Mid-year financial reports were reviewed and sales tax revenues were discussed. The budget calendar for the Fiscal Year 2019 was also approved.

Mr. Shelfer reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit & Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims. Rebecca Friedrich presented a detailed review of the audit at the meeting.

Mr. Collier reported the Public Safety Committee met December 18. A drug and alcohol policy addendum for the taxi drivers was approved and is being presented in Resolution 1818.

Mr. Beckham reported the Public Services Committee met January 4. The annual lease agreement with Dennis and Carolyn Detert for use of the driving range was approved and is being presented in C.B. 18-02. Changes to the contract with Baugh Diversified Industries to include the restrooms in Central Park and at the fair barn area were discussed. The skating rink lease agreement with Pam Graff was approved and is being presented in C.B. 18-03. A Steadley Grant for $10,000 was approved to help fund the golf clubhouse design and site planning. This is being presented in Resolution 1820.

Mr. Beckham reported the Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for January 2 was cancelled due to lack of business.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Armstrong for the Planning and Zoning, Mr. Topete for the Kellogg Lake Board and Carthage Tree Board, and Mr. Shelfer for the Jasper County Commissioners, Carthage Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Mike Harris reported he had attended a Vision Carthage meeting and complimented city staff on a good audit.

Police Chief Greg Dagnan stated the year-end report had been released. Chief Dagnan introduced new police officers to be sworn in that evening. Officer Ashley Fast and Officer Elvis Barahona. After City Clerk Traci Cox administered the Oath of Office, Mayor Harris presented the new officers with a certificate. Captain Bill Hawkins presented a plaque to Yogi Patrick recognizing him for his years of service upon retirement. Captain Hawkins noted Mr. Patrick had set the bar high for accommodating patrons of the taxi service.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reported the storm siren is being installed and two new firefighters had been hired. A picture depicting the new fire station was shown.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: a meeting with CW&EP and DNR regarding due diligence questionnaire for SRF financing, economic development conversations with CWEP and Mark Elliff, a Vision Carthage meeting, the budget calendar, projects within the city, sales tax revenues and he commended staff on the audit.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of $2,917,596.79 against the following funds: General Revenue $158,265.56, Public Health $120,908.95, Parks/Stormwater $64,383.92, Golf Course $25,230.95, Lodging $8,669.33, Fire Protection $38,774.00, Capital Improvements $6,028.50, Payroll $495,335.58 and Carthage Water & Electric $2,000,000.00. Mr. Shelfer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, **C.B. 17-56**- An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Carthage for the fiscal year 2017-2018 was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 17-56.

C.B. 17-57- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Real Estate Transaction Agreement for land in the Myers Park Subdivision between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Liberty Tree Enterprises, LLP and Bruton and CO., LLC, 530 W. Fir Road, Carthage, Missouri 64836 was placed on second reading. Mr. Shelfer discussed constituent concerns followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 17-57.

Under new business, **C.B. 18-01**- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Bennett, Inc. for storm water and intersection improvements at Fairview and River Street, Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-02- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Dennis Detert and Carolyn Detert for the City of Carthage to lease the Carthage Golf Center until December 31, 2018, in the amount of $6,500.00 per year was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-03- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Pam Graff in the amount of $3,600.00 for continued use of the pavilion in Municipal Park as a skating rink for a one year lease term was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-04- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Crossland Construction Co., Inc. in the bid amount of $1,542,000, for construction of Fire Station #2 in the City of Carthage, Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beckham to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jim Swatsenbarg to the Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Commission until December 2021. Mr. Armstrong encouraged a "No" vote for the appointment. On vote, all members present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Armstrong with cast a Nay vote. Motion passed.

Mr. Rife made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shelfer, to approve Resolution 1818, a Resolution adopting a Drug and Alcohol Policy Addendum for the City of Carthage Transit System. Motion passed.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve Resolution 1819, a Resolution approving the recommendation of the McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital Trust for the distribution of funds from the Restricted Trust Fund. On vote, all members present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Collier and Mr. Harrison who abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Beckham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to approve Resolution 1820, a Resolution providing for the formal acceptance of a donation by the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri pursuant to City Policy. Motion passed.

During closing remarks, Mr. Shelfer thanked Police Chief Greg Dagnan for the year-end police report. Mr. Collier thanked staff for the clean audit and congratulated Mr. Patrick on his retirement.

Mr. Rife made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to close the meeting according to Section 610.021 (2) RSMO, the agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys thereof followed by a roll call vote on the board of 9 yeas and no nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Rife made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.