Minutes Of The Meeting Of The City Council
City Of Carthage, Missouri
February 13, 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: Juan Topete, Tim Shields, David Armstrong, Ceri Otero, Darren Collier, Dan Rife, Jason T.A. Shelfer, and Brady Beckham. Council members James Harrison and Mike Daugherty were 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. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beckham, to amend the agenda to add a closed session as allowed by Section 610.021 (2) RSMO, 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. Motion passed.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Wendi Douglas, Convention and Visitors Bureau, informed the Council that the contracts for the Welcome/Wayfinding Signage had been signed and the bid process is next. Mark Elliff, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Director, discussed economic indicators for 2018 noting the economy is expected to be good.

Mr. Rife reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met February 12. MoDOT has signed the contracts for the Welcome/Wayfinding Signage. The Committee approved a proposal from Corbin Design to oversee the bidding process of the project. This is being presented in C.B. 18-09. The grant application process for the taxi program has been moved to March 1; therefore the Committee approved an Ordinance to authorize the mayor to apply for federal financial assistance for the taxi program and is being presented in C.B. 18-10. Goals and priorities for the Fiscal 2019 Budget were reviewed. Mr. Rife made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the goals and priorities for the Fiscal 2019 Budget. Motion passed. A budget adjustment to appropriate donated funds was also discussed and is being presented in Resolution 1824.

Mr. Shelfer reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims.

Mr. Collier reported the Public Safety Committee was between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for February 20.

Mr. Beckham reported the Public Services Committee met February 5. A donation from the Jasper County Youth Fair Board for $2,500.00 to be used towards the epoxy floor installation at the fair ground restroom is included in Resolution 1825. A letter of support for US Bike Route 66 was discussed. Mr. Beckham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to recommend drafting and signing a letter of support for the US Bike Route 66. Motion passed. The committee discussed utilizing funds from the Steadley Grant to hire CE Golf Design for professional services for preliminary design, budget preparation and site planning for construction of a new golf clubhouse. These funds are being appropriated in Resolution 1825. Capital projects for the 2019 Fiscal Year were reviewed with heavy discussion of a splash pad in Central Park.

Mr. Beckham reported the Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for February 6 was cancelled due to lack of quorum; however, roof bids for the Street Department shop roof were received as follows for a TPO roof: Alley Capital-$24,856.71, Guarantee Roofing-$33,740.00, and Brenneman's Construction & Roofing-$37,700.00. Mr. Beckham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to accept the low bid from Alley Capital. Motion passed.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Carthage Tree Board, Mr. Armstrong for the Planning & Zoning, Ms. Otero for the HSTCC and Library Board, Mr. Shelfer for the Jasper County Commissioners.

Mayor Mike Harris congratulated the Carthage Wrestling Team for a successful meet.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reported the new storm siren has been installed and construction of Fire Station No. 2 has begun.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney reported the new grader has been delivered. During the recent ice storm, 18 employees generated 131 hours of comp time.

Parks Director Alan Bull reported bids had been opened for the sidewalk at Central Park. CWEP is currently working on lighting in Central Park and a new sewer line is being installed.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: a meeting with the Park Director and Golf Pro to discuss the Steadley Grant, a cost share project meeting with MoDOT, public hearing for CWEP, discussions with county commissioners regarding parking issues, meetings with Wendi Douglas regarding the Wayfinding signs, a Public Policy meeting with the Chamber, a privacy fence has been installed on the north side of the north parking lot, a Vision Carthage Retreat, United Way luncheon, sales tax revenues, and golf course revenues.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of $721,026.60 against the following funds: General Revenue $125,968.13, Public Health $118,083.27, Parks/Stormwater $47,820.63, Golf Course $12,866.80, Lodging $8,333.33, Library $62,387.39, Capital Improvements $23,475.45, and Payroll $322,091.60. Mr. Shelfer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 18-05- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase Service Agreement between the City of Carthage and Crexendo Business Services, Inc. for Business Phone Services was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and no nays. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 18-05.

Under new business, a Public Hearing on Annexation for property at 534 West Fir Road was held with no citizens present to address the Council.

C.B. 18-06- An Ordinance annexing certain adjacent territory commonly known as 534 West Fir Road into the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri, as requested by Liberty Tree Enterprises, LLP was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-07- An Ordinance rezoning certain property at 534 W. Fir Road in the City of Carthage from District A, to District E, General Business as requested by Liberty Tree Enterprises, LLP was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-08- An Ordinance to amend Section 10-26 (a) and (c) of the Carthage Code to amend the requirements for firefighters was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-09- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Corbin Design Inc., to provide consulting services during a citywide wayfinding and welcome signage system bidding and implementation process, between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Corbin Design, Inc. was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-10- An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Carthage and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Carthage and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rife, to approve Resolution 1822, a Resolution providing for the formal acceptance of a donation by the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri pursuant to City Policy. Mr. Armstrong expressed his concerns with the City accepting anonymous donations. Motion passed.

Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rife, to approve Resolution 1823- 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.

Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rife, to approve Resolution 1824- 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.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1825- A Resolution providing authorization of appropriation of funds from the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage, Missouri. Motion passed.

Mayor Harris requested a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Beckham requested closing remarks be held according to Section 2-46 of the Carthage Code of Ordinances. City Attorney Nate Dally explained that the closing remarks could be viewed as a violation of the Sunshine Law. Mayor Harris declined to hold the closing remarks session. Mr. Beckham then made a motion to appeal the ruling by the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Armstrong. Votes were as follows: Ayes- Mr. Beckham, Mr. Shelfer, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Collier. Nays: -Mr. Rife, Mr. Topete, Mr. Shields, and Ms. Otero. Mayor broke the tie by casting a nay vote to defeat the motion.

Mr. Beckham 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 8 yeas and no nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Shields made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and no nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Shields made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Mr. Beckham cast a nay vote. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.