

Minutes Of The Meeting Of The City Council
City Of Carthage, Missouri
April 24, 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 Dan Rife 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, David Armstrong, Tim Shields, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty, Alan Snow, Darren Collier, Kirby Newport, and James Harrison. Council Member Brady Beckham 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. Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

During Citizens Participation Period: Municipal Court Judge Brad Cameron addressed cost issues and rules passed down from state mandates affecting the current court system. Judge Cameron is opposed to the transfer of the court system to the county noting the City would have no say on how or where the court would be conducted, and the possibility the court cases could be sent to Joplin would create a hardship for the defendants. Attorney Pete Lasley, 1406 S. Main, also opposes C.B. 18-16 which would transfer the municipal court to the county. He expressed concern about the amount of time that would be devoted to the municipal court cases at the circuit level and the fact that it could be transferred to Joplin.

Mr. Collier reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met on April 23 to review agency requests for the 2019 Budget Year.

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

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee met on April 16. Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to permit an exterior sign be installed at GM Jewelry at 423 S. Main. Motion carried. Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shields, to close and vacate Sycamore Street between Garrison and McGregor from 12:00pm to 9:30pm on June 8 for the First Baptist Church Block Party. Motion carried. Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to allow the sale of liquor at Food Truck Friday. Motion carried. Terri Hill was present to discuss feral cat colonies noting problems she had experienced with them. Chief Dagnan recommended elimination of the feral cat ordinance. This will be brought back to the

May meeting of the Public Safety Committee for additional discussion. The committee discussed the possible transfer of the Carthage Municipal Court to the Jasper County Circuit Court Associate Division. This is being presented in C.B. 18-16. Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shields, to close and vacate a portion of Kellogg Lake on May 2 from 11:00am to 2:00pm for Kids Fishing Day. Motion carried.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 1.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Collier for Carthage Water & Electric, Mr. Harrison for the Jasper County Commissioners' Meeting, Mr. Topete for the Kellogg Lake Board, Mr. Armstrong for the Planning & Zoning, Ms. Otero for the Library Board, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council, and the Carthage Humane Society.

Mayor Dan Rife had attended a Bob Yapp Window Restoration Clinic at the Sweet House hosted by the Historic Preservation Committee and had spoken with the 5th graders at the Carthage Intermediate Center.

City Attorney Nate Dally reported he had attended the recent Public Safety Committee meeting.

Fire Chief Roger Williams gave a construction update on Fire Station #2.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney gave an update on the Fairview and River Street project.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: a meeting with the Parks Director and Golf Pro regarding a personnel item and golf course operations, a meeting with the Budget Committee Chair, a Region M Meeting, a TAC Meeting, Vision Carthage Meeting, a meeting with the Economic Development Director and representatives from CWEP regarding an economic development prospect, and a meeting with County representatives regarding the Municipal Court transfer.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$1,496,846.34 against the following funds: General Revenue \$74,277.07, Public Health \$120,165.06, Parks/Stormwater \$59,417.83, Golf Course \$1738.90, Lodging \$8,333.33, Civic Enhancement \$25,116.35, Judicial Election \$500.00, Library \$44,980.03, Capital Improvements \$16,974.75, Payroll \$153,676.35, and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,000,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

There was no old business to consider.

Under new business, **C.B. 18-15-** An Ordinance to add Section 3-68 of the Carthage Code to allow for Temporary Permits for sale by drink for certain organizations in the City of Carthage was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-16- An Ordinance transferring the Carthage Municipal Court and transferring the Municipal Division Cases to be heard in the Jasper County Circuit Court Associate Division was placed on first reading with no action taken. Council members expressed their opposition to transferring the Municipal Court to the County Circuit Court. Mr. Armstrong made a motion to table the C.B. until it is needed due to the unknown mandates that could be imposed by the state in the future. Motion was seconded by Mr. Daugherty. Council Members Mr. Newport, Ms. Otero, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Shields expressed their desire to close the issue by carrying through with the normal process and voting at the second reading. Mr. Newport called for a vote on Mr. Armstrong's motion. Motion failed on a vote of 1 yea and 8 nays. Yea: Armstrong. Nay: Harrison, Topete, Shields, Otero, Daugherty, Snow, Collier, and Newport.

C.B. 18-17- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with G&G Construction, Inc. for Storm Water and Intersection Improvements at Myers Park, 6th and Grant, and Euclid to Highland, Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 18-18- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Guarantee Roofing, Inc. for Roof Repairs to City Buildings, Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

During closing remarks, Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, 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 at 7:40pm followed by a roll call vote on the board of 9 yeas and no nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Newport made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to return to the 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. Shields, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.