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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
April 13, 2021

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. 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: Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty, Alan Snow, Craig Diggs, Ed Barlow, Seth Thompson, Juan Topete, David Armstrong, and Ray West. Council Member James Harrison was absent. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Greg Dagnan, Fire Chief Roger Williams, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson, City Clerk Traci Cox and Deputy City Clerk Miranda Deal.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dan Rife presented a plaque for outgoing Council Member James Harrison.

During the Citizen Participation period, Gene Griffith, 1050 James, requested that the City create a comprehensive plan for severe weather. Surrounding towns have a comprehensive plan for the entire town, but Carthage does not. He would like the Council and City officials work with the school district to make all of their tornado shelters available after school hours.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee met on April 12. Revenue projections were reviewed, next week expenditures will be reviewed. The American Rescue Plan was also discussed. The City will create a separate fund for the money received from the Rescue Plan, guidelines from the Treasury Department will determine how the money can be spent.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. At the next meeting, there will be discussions on adding a new position and making some personnel changes.

Mr. Snow reported that the Public Safety Committee is between meetings, the April meeting will be cancelled due to budget meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17.

Mr. Topete reported that the Public Services Committee is between meetings, the April meeting is cancelled due to budget meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee met on April 6. Bids for the Phelps Addition Stormwater project were reviewed with Sprouls Construction being the low bidder. This appears in C.B. 21-17.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Committee, Ms. Otero for the Humane Society, Mr. West for Police and Fire Pension, and Mr. Diggs for the Kellogg Lake Board.

Mayor Rife reported that the Police Department received a certificate from Police Talent for their relationship with the community and their sustainable policing. He also reported that the budget meetings are still ongoing, and there will be a new job description for an Assistant City Administrator at the next Committee on Insurance Audit & Claims Meeting.

During reports of Council Members, Ray West expressed his concern for the lack of votes that were received for Ward 2 and would like to do something to help increase voter turnout next year. Mr. Armstrong expressed his thoughts on adding an Assistant City Administrator. He feels the position will allow the City to grow and expand certain areas that are currently lacking attention. Mr. Snow and Mr. Topete thanked Council Member James Harrison for his years of service on the City Council.

City Attorney Nate Dally reported that there are some guidelines out there on how the City can spend the funds from the American Rescue Plan. He also thanked Carthage Water & Electric, the Fire Department and the Police Department for their part in Neel Baucom's funeral.

Police Chief Greg Dagnan commented on the certificate that the Police Department received and thanked Mr. Harrison for his service.

Fire Chief Roger Williams thanked Mr. Harrison for his service on the Council and Committees. He also expressed his thanks for the school district and for building the tornado shelters. He thinks that a comprehensive plan for the City would be great, and if the City could work something out with the school district or build their own shelters, that would also be a step in the right direction. Citizens need to educate themselves and have an emergency plan in place during severe weather.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney reported that Blevins is in town this week working on road paving. The gas company is putting in a new gas main on 3rd Street, once the work is done, Blevins will come back and repave that portion of the road. The railroad crossing on Fairview should be repaired within the next week.

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Peterson thanked Mr. Harrison for his service on Council. He mentioned that the Public Service meeting would be cancelled, but updates will still be sent out.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: American Rescue Plan, budget meetings, GRO Committee, Public Works project with TAC, emergency purchase of body cameras for the Police Department, and sales tax revenues.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of $970,860.92 against the following funds: General Revenue $112,662.90, Public Health $143,746.61, Lodging $6,393.43, Public Safety $5,133.83, Parks/Stormwater $35,973.14, Fire Protection $42,890.68, Golf $894.42, Capital Improvements $4,213.54, Parks & Recreation $124.38, Library $75,000.00, and Payroll $543,827.99. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 21-15 – An Ordinance to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with Hunter Chase and Associates for City Sidewalk Improvements Phase 4 (Central East to 96 Bridge) in the amount of $385, 528.00 was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete, and West. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 21-16.

C.B 21-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Fair Acres Family YMCA, Inc. for Aquatic Facility Management at Municipal Park was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete, and West. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 21-17.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the April 6, 2021 municipal election results as follows:

Ward 1:	Robin Harrison – 45 votes
Ward 2:	David Armstrong – 17 votes
Ward 3:	Ceri Otero – 88 votes
Ward 4:	Alan Snow – 203 votes
Ward 5:	Ed Barlow – 101 votes
	Robert Robbins – 29 votes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to adjourn the Old Council. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

There was a short recess.

City Clerk Traci Cox administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Robin Harrison, David Armstrong, Ceri Otero, Alan Snow, and Ed Barlow.

Mayor Rife called the meeting to order. The following Council Members answered roll call: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Craig Diggs, Alan Snow, Seth Thompson, and Ed Barlow.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the Mayor's Committee and Board Appointments. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. West, to remove the liaison position for the Powers Museum Board. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Armstrong made a motion to remove the liaison position for the Chamber of Commerce, motion failed due to lack of second. Motion carried to approve the Mayor's Committee and Board Appointments as amended. (See attached)*

Mr. Barlow made a motion to elect Mr. Snow as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson to elect Ms. Otero as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to elect Mr. Topete as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Snow stated that a second is not required for nominations. Mr. Snow withdrew as a candidate for Mayor Pro Tem. Ms. Otero was elected Mayor Pro Tem by a vote of 6 to 4. Votes for Ms. Otero: West, Armstrong, Otero, Diggs, Thompson, Barlow. Votes for Mr. Topete: Topete, Harrison, Daugherty, Snow.

Under new business, C.B. 21-17 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage and Sprouls Construction, LLC for storm water improvements in the Phelps subdivision was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 21-18 – An Ordinance rezoning certain property located at 1306 West Central Avenue (Boggess and Graul Addition, Lot # 29), in the City of Carthage, Missouri from District A, 'Residential' to District E, 'General Business' as requested by Connie Lynn Hobson-Grinstead was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Darren Collier to the Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board until April 2025, and the appointment of Brian Bradley and Jeff Pinnell to the Care Leave Committee until April 2023. Motion Carried.

During closing comments Mr. West welcomed new Council Member Robin Harrison, Mr. Armstrong thanked the voters for his re-election, Mr. Snow thanked Ward 4 for his re-election, and Mr. Barlow welcomed Robin Harrison and gave his congratulations to Ms. Otero for being elected Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

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Traci Cox, City Clerk