



City of Carthage, Missouri **CITY COUNCIL**

February 28, 2023 - 6:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in the Council Chambers at 06:30 PM with Mayor Dan Rife presiding.

Deputy Fire Chief Jason Martin gave the invocation.

Police Chief Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Robin Blair, Trudy Blankenship, Brandi Ensor, Robin Harrison, Ceri Otero, David Armstrong, Mark Elliff, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Tiffany Cossey. City Administrator Greg Dagnan and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Martin, Parks & Recreation Director Abi Almandinger, Assistant City Administrator Traci Cox, City Clerk Miranda Deal and Deputy City Clerk Courtney Walker.

Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 and February 17, 2023 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rife presented the proclamation for Grace Pointe Assembly.

Jackie Kennedy with the Red Cross reported that they would be canvassing the City of Carthage to see if the public needed smoke alarms replaced. The Red Cross will be going door to door on March 23rd to hang flyers and will be installing smoke alarms on March 25th beginning at 8:30 a.m. She reported that since 2014, the Red Cross has replaced 2.5 million smoke alarms.

Julie Reams with the Chamber of Commerce thanked the council for their attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, with a special thanks to Mr. Snow for auctioneering at the event. She reported that she received several calls from local businesses praising the city on implementing the Excellence in Industry Award.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways & Means Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13.

Mrs. Harrison reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit & Claims met on this date and approved the claims. The Committee approved the Employee Wellness Packet, which provides a \$150 incentive to employees who complete the packet. Mrs. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to continue implementing the \$150 incentive. Motion carried. They also approved renewing Delta Dental and VSP Vision with only a 5% increase on the VSP Vision plan. Mrs. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blair, to continue using Delta Dental and VSP Vision with the 5% increase in VSP Vision rates. Motion carried.

Mrs. Harrison reported that there were some updates to Parks and Golf job descriptions. There were slight changes to the verbiage of some part-time positions, with the main change being the Golf Operations Supervisor. Mrs. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hardesty to approve all job descriptions with an amendment to the Operations Supervisor position to reflect gender-neutral language and table the approval of Golf Maintenance Supervisor to a later date. Motion carried.

Mr. Elliff reported that the Public Safety Committee met February 27. The Committee discussed and approved the adult use marijuana regulations that appear in Council Bill 23-14. They also approved the change to the weapons ordinance which appears in Council Bill 23-13. The Committee approved the request for police assistance at road crossings for the annual Tower 2 Tower Run hosted by Carthage Water and Electric on May 13. They discussed the road closures for the Community Earth Day Celebration at Central Park. Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to close and vacate Lyon Street from Chestnut and 7th Street from 8 am-3 pm for the Community Earth Day Celebration on April 22nd. Motion carried. They also approved the closing of Lyon and 7th Street for Food Truck Fridays. Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to close and vacate Lyon Street from Chestnut to 7th and 7th Street from Garrison to Lyon from 8 am-10 pm for the 2023 Food Truck Friday events on the second Friday of the month from April to October. The court costs changes were reviewed and approved, they will appear in Council Bill 23-12. Lastly, the Committee reviewed and discussed bids for 30 PASS devices for the Fire Department. Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to accept the lowest bid from Fire Master Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$12,899.70. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th.

Ms. Otero reported that the Public Service Committee met February 21. The Committee heard from citizens who voiced their concerns on Rock Stadium and the Carthage Municipal Golf Course. The Committee approved the use of Central Park for Food Truck Friday. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor, to allow use of Central Park for Food Truck Friday for 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8 and 10/13 of 2023. Motion carried. The Committee also approved the use of Central Park for the Carthage Farmers Market. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor, to allow use of Central Park for the Carthage Farmers Market every Wednesday and Saturday from 7 am-4 pm, starting April 1st, 2023. Motion carried. The Committee also approved the use of Central Park for the Earth Day Community Celebration. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor, to allow the use of Central Park for the Earth Day Community Celebration on April 22nd from 8 am-3 pm. Motion carried. There was discussion about Rock Stadium, with no action taken. The Committee also discussed the bathroom contracts in Council Bill 23-15, the contract with Encore Pyrotechnics in Council Bill 23-16, and briefly discussed the pool contract with the YMCA. The Committee was updated on the pool assessment status, the pro-shop repairs, park office updates, and the redo of Civil War Museum video bids. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7th.

Mr. Armstrong reported that the Public Works Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7.

Special Committee and Board Liaison Reports were given by Mr. Elliff for the Jasper County Commission and Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation and by Mr. Snow for the Carthage, Water and Electric Board.

Mayor Rife reported that he attended a recent CEDC meeting, the Memorial Service for Steve Fierro with the Fire Department and a meet and greet for the Parks and Recreation Department.

During reports from Council Members, Ms. Otero thanked students from the Carthage R-9 School District for attending the meeting.

City Attorney Nate Dally explained changes regarding the marijuana ordinance and what is protected versus what is not. He also reported about court costs getting back up to compliance.

Police Chief Bill Hawkins reported on the complications regarding the marijuana ordinance. He also reported that he is glad to be getting the unlawful weapon discharge ordinance back in the books.

Parks and Recreation Director Abi Almandinger reported that she was waiting on one last bid for an emergency roof replacement on the golf shop. She also reported that the evaluation on the pool will begin this week. She will be providing an update on Rock Stadium at the Public Services meeting on March 7th.

City Administrator Greg Dagnan reported for Public Works Director Zeb Carney that Public Works and Street Department employees had been out since 2 a.m. clearing all roadways and that there was minimal damage to city property. He also reported that cameras had been set up to record council meetings and the City of Carthage was working on utilizing more technology in the future. He thanked Ms. Reams for a successful Chamber event, with Schreiber winning the Excellence in Industry Award. Mr. Dagnan reminded the council and the public that we have little say in the marijuana ordinance because it is a constitutional amendment. He also advised that the work session scheduled for this week has been postponed.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$1,631,809.06 against the following funds: General Revenue \$1,067,719.43 Public Health \$158,093.50, Parks/Stormwater \$13,427.49, Fire Protection \$16,410.00, Golf \$2,595.86, Public Facilities \$47,334.43, ARPA \$4,725.00, and Payroll \$321,503.35. Ms. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blair, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 23-08 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 10-26 (a) of the Carthage Code to amend the requirement for firefighters by lowering the age to 18 in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Robin Harrison, Brandi Ensor, David Armstrong, Trudy Blankenship, Ceri Otero, Robin Blair, Alan Snow, Ed Hardesty, Tiffany Cossey, and Mark Elliff. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-14.

C.B. 23-09 -- An Ordinance to amend sections of Chapter 25 of the Carthage Code for zoning of newly formed Marijuana-related facilities was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Robin Harrison, Brandi Ensor, David Armstrong, Trudy Blankenship, Ceri Otero, Robin Blair, Alan Snow, Ed Hardesty, Tiffany Cossey, and Mark Elliff. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-15.

C.B. 23-10 -- An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for specified funds (General Fund, Golf Course Fund, and Myers Park Fund) was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas

and 0 nays. Ayes: Robin Harrison, Brandi Ensor, David Armstrong, Trudy Blankenship, Ceri Otero, Robin Blair, Alan Snow, Ed Hardesty, Tiffany Cossey, and Mark Elliff. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-16.

Under New Business, C.B. 23-11 -- An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the City of Carthage, Missouri, to enter into a Unit Power Purchase Agreement with Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission D/B/A Missouri Electric Commission was placed on first reading.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to advance the council bill to second reading, due to its emergency status. Motion carried.

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C.B. 23-12 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 14-11 of the Carthage Code to comply with changes mandated by the Missouri Supreme Court and the Revised Missouri Statutes was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 23-13 -- An Ordinance to amend sections of Chapter 13 of the Carthage Code by adding a section for discharging of weapons inside the City Limits for the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Ms. Cossey stated that she would like to see b(9) changed to state lawful defense of others, as well as, self.

C.B. 23-14 -- An Ordinance of the City of Carthage, amending the Carthage City Code by adding Section 13-158 to include regulations for adult use marijuana in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 23-15 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with CXT for restroom facilities in four City Parks for the amount of Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Five and 00/100 (\$477,305.00) was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 23-16 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Pyrotechnics by Encore LLC, Inc. for firework displays for the July 4, 2023, July 4, 2024 and July 4, 2025 celebrations in the amount of \$19,950.00 per year, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Rob Harmon to the Police Personnel Administration Board until March 2027. Motion carried.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliff, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Paul Eckels to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board until March 2028. Motion carried.

During Closing Comments, Ms. Otero thanked Mr. Snow for auctioneering at the Chamber event, Mr. Snow congratulated the Carthage Wrestling Team for finishing high in state ranking and wished the Carthage Basketball team luck in playoffs, Mr. Hardesty thanked Ms. Reams and staff for a well done banquet, Mr. Elliff congratulated Ms. Reams, thanked the Carthage students for attending, and thanked Abi for her work on the Pro Shop.

Ms. Ensor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hardesty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.