



City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY COUNCIL

April 25, 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.

Fire Chief Ryan Huntley gave the invocation.

Police Chief Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

Prior to Calling of the Roll, City Clerk Miranda Deal administered the Oath of Office to Ward 1 Council Member Chris Taylor. Mayor Rife put two names of individuals who wished to be part of the random selection for Council Member, due to the 15 way tie of write-in votes from the April 4 election. Mr. Taylor was the name selected at random on April 24, 2023 at 4 pm.

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

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, Parks & Recreation Director Abi Almandinger, and City Clerk Miranda Deal. Public Works Director Zeb Carney was absent, Public Works Administrative Coordinator Julie Tilley was in attendance for him. Assistant City Administrator Traci Cox was also absent.

Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blankenship, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rife told the Council that he would be doing a Proclamation for the late Mayor Harris later in the week. The details regarding the service had yet to be announced.

During Citizen's Participation, Liz Blackburn and her colleagues with the EPA and various other agencies were in attendance to speak on the Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund Site. She presented a powerpoint of why they would like to expand the site to include all of Jasper County, the removal and cleanup process, and their plan to get the communities thoughts and concerns. They answered many questions from the Council and they held an open house on April 24 at Memorial Hall where they reviewed the same information, as well as, offered free lead testing for young children and pregnant mothers.

Jeff Meredith, CEDC Director, presented his quarterly update and reviewed the Carthage Housing Profile he provided to the Council. He also reviewed Neighborhood Preservation Act tax credits that could help citizens in certain areas of City get tax credits for building new construction or rehabilitating current homes.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways & Means Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 8.

Ms. Blankenship reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. There was discussion after the meeting about changing the time going forward to 5:30 pm to better suit the new committee members.

Mr. Elliff reported that the Public Safety Committee met on April 17. They had an amended agenda due to needing the road closure approvals for Kid's Fishing Day. David Lawhon spoke to the committee about Kid's Fishing Day on June 10 from 8-noon at Kellogg Lake. He requested the same road closures on the south side of the lake as in years past and also asked to prohibit fishing after the lake has been stocked. Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor, to close the lake to fishing from midnight June 4 until noon on June 10. Motion carried. Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the road closures on the south side of the lake on June 10 from 6 am until noon. Motion carried. The committee also discussed the Sheriff's Office Public Safety Days on May 13. They have requested the road closure of 2nd Street between Lyon and Main Street for the event. Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to approve the closure of 2nd Street from Lyon to Main Street on May 13 from 10 am until 1 pm for the 11th Annual Community Safety Days. Motion carried. The committee also discussed some of the surplus items in Resolution 2000, and the donation to the Fire Department in Resolution 2001. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15.

Mr. Hardesty reported that the Public Services Committee met on April 18. David Lawhon was present at this meeting also to discuss Kid's Fishing Day on June 10. Mr. Hardesty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor to vacate the East part of Kellogg Lake Park from 6:30 am until noon on June 10. Motion carried. The committee also discussed the use of Municipal Park on August 19 from 12-3 for the second annual Sudstock event that will take place between the Jasper County Youth Barn and the softball field at Municipal Park. Mr. Hardesty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to vacate Municipal Park between the Youth Barn and the softball fields from midnight until 5 pm August 19 for the Sudstock event. Motion carried. The committee also approved declaring a shelter at Kellogg Lake as surplus, which appears in Resolution 2000. The Kellogg Lake Board would like the usable materials back to help construct a new shelter in the park. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16.

Mr. Armstrong reported that the Public Works Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 2.

Special Committee and Board Liaison Reports were given by Mr. Elliff for the Jasper County Commission and the Police and Fire Pension Committee, and Ms. Blankenship for the Kellogg Lake Board.

Mayor Rife reported that he is still working with Administration to prepare the budget, and he reported he attended the Earth Day Celebration on April 22.

During Reports from Council Members, Mr. Armstrong asked for a moment of silence for the late Mayor Harris to show appreciation for all of his service to the City.

Fire Chief Ryan Huntley reported that the rescue boat that he ordered a year and a half ago will finally be delivered next week. He also reported that the Rotary Club had their meeting out at Station 2 and it was a great turn out. They got a tour of the new facility and got to check out everything that goes on there.

Parks and Recreation Director Abi Almandinger reported that the new playground at Municipal Park was coming along and that the Carter Park playground would be next. She also

mentioned that the LIME scooter contract is on the agenda for the night that will bring the scooters back, and also bring electric bikes.

City Administrator Greg Dagnan reported that the Bergan KDV contract was on the agenda for the night. He reported on budget meetings with department heads, they will have their hearings with the Budget Committee on May 8. The work session was cancelled due to many senior council members being unable to attend. Mr. Dagnan stated that he will reach out to the newer Council members and meet with them individually soon.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$914,113.71 against the following funds: General Revenue \$94,276.69, Public Health \$161,257.60, Lodging \$382.80, Public Safety \$270.00, Parks/Stormwater \$200,876.14, Fire Protection \$30,653.38, Golf \$18,258.83, Public Facilities \$21,937.15, ARPA \$5,886.74, and Payroll \$380,314.38. Ms. Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blair, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 23-24 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Neutron Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ LIME for scooter rental in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-30.

C.B. 23-25 -- An Ordinance annexing certain adjacent territory commonly known as 2213 Missouri Avenue into the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri as requested by ESM Technologies, LLC dba Stratum Nutrition was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-31.

C.B. 23-26 -- An Ordinance to add Chapter 17 Article 5; Urban Development and Establish the Carthage Redevelopment Corporation in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-32.

C.B. 23-27 -- An Ordinance vacating that portion of North McGregor Street running North/South between 431 and 503 High Street in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-33.

C.B. 23-28 -- An Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Zanevan Engineering, LLC for Engineering for ADA compliant sidewalks along Route HH/Fir Road and Chapel Road, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-34.

Under New Business, C.B. 23-29 – An Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri authorizing

the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and BerganKDV for forensic auditing services, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor, to suspend the rules and advance Council Bill 23-29 to second reading. Motion carried.

C.B. 23-29 – An Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and BerganKDV for forensic auditing services, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 23-35.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliff, to approve the Mayor's Committee and Board Liaison Appointments. Motion carried.

Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve Resolution 2000 - A Resolution approving the declaration as surplus to the City's needs and authorizing the disposition of fourteen sets of bunker gear and a washer and dryer set from the Fire Department, and a shelter at Kellogg Lake from the Parks and Recreation Department. Resolution 2000 was adopted after a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliff, to approve Resolution 2001 - A Resolution providing for the formal acceptance of a donation by the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri pursuant to City Policy. Resolution 2001 was adopted after a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey.

Ms. Blair made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to close the meeting according to Section 610.021 (2) the Agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor followed by a roll call vote on the board of 10 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey. Motion carried at 7:42 p.m.

There was a short recess before the closed session began. Mayor Rife called the closed session to order at 7:52 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blair, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 8:54 p.m. followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey. Motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
APRIL 25, 2023**

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The following Council Members answered roll call: Brandi Ensor, Chris Taylor, Trudy Blankenship, David Armstrong, Robin Blair, Terri Heckmaster, Ed Hardesty, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, and Tiffany Cossey.

City Administrator Greg Dagnan, City Attorney Nate Dally, Public Works Administrative Coordinator Julie Tilley, and City Clerk Miranda Deal were also present.

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Jeff Meredith was present with Chuck Bryant and Jeff Williams to present to the Council a new industrial company that is interested in coming to Carthage. The company used a third party to contact Mr. Meredith to discuss the company's plans. Mr. Meredith presented what facts he did have about the company, and also presented the utility requirements they would need. Mr. Bryant spoke on the utility requirements that would be needed to accommodate this new industrial business.

The Council would like more information on the company before any further decisions are made.

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Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Deal
City Clerk