



City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 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 with Mayor Dan Rife presiding.

Fire Chief Ryan Huntley gave the invocation.

Police Captain Chad Dininger led the flag salute.

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, Tiffany Cossey . City Administrator Greg Dagnan and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Captain Chad Dininger, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks & Recreation Director Abi Almandinger, Assistant City Administrator Traci Cox, and City Clerk Miranda Deal.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hardesty, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no Citizen's present during Citizen's Participation.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways & Means Committee met on May 15 and discussed the budget for next year. It is projected that the City will be roughly \$800,000.00 over the revenues for next fiscal year. The budget committee also met on May 17 and heard the budgets for Carthage Water & Electric and the Public Library. The next meeting will be a special meeting on May 31 at 5:30.

Ms. Blair reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. During staff reports, Ms. Cox reported that there have been challenges with Opengov for the budget and the City will be going live with the financials next week. Ms. Cox also reported to the committee that she will be meeting with MOSIP to make sure the City is getting the most out of interest revenues. There is currently a 6 month CD that is getting 5.36% interest on it. It was also reported that a new Deputy City Clerk had been hired and starts on June 6. The next meeting will be June 13 at 5:30.

Mr. Elliff reported that the Public Safety Committee met on May 15. The committee discussed the Lane Burns Memorial event that is set for May 27 in Central Park. Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to close Lyon Street from 7th to Chestnut on May 27 from 10 am-10 pm for the event. Motion carried. The committee also heard from Fire Marshal Eli Maples regarding the Sudstock event that is August 19 in Municipal Park. Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to close the loop between the south entrance of the Saddle Club and the "T" in the road directly east of the goat barn for the fairgrounds to be closed from 11 am - 4 pm on August 19 for the Sudstock event. Motion carried. The next meeting was

originally scheduled for a City holiday, so the meeting has been moved to June 26 at 5:30.

Mr. Hardesty reported that the Public Service Committee met on May 16. They heard from a food truck vendor who was wanting to set up at the parks periodically, they were referred to administration to review the ordinances and policies regarding food trucks. The committee also discussed the Lane Burns Memorial event for May 27 at Central Park. Mr. Hardesty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor, to close Central Park for the event on May 27 from 10 am - 10 pm. Motion carried. The committee also discussed the play car for Municipal Park, the committee didn't like what was presented so they will be revisiting this issue at a later time. They discussed the Kellogg Lake playground site prep which appears in Council Bill 23-38. They discussed the play structure for Central Park which will fit where the existing structure is currently at, this appears in Council Bill 23-37. They discussed man-lift bids that were received, but due to the high cost, the bids will have to be redone using the sealed bid process. The CXT bathroom contract in Council Bill 23-39 is overwriting the previous one that was passed. There were some items that could be purchased that were not presented the first time and the committee thought they would be great additions to the restrooms. The cost of the bathrooms with the additions only raises the price about \$18,000.00. The Griggs Park playground was discussed and appears in Council Bill 23-36. The committee also heard from Hess Brothers Bicycle, they would like the committee to consider putting a pump track in at Municipal Park. This would include a pump track and a kids bicycle park, which would bring cyclists to town and would be a comparable track to what is in Bentonville, Arkansas. There will be a display of this at the June Food Truck Friday event. The last item discussed was the potential to partner with NBC Sports to advertise our golf course tee sheets. This would advertise the tee sheet on multiple websites and apps and have no up front fees or costs, the committee asked for more information before proceeding. The next meeting is May 30 at 5:30.

Mr. Armstrong reported that the Public Works Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for June 6. He did report that the next meeting will have a bridge tour for those Council members who are interested in going. They have also received the bridge reports from MoDOT that will be reviewed at the meeting as well.

Special Committee and Board Liaison Reports were given by Mr. Elliff for the Jasper County Commission, he also reported that Planning and Zoning had to reschedule their June meeting to June 15 at 5:30.

Mayor Rife reported on his attendance at the recent CEDC meeting, budget perfection, and the MML conference that will be September 10-13 in Kansas City. He asked all council members who are interested in going to please let Ms. Cox know so she can get them registered.

There were no reports from Council Members.

City Attorney Nate Dally reported that he recently attended the Wall of Heroes dedication ceremony at the Courthouse.

Fire Chief Ryan Huntley reported that his new brush truck came in ahead of schedule and it is currently in use.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney reported on the MoDOT bridge inspection reports. He also

reported that Blevins Asphalt is done paving until the gas company is done on River and Grand and then they will return to pave those roads.

Parks and Recreation Director Abi Almandinger reported that script for the Civil War Museum video is almost complete, the walls at the stadium are down and cleaned up, she recently had a meeting regarding the 4th of July events, and Municipal Park pool is currently being filled. She also reported that she will be starting interviews soon for the new Recreation Coordinator position.

City Administrator Greg Dagnan reported that he will be attending a risk assessment meeting for the Economic Development Grant the City was just awarded, he also mentioned the letter to the Planning and Zoning board that was in the packet. He will be getting back on track with making plans for a Council work session and getting back into the railroad lawsuit. He also reported that there was a grant that could help the City replace the 3rd Street bridge, this is a fully funded grant so there would be no City funds required and he has asked Zeb to go ahead and apply for it.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$655,695.18. against the following funds: General Revenue \$113,132.85, Public Health \$161,116.97, Lodging \$431.57, Parks/Stormwater \$45,665.88, Fire Protection \$78,547.45, Golf \$24,622.51, Parks and Recreation \$27.91, Use Tax \$6,166.92, ARPA \$1,483.46, and Payroll \$224,499.66. Ms. Blair made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cossey, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried

Under Old Business, C.B. 23-30 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an (SS4A) agreement between the City of Carthage, USDOT and FHWA for the development of a new comprehensive safety action plan known as Safe Streets and Roads for All, 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 23-36.

C.B. 23-31 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a three-year contract with the Carthage Chamber of Commerce for Specified Services in the City of Carthage, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026, 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 23-37.

C.B. 23-32 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a three-year contract with Vision Carthage for Specified Services in the City of Carthage, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026, 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 23-38.

C.B. 23-33 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage and the Carthage Humane Society for animal control services for 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 23-39.

C.B. 23-34 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage and the Carthage Over 60 Center for services in the amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 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 23-40.

C.B. 23-35 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development for acceptance of a Community Revitalization Grant, 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 23-41.

Under New Business, C.B. 23-36 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Play and Park for Playground Equipment at Griggs Parks in the amount of Four-Hundred Fourteen Thousand One-Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$414,138.20), in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 23-37 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Play and Park for Playground Equipment in Central Park in the amount of One-Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine-Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$120,926.91), in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 23-38 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Play and Park for Playground Equipment Site Development at Kellogg Lake Park for Seventy-Four Thousand Two-Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$74,270.00), in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 23-39 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CXT for four restroom facilities to be located in Griggs, Carter, Municipal, and Kellogg Lake Park in the amount of Five-Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$588,165.00), 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 Jeff Pinnell to the Care Leave Committee until April 2025. Motion carried.

Ms. Deal mentioned to the Council that the next appointment was the correct person, but the wrong board. The appointment is for the McCune-Brooks Hospital Board.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the Mayor's Reappointment of Peter Metcalf to the Hospital Board until May 2027. Motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the Mayor's Reappointment of Brandon Scott to the Carthage Tree Board until May 2026. Motion carried.

During Closing Comments, Mr. Snow mentioned that school got out on Thursday and thanked all the teachers, Mr. Elliff mentioned he was happy to hear about the pool being filled, Ms. Ensor recently toured the parks to see the new playgrounds being built and she is excited to see them completed, Ms. Blair also mentioned she is excited about the new park equipment.

Mr. Hardesty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ensor, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.