



City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

August 2, 2023 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong, Ed Hardesty

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Terri Heckmaster

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Greg Dagnan, Assistant City Administrator Traci Cox, Administrative Assistant Dorothy Weber

Chairman Snow called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Old Business

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 1 by Mark Elliff
Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong, Ed Hardesty

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

1. Approval of July 10, 2023 Minutes

3. Citizens Participation

(Citizens wishing to speak should notify Department Head or Committee Chair in advance)

No citizen participation.

4. New Business

1. Consider and Discuss an Ordinance levying general taxes upon real property located within the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri for the Year 2023, for general revenue purposes and other purposes, and fixing the rates thereof. Traci Cox stated that the tax valuation has gone up and the rates have stayed the same. Chairman Snow asked about the rate adjustment. Ms. Cox stated that the rates fluctuate with inflation.

ACTION: Motion to forward to council by David Armstrong
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: David Armstrong, Mark Elliff, Alan Snow, Ed Hardesty

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider and Discuss a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and Fiscal Year 2023-2024

ACTION: Motion to forward to Council by Ed Hardesty

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: None

The carry overs were discussed. Chairman Snow asked how the carry overs affected this years budget. Ms. Cox stated that the carry over funds have already been appropriated and that no new budget money is needed for the carry overs. Ms. Cox stated that the taxi program received the APRA grant again for this fiscal year. Mr. Armstrong asked about the carry over for the humane society. Ms. Cox stated that there is no carry over for the humane society but there is a budget adjustment. Mr. Armstrong asked about the pool and Ms. Cox stated that there is a 30,000 increase to fulfill the previous years contract. The committee discussed how the humane society's overages affected the Public Health budget. Mr. Eliff asked about the funding of the new Police Department vehicles. Ms. Cox stated that they are all paid for and waiting for delivery.

3. Consider and Discuss Tourism Director Position

Mr. Dagnan spoke about the Tourism Director position and the specific ordinances that pertain to rebranding the City. The Committee discussed the future of tourism and the DMO financial numbers. Mr. Dagnan and the Committee discussed a possible Air BNB tax. Chairman Snow asked if the City had to have a tourism director to receive the DMO funds. Mr. Dagnan stated that the City did need a tourism director to receive the funds. The Committee discussed possible solutions. Ms. Heckmaster asked about the city's hotels. The committee decided not to make any decisions at this meeting but to continue discussions.

4. Staff Reports

Mark Eliff left the meeting at 6:26 pm.

Ms. Cox stated that the auditor will be here at the end of September and explained how the process has been streamlined due to implementing a website that we upload documents to so that the auditor can go through them before starting their on-site audit. Mr. Dagnan spoke about the purchase of two new vehicles that are in the budget and possible future purchasing problems due to a state-wide bidding process change. The committee then discussed the possibility of updating the purchasing policy due to changing state-wide policies. Mr. Dagnan then gave an update on the on-going forensic audit.

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM. by Alan Snow Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	David Armstrong, Alan Snow, Ed Hardesty
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None