



City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 18, 2023 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 8-21-23 Minutes

Councilman Snow made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8-21-23 meeting. Motion passed.

3. Citizen Participation

(Each person addressing the Committee shall state their name and address or the organization or firm represented and is limited to no more than five (5) minutes. The time may be extended by the chair if deemed necessary. Once a person has had their say on a particular issue, they are not permitted to once again speak on the issue unless called to answer any further questions by the Committee or Chair)

1. Consider and discuss Safe Haven - Dina Thomas

Vickie Ziller was present to speak with the committee on Safe Haven baby boxes. She wants a baby surrender box installed at Carthage Fire Station 2. She discussed with the committee how the process of surrendering a baby and financial costs all worked. Councilman Snow made a motion to pursue more information and bring back to the committee a contract from Safe Haven to discuss and additional information on fund raising. Motion passed.

2. Discuss E.D Incentive Presentation

Jeff Meredith presented a PowerPoint to the committee on Economic Development Incentives. No motion was needed.

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss UTV skid unit bid - Chief Huntley

Chief Huntley discussed the CFD UTV skid unit bid. The CFD received two bids on the UTV skid unit from Feld Fire and Unruh. Chief Huntley is requesting to accept the lowest bid from Unruh in the amount of \$9,036.50. Councilwomen Blankenship made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Unruh in the amount of \$9,036.50 for the CFD UTV skid unit.

2. Consider and discuss Cowder College resolution - Chief Huntley

Chief Huntley spoke briefly with the committee on the FIT program that is currently being used right now by three of the FIT firefighters. The CFD pays for these employees to go through the academy while being employed at the Fire

Department. With a signed agreement in place with the City and the FIT employee, it would hold the employee responsible for holding the firefighter position for a period of not less than twenty-four months, beginning after the completion of the Fire Academy through Crowder College (Cassville, MO site) and initial new hire training program at the Carthage Fire Department. The agreement states that if the FIT firefighter's employment should cease for any reason with the Carthage Fire Department during the initial probationary period (12 months), or any other time prior to becoming a non-probationary firefighter, they will repay 100% of the tuition expenses incurred by the City. Councilwomen Cossey made a motion to approve the FIT Incentive program. Motion passed.

3. Consider and discuss budget adjustment for SCBA - Chief Huntley
Chief Huntley discussed with the committee about needing a budget adjustment for SCBA. Chief had budgeted \$26,000 in Fire Sales Tax for three new SCBAs. The prices of these have increased since the budget was approved. He is requesting to add \$1,441.00 from Fire Sales Tax to cover the cost of the increase. Making the total \$27,441.00. Councilwomen Blankenship made a motion to approve the budget adjustment of \$1,441.00 to forward to the Budget Committee. Motion approved.
4. Consider and discuss surplus tasers - Chief Hawkins
Chief Hawkins spoke with the Committee on twelve out of date tasers that he would like to surplus. After a short discussion, Councilman Snow made a motion to approve the twelve tasers as surplus property. Motion passed.
5. Staff Reports

Fire Department

Chief Huntley updated the committee on the Fire Engine capital project.

Police Department

Chief Hawkins updated the committee on the CPD fleet

5. Adjournment

Councilwomen Blankenship made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.