



City of Carthage, Missouri **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

October 16, 2023 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 9-18-23 Minutes

Councilwomen Cossey made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9-18-23 meeting. Motion passed.

2. Consider and discuss - Safe Haven

Dina Thomas and Vickie Ziller spoke with the committee again on Safe Haven baby boxes. There was a discussion on the liability and earmarked money. The City would be completely immune to any liability. When funds are donated, they are earmarked for Carthage MO and if the goal is not met, all funds will be returned. Councilwomen Cossey had a few questions regarding the language of the lease and service agreement that she would like to have the City look over. Councilwomen Cossey made a motion to proceed with the Safe Haven baby box with the City Attorney's review of the contract and council bill at the City Council meeting for full approval. 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 speed bump on 16th street - Irma Herrera

Irma Herrera was not present and requesting to be on the next agenda. Chief Hawkins spoke briefly about her concern. She is wanting a speed bump installed on 16th Street, next to Ministerios El Jordan Church, by the soccer fields. No motion was taken.

2. Consider and discuss Christmas Parade - SkillsUSA, Nathan Olinger

Nathan Olinger of Skills USA spoke on behalf of Mark Sponaule about the 50th Annual Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on Monday December 4, 2023 at 7:00pm. As in years past, the parade originates at the corner of Chestnut and Main Streets, proceeds north on Main Street, circling the Square, then back south on Grant, ending at Chestnut and Grant. They are requesting the street closures of Chestnut, 9th, 10th, 11th, entire Square, and Main Street from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Councilwomen Blankenship made a motion to close the

requested streets pending the verification of insurance for the Annual Christmas Parade on December 4, 2023. Motion passed.

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss camping ordinance

Chief Hawkins spoke briefly with the committee on the camping ordinance. The city is having an issue with the homeless using the parks as a residence. They are requesting an ordinance to amend sections of Chapter 13 of the Carthage Code. The council bill was given to the committee for review. Councilwomen Cossey made a motion to forward it on to the full council for approval. Motion passed.

2. Consider and Discuss Fire District Donation

Chief Huntley spoke with the committee on the acceptance of the Fire District donation. Carthage Fire Protection District donated \$90,000 for use of purchasing equipment or off-site training for the Carthage Fire Department above what the annual budget has allotted, purchase of real estate for the Carthage Fire Department's use for training or site expansion for existing fire stations. The \$90,000 is not meant to be used in lieu of Fire Department funds from the City of Carthage. Councilwomen Blankenship made a motion to accept the \$90,000 donation from the Carthage Fire Protection District. Motion passed.

3. Consider and discuss Res Q Jacks bid

Chief Huntley spoke with the committee on the Res Q Jack bids that the CFD received. The CFD received three bids from Rescue Specialist LLC, Alex Air Apparatus, and Hoffcomp. Chief Huntley is requesting accepting the bid from Hoffcomp in the amount of \$14,767.00. This total also includes delivery and a full day training from Hoffcomp on how to use the equipment. Councilwomen Blankenship made a motion to accept the bid from Hoffcomp in the amount of \$14,767.00. Motion passed.

4. Staff Reports

Fire Department

Chief Huntley updated the committee on staffing and the new engine.

Police Department

Chief Hawkins updated the committee on the parking enforcement on the Square.

5. Adjournment

Councilwomen Cossey made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.