



City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

January 8, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Terri Heckmaster

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Greg Dagnan, Parks Director Abi Almandinger ,
Admin Assistant Dorothy Weber

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

2. Old Business

1. Approval of December 11, 2023 Minutes

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Elliff to approve Dec 11, 2023 minutes
Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: David Armstrong, Alan Snow, Mark Elliff

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Citizens Participation

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

4. New Business

1. Staff Reports

Mr. Dagnan spoke about the industrial land and stated that the City cannot buy the land until an appraisal has been done. He then stated that SMB is handling the appraisal. Mr. Dagnan stated that Steadley gave the CEDC \$400,000.00. Chairman Snow asked if the City is only financing the Steadley amount. Mr. Dagnan stated that the City will only be paying interest on the money from the State and Steadley. Mr. Dagnan stated that Jeff Meredith of the CEDC would like to purchase a large double-sided sign that would advertise the land. The sign will cost \$25,000.00 Mr. Armstrong suggested that Carthage Water and Electric pay half the cost of the sign.

Mr. Armstrong asked about the marijuana tax. Mr. Dagnan stated that nothing was in the account as of Jan 4, 2024.

Mr. Dagnan stated that there is a legal issue that needs to go before the Council

but that the closed session on Jan 9, 2024 was not needed but will be needed at the Jan 23, 2024 Council meeting.

Mr. Armstrong recommended that public comment at Council meetings should change to how they are done at Committee meetings. He stated that he thinks the public should ask to be put on the agenda in advance. Mr. Armstrong stated that he likes the way Chairman Snow runs the Budget Ways and Means meetings and that he feels like, for the sake of consistency, that the rules are changed for Council meetings to echo how Committee meetings are conducted. Mr. Armstrong then stated that there is no right to speak at meetings, but there is a right to attend. Mrs. Heckmaster asked for clarification about the speaking process. Mr. Armstrong stated that at one point Mayor Harris had banned everyone, including Council members, from speaking at meetings. Mr. Dagnan stated that in Mr. Dally's extensive research, he came to the same conclusion as Mr. Armstrong concerning public comments.

2. Consider and Discuss FY 24-25

Mr. Dagnan spoke about meeting with department heads to discuss the FY24/25 budget. He stated that the Mayor will be involved in those discussions. Chairman Snow asked about renewing agency contracts and Mr. Dagnan stated that most agency contracts are for three years and most of them would not be up for renewal this coming fiscal year. Mr. Dagnan spoke about meeting with the Humane Society. He stated that they are at capacity for dogs and that they are unable to take anymore. He stated that the Humane Society and Carthage PD were working closely together and that CPD has been texting the Humane Society manager on a case by case basis when they pick up animals. Mr. Armstrong asked about the MBH grant for them and Mr. Dagnan stated that he has suggested it to them. Chairman Snow asked if it was an option to send the overflow of animals to Joplin and Mr. Dagnan stated that everyone is full. Mr. Dagnan spoke about getting budget adjustments done. He stated that there have been some payroll problems at CPD due to OpenGov software. Mr. Dagnan stated that Parks and Rec are now taking sponsoships. He stated that Fire Protection Sales tax and that SBCA went over 1400.00. He spoke about the score board at Rock Stadium. Mr. Elliff asked if the score board has been ordered and Mr. Dagnan stated that it has been. Mr. Elliff asked about the Memorial Hall sign. Mr. Armstrong asked what kind of sign is needed at Memorial Hall. Mr. Armstrong asked if the sign drove business and Mrs. Almandinger stated that it did.

ACTION: Motion by Mark Elliff to Forward Budget Adjustments to Council

Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to adjourn by Chairman Snow at 6:01 PM
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Alan Snow, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None