



City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 16, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 2.1. by Jana Schramm;
second by None;

Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: Dustin Edge, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Tiffany Cossey

3. Citizen Participation

(Citizens wishing to address the Council or Committee should notify the City in advance and provide the item they want to address in written format at least 24 hours before the meeting. Please call Angie Judd at the Parks & Recreation office at 417-237-7035, or email a.judd@carthagemo.gov.)

4. New Business

1. Consider and Discuss Schreiber's event for June 1st.

Ms. Almandinger invited Jason Clark with Schreiber Foods to speak to the committee regarding Schreiber Park Day, scheduled to be held at Central Park on June 1st. Mr. Clark advised this was the second annual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion event. He stated that this event is open to the public and will include diversity and equity speakers, family-friendly live music, bounce houses, and food vendors. Ms. Schramm motioned to allow Schreiber Foods use of Central Park on June 1st from 3pm-10pm for their Schreiber Park Day event.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.1. by Jana Schramm;
second by None;

Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider and Discuss Sudstock event for August 24th.

John Henderson representing the Alliance of SW Missouri, presented plans for Sudstock 2024, scheduled for August 24th. Mr. Henderson advised the committee that this pop-up water park event will follow the same format of previous years. He stated that the event would be held in Municipal Park in the area south of the playground and will include a foam pit, foam cannon, inflatables, sprinklers, inflatable pool, bubbles, vendor booths, and music. Additionally, Mr. Henderson stated that this event provides good, clean fun as well as built-in drug prevention education. Ms. Leece motioned to allow use of Municipal Park on August 24th from 9 am-3 pm for Sudstock 2024.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.2. by Lori Leece; second by None;

Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Consider and Discuss Great Americans Day event for May 14th.

Ms. Almandinger introduced Debbie Herbst representing the Great Americans Day Volunteer Committee to speak about the upcoming Great Americans Day. Ms. Herbst advised the committee that Great Americans Day is scheduled to be held in Central Park on May 14th. Ms. Herbst advised this event allows the Carthage fifth graders to attend a living history field trip where eight volunteer actors and actresses portray historical American figures. She added that this event has been held annually for 22 years, and they have seen around 6,000 fifth graders through the years at this event. Ms. Cossey motioned to allow use of Central Park on May 14th from 7:45 am-2 pm for Great Americans Day.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.3. by Tiffany Cossey; second by None;

Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Consider and Discuss YMCA Color Fun Run in Kellogg Lake Park.

Ms. Almandinger introduced Tericia Mixon, Executive Director of Operations at Fair Acres Family YMCA, to speak about a proposed Color Fun Run event in partnership with Feeding Inc. on November 9th at Kellogg Lake Park. Ms. Mixon advised the committee that this would be a family-friendly fun run around the lake to focus on raising money and support for Feeding Inc. Additionally, Ms. Mixon advised the committee that there will be stations of safe, biodegradable color that will be sprinkled on the runners as part of the event. Ms. Leece motioned to allow use of Kellogg Lake Park for the YMCA Color Fun Run Event on November 9th from 7 am-noon upon acquisition of third-party insurance coverage.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.4. by Lori Leece; second by None;

Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Consider and Discuss Kraken Swim Meet event for June 15-16th.
Barbara Wright, Swim Board Advisory President, requested permission for food trucks to operate in Municipal Park during the Kraken Swim Meet scheduled for June 15-16th. Ms. Wright advised the committee that the food trucks are to be used as a concession during the swim meet and that each food truck donates 10% back to the team. Ms. Cossey motioned to approve food trucks in Municipal Park for the Kraken Swim Meet from 7 am-4 pm June 15-16th.
- ACTION:** Motion to accept/approve item 4.5. by Tiffany Cossey;
second by None;
Motion with a 4:0
- AYES:** Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
6. Consider and Discuss LIME agreement.
Ms. Almandinger provided information on the operation of LIME electric scooters and bicycles within the city, typically running from April through November. Ms. Almandinger advised that the agreement remains the same as the previous year, with the city being paid for usage as well as trip fees. Additionally, Ms. Almandinger reported that the City would receive additional payment during Marion Days and potentially Maple Leaf. During the discussion regarding concerns about electric vehicles being left around town and potentially affecting the city's appearance negatively, Ms. Almandinger assured attendees that local vehicle management would be prioritized and would allow daily pickup of vehicles to mitigate this concern. Ms. Cossey motioned to proceed with the LIME electric vehicle contract.
- ACTION:** Motion to accept/approve item 4.6. by Tiffany Cossey;
second by None;
Motion with a 4:0
- AYES:** Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
7. Consider and Discuss MOU Easement with Carthage Eye Care.
Ms. Almandinger proposed the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) featuring an easement between Vision Eye Care and the City of Carthage. She explained that, following discussions among all involved parties regarding the future maintenance of the city-owned property, the MOU was identified as the most suitable option. Ms. Cossey motioned to move forward with the MOU easement.
- ACTION:** Motion to accept/approve item 4.7. by Tiffany Cossey;
second by None;
Motion with a 4:0
- AYES:** Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
8. Consider and Discuss Tree Ordinance changes.
Ms. Almandinger explained the proposed amendment to the Tree Ordinance as recommended by the Tree Board. She explained that the Tree Board voiced

concerns over being unable to fill seats due to residency parameters set in the ordinance. Ms. Almandinger advised the change would allow members to live within five miles of City Hall as opposed to within city limits. Ms. Cossey motioned to table item in order to allow for further review and clarification.

ACTION: Motion to table item 4.8. by Tiffany Cossey; second by
None;

Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. Consider and Discuss Removal of Storm Debris.

Ms. Almandinger advised that the recent storm on April 1st resulted in numerous trees being knocked down across the parks. She suggested facilitating fair access to the wood from these trees for the community. Ms. Leece motioned to move forward with free wood pickup.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.9. by Lori Leece; second
by None;

Motion with a 4:0

AYES: Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. **Staff Reports**

Ms. Almandinger provided updates on the golf course, mentioning that there has been an increase in both golf rounds and revenue. She attributed this rise to the start of the season. She reported the golf maintenance crew's continuous effort in maintaining and caring for the course. Ms. Almandinger also discussed the revenue breakdown for Memorial Hall rentals, highlighting the success of recreational programs like sushi, dance, and swap meets. She informed the attendees about the upcoming Little League opening ceremony scheduled for April 29th, with 155 registered kids, and highlighted the sponsorships included in the packet. Additionally, she mentioned the Civil War Museum report, detailing both local and tourism visits. Ms. Almandinger reported that the Parks maintenance crew has been actively involved in storm cleanup efforts throughout the month.

6. **Other Business**

7. **Adjournment**