



City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 18, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

Ms. Leece made a motion to approve the previous minutes.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 2.1. by Lori Leece; second by None;

Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: Dustin Edge, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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 budget adjustment for Civic Enhancement Fund.

Ms. Almandinger reported that donations are received into the Civic Enhancement Fund. She noted that the Little League program has received several donations in recent months. Specifically, the donation from Carthage Youth Baseball is designated for the purchase of baseball equipment at the start of the season.

2. Consider and Discuss budget adjustment for Golf.

Ms. Almandinger reported an increase in golf revenue, noting that the higher usage of golf carts has led to exceeding the budget due to additional gasoline expenses. She also mentioned issues with the grass seed at the golf course. The maintenance crew is currently testing new grass seed and plans to purchase more to complete the remaining areas. She advised that the resolution for the budget adjustment was just a straightforward resolution to move funds to offset these expenses. Ms. Leece made a motion to forward the resolution to the budget committee.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.2. by Lori Leece; second by None; Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Staff Reports

Ms. Almandinger informed the committee that the Parks Department, with assistance from Jon Skinner from the Missouri Department of Conservation, successfully completed the requirements for a tree inventory grant. This grant will cover the majority of the tree inventory throughout the city parks. She mentioned that the Little League season is winding down, with the All Stars tournaments set to begin soon. Additionally, she reported that the Parks Department has been collaborating with City Hall on insurance claims related to recent storm damage, and repairs at the dog park have begun. Ms. Almandinger noted that the Parks building suffered structural damage in the tornado, and staff have been advised to vacate as soon as possible. Memorial Hall has available office space, though it may require some reconfiguring, as the American Legion hosts meetings there a few times a year in the evenings. Mr. Edge suggested the possibility of sharing the space with the American Legion to benefit all parties involved. Ms. Almandinger also reported that the Parks Department, Tree Board, and Vision Carthage have been contacted by individuals wishing to donate to replace trees lost in the storms. They are working on a plan to partner with the Missouri Department of Conservation for a potential grant. She advised the committee that while the Griggs Park playground equipment has been received, contractors are currently clearing rocks before proceeding with the installation.

Ms. Kirby reported that the recent Stampede event went well and was well attended following extensive marketing efforts. She stated that Q4 print, billboard, TV, radio, and digital ads are now in distribution. The Battle of Carthage reenactment saw over 300 reenactors, 12 cannons, and cavalry on both sides, and despite the heat, the event was successful with only a few heat-related emergencies. Ms. Kirby also noted that June's Food Truck Friday hosted 20 food trucks, with Rosalie Peterson providing music and educational information about Civil War period music. She mentioned she is working with Precious Moments to connect tourism leads.

Ms. Cox advised that efforts to transfer the budget software are underway, though it will take some time to complete the transition.

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment