



City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 15, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Martin, Interim City Administrator Traci Cox, City Clerk Miranda Deal

Chair Terri Heckmaster called the meeting to order at 05:30 PM.

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 6-17-24 Minutes

ACTION:	Motion to approve item 2.1. by Christopher Taylor
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

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 Cars and coffee car show. - Eddie Grundy

Eddie Grundy was not present at the start of the meeting. Items 2 and 3 under old business were discussed first.

Mr. Grundy was present to ask the committee for permission to do cars and coffee on the square on the last Saturday's of the month. He stated that his current last Saturday of the month event outside of his business has been a great success and he would like to expand on that. He would have cars park on the inside of the square, leaving parking spaces in front of businesses open for customers and it would be from 8-10 am on the last Saturday of the month. He stated that Springfield currently does this and they have great success. If the event gets too big, he will come back to the committee to get further permissions to ensure everyone's safety. Signs were discussed to help notify drivers that

there could be increased foot traffic. Mr. Taylor said he would ask public works if they have a pedestrian crossing sign, or if one could be made. There could also be traffic cones supplied to warn drivers near the crosswalk to slow down and look for pedestrians. The first date of this cars and coffee event would be July 27. No further action was taken.

2. Consider and discuss car show - Michael Hendrix

Michael Hendrix with Cruisin Main was present to speak about hosting a Cruise In night on the Carthage Square August 30 and October 11 from 6-9 pm. He spoke with the committee about doing similar events in Webb City and formerly in Joplin, he would like to have a DJ present and get businesses on the square involved. There wouldn't be other vendors present at this time, but he hopes to grow it into a larger event. He preferred that the streets be closed around the square to prevent people from driving around since there would be a lot of people out, including children. There were questions asked from the committee and other staff if the businesses who are open at night had been contacted and are on board with the square being closed on a Friday night. The approval to close the entire square would have to come before the council, so there was a motion made to close the whole square and if there were any businesses not on board, adjustments could be made at the council meeting.

ACTION:	Motion to Close the square and allow cars to back into parking spaces on Aug 11 from 5:30-9 pm by Alan Snow
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

3. Consider and discuss noise ordinance- Holly Williams

Holly Williams was present to speak about a noise complaint she had on the church on S Baker Blvd that is next to her house. She has repeatedly called the police department and reported them and they are still blaring their music and sound systems to where it greatly disturbs her in her home. Chief Hawkins stated that multiple citations have been issued to someone at the church, he was unsure what the court date was due to the lack of a prosecuting attorney pushing court cases back. Ms. Heckmaster stated that she had reached out to the court administrator and the court date for the citations have been scheduled for September. Ms. Cox stated that she would ask Mr. Gold about what could be done about someone having multiple violations of the noise ordinance, Chief Hawkins advised Ms. Williams to call the police department rather than sending a message through the City website.

4. **New Business**

1. Consider and discuss CRM Marian Days 2024 - Chief Hawkins

Chief Hawkins spoke about the requests from the Fathers at the CRM. The requests are similar to years past and there are no new requests. Mr. Snow told the committee since some of the members were new, that the college actually reimburses the city for part of the costs for the added security. They pay 75% and the City pays 25%. There were questions asked on how much extra security is provided, Chief Hawkins stated that on Friday and Saturday there are as many as 45 officers on the ground spread out. There was a resolution in the packet that had all of the requests listed. This has been passed in previous years and

there is also a proclamation that the Mayor typically signs and presents to them at the Friendship dinner they host for City employees.

ACTION:	Motion to forward the resolution to council for approval by Alan Snow
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

2. Staff Reports

Fire Department

Deputy Chief Martin reported that there have been some phone calls regarding a political sign that was put up near station 2. The sign is not on City property, but it looks like it due to the fire department mowing out farther than the property line to help keep rodents away. They have stopped mowing that far out to resolve the issue. They have gotten the contract signed for the brush truck bid that was approved at the last council, so work will start on that soon. The Ferrara Engine that is replacing E614 is scheduled for an August delivery, this truck was supposed to be delivered back in February. The fire department was approved one new hire this fiscal year, but that is on hold until a new fire chief is hired. The fire department is also assisting the police department in getting things prepped for Marian days. Ms. Cox stated that the bids for the new fire engine were approved and to secure the low interest rate, the funds were put into an escrow account.

Police Department

Chief Hawkins reported that his department is busy with Marian days prep. He also reported that they have received the car that was from a year and a half ago, they should be getting the wrecked vehicle replacement on Thursday, and the new cars that council had approved have been ordered. So as far as vehicles go, they are doing good right now.

Ms. Cox reported that she had looked up the Cruisin Main Facebook page and saw a post about the Cruise In that the committee had approved earlier in the evening, it was initially reported that there wouldn't be vendors at these first few events, but the post on Facebook was looking for vendors. Chief Hawkins said he would call Mr. Hendrix and get some clarifying information before Tuesday's council meeting.

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 06:37 PM by Alan Snow
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor