City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY COUNCIL

August 27, 2024 - 6:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

****AMENDED AGENDA****

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag**
4. **Calling of the Roll**
5. **Reading and Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
    1. Approval of August 13, 2024 Minutes
6. **Presentations/Proclamations**
7. **Public Comments**
    (Each person addressing the Council 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 Council or Chair)
8. **Reports of Standing Committees**
    1. Agendas and Minutes of Standing Committees
9. **Reports from Special Committees and Board Liaisons**
    1. Agendas and Minutes of Special Committees
10. **Report of the Mayor**
11. **Reports/Remarks of Councilmembers**
    (During reports/remarks of councilmembers, members of the council may take this opportunity to report on meetings, make comments and/or express concerns regarding current issues impacting the city, or make announcements concerning topics of interest of the council.)
12. **Administrative Reports**
    1. Financial Reports
13. **Report of Claims Presented Against the City**
    1. Motion and a second to approve the Claims
14. **Public Hearings**
    1. The City of Carthage will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, August 27, 2024, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 326 Grant Street Carthage, Missouri at which time Citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Carthage.

15. **Old Business**

    1. C.B. 24-42 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage and Allied Services, LLC., D/B/A Republic Services of Galena of 1715 East Front Street, Galena, KS 66739, for collection, removal and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste commencing October 1, 2024, and terminating September 30, 2029.
    2. C.B. 24-43 -- An Ordinance levying general taxes upon real property located within the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri for the year 2024, for General Revenue purposes and other purposes, and fixing the rates thereof.

16. **New Business**

    1. C.B. 24-44 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a partnership agreement with Contractors Portables to supply portable restrooms and handwashing units for various park locations and special events in the City of Carthage, Missouri.
    2. C.B. 24-45 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Midland Enterprises for repairs to the Parks and Recreation building in Municipal Park in the amount of $56,779.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri.
    3. C.B. 24-46 -- An Ordinance authorizing the identification and hiring of a certified accounting firm to conduct a comprehensive audit of the finances of Carthage Water and Electric Plant
    4. C.B 24-47 -- An Ordinance to amend section 2-121 of Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Code of the City of Carthage, Missouri
    5. C.B. 24-48 -- An Ordinance to amend section 2-122 of Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Code of the City of Carthage, Missouri

17. **Mayor's Appointments**

18. **Resolutions**

19. **Closing Comments**

20. **Executive Session**

    1. **CLOSED SESSION**: ACCORDING TO SECTION 610.021 (3), THE AGENDA INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF A VOTE TO CLOSE PART OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING OF PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHEN PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISCUSSED OR RECORDED.

21. **Adjournment**

    1. Additional Packet Correspondence

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE CALL 417-237-7000 (VOICE) OR 1-800-735-2466 (TDD VIA RELAY MISSOURI) AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING

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MINUTES

To hear the full comments and discussions, please refer to the recorded Youtube video of this meeting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KSRduFoE9o

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in Council Chambers at 06:30 PM with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Marshall Eli Maples gave the invocation. Police Chief Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Interim City Administrator Traci Cox and City Attorney Jon Gold were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Martin, Parks & Recreation Director Abi Almandinger, IT Administrator Michael Keith, and City Clerk Miranda Deal.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 Council Meeting with the following amendments:
On the first page, where it says Ms. Cossey asked to remove Kirk Friesen's name, she wanted it noted that he did not give his name and address and that she doesn't want to remove it, she just wants to note that he didn't give it and she doesn't want it changed to merchant of hate Carthage, Missouri, but that is the way he identified himself.

On the third page, under remarks of council members, it states that Ms. Cossey admitted that she was hard to Ms. Leece, but her exact wording was that she spoke more harshly than intended an that it was at the very first council meeting and that it is not a continuing issue.

The minutes are lacking on the fourth page where it talks about Mr. Martin presented the articles. The minutes leave out the comments from Mr. Gold, she would like it added that Mr. Gold said Mr. Martin was correct in that the ordinances allow for the city council to impeach a Mayor and that he said the articles that were being asked to adopt were one avenue by which a hearing could be held.

On the fifth page in the first paragraph, there was a statement that said Ms. Cossey said that the articles were still true, she did not say that, she said that people need to read the charges and decide if they believe that these things are still true and if so, should they be brought forward in a hearing. There is another sentence that says she stated the impeachment was about proving that they city council could do things and that was not correct, she said that it was about determining if the city council has the right to govern or if it is a dictatorship. She also wanted it added that there have been two new charges added since the impeachment process has started and that the Mayor unilaterally signed a contract for $280,000 without council approval and refused to dismiss a city administrator who was terminated by the city council.

Motion to approve the minutes with the listed amendments carried unanimously.

Under presentations, Jen Kirby introduced Chris Harder and gave a brief description of Placer.ai. Chris Harder joined the meeting via zoom to add additional information about the software and answer questions from the council. There were many questions for Chris regarding the security of the data that is collected, the company and their history and where they are located. There were concerns from some council members about the security and the use of location tracking. Mr. Peterson asked about location services on phones and if they were shut off if information would be tracked. Ms. Schramm specifically asked about the places that are not tracked, the company had gotten in trouble in the past for giving out information about abortion clinics and after that they adjusted the list of places not tracked. She is worried the program is not looking after the citizens and is worried that it will be able to track where people live. Mr. Harder explained that there is no way to identify a house or a person that was visited at a location, the location is narrowed down to a census block group or a zip code. Ms. Schramm also asked about the origin of the company and the CEO’s past. Mr. Harder did not answer and Ms. Schramm stated that their CEO is from Israel and has been a member of the secret intelligence force in Israel and the company is still based in Israel so everyone’s information is unsecure and the software is a threat to our system and security and people need to know that it is not a US-based company. Mr. Snow asked about being tracked to McDonald’s and then getting text message coupons based on him frequenting McDonald’s. Mr. Harder said that they do not have ad targeting, they require the apps to strip that kind of information before they get it. Mr. Harder said that mobile advertising Id’s is the type of information that is stripped by the app partners before they get it. They do not want that information, they only get the anonymized location data with no device ID’s or billings addresses or anything identifiable. Mr. Harder also showed the council types of reports that could be generated with the software and showed Marian days and Maple leaf information for past years. There were also questions on how quickly the data is updated and Mr. Harder reported that there is a 3 day lag with the information so you can’t see information in real time, it will be available after a few days.

During Citizen's Participation, Joel Terry, 2219 Alison, spoke against the placer.ai software and asked the council to vote no on it.

Ron Wells, 2026 S Maple, thanked Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hawkins for their efforts to help the speeding issue in his neighborhood. He said when there is an officer who sits out there, no one speeds, but as soon as they leave, people speed through again. He asked the council to maybe look at the speed ordinance for side streets and said he would go to public safety on Monday. He thanked Mr. Taylor for getting the tree at the corner of Maple and Fairview looked at, it has been determined that the tree is not close enough to the street for the City to remove it. He also said he was against the placer.ai software.

Susan Myer, 805 Clinton, spoke about a neighbor and the overgrowth of the property next to her house. She also spoke about the stray cat population in the area and at the same neighbors house. She spoke to code enforcement back in May and nothing has been done about the house.

Tom Nixon, 2444 S County Lane 124, also part of the fire chief hiring committee. He spoke on the committees discussions and agreement on hiring Jason Martin as the fire chief and the recent uncertainty that has come to light about the decision. He wasn't sure what the purpose of the closed session before the fire chief appointment whenever it had already been discussed and the committee made a decision. He said that over 95% of the fire department wants Martin as chief and that he is the best man for the job.

Matt Fasano, 16842 Indian Road, got up and spoke in favor of having Jason Martin as the new fire chief.

Jeff Meredith, CEO of the Carthage Economic Development Corporation, spoke in favor of placer.ai and that it would be beneficial to the city to have. He explained that if someone doesn't want to be tracked, they simply go to their phone settings and turn off all of their location services. The data is already out there and we are just wanting to be able to have access to that data. He talked about new businesses most likely using data to decide to build in Carthage, and that the information is valuable and can be used for many things including economic development to help grow the city.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways and Means Committee met on August 12. The committee approved the council bill for the MoDOT Taxi grant program. This year the City will get a little over $16,000 to help fund the taxi. The property tax levy was reviewed and approved, it appears in Council Bill 24-43, residential values went up, agriculture went down, and commercial went up. The tax levy will stay the same as last year. They also approved Resolution 2048 for a budget adjustment for a new parks truck that was originally in the budget, but when things got transferred over, it was left off accidentally. Resolution 2049 was approved, it was to hire an architectural historian to help develop guidelines for the historic district, this is part of a grant the City has received. Resolution 2050 was for a CDBG grant for downtown sidewalks outside the square, the City will be responsible for $180,000 and the grant will be for $750,000. Mr. Snow also reported that sales tax was up and use tax was down for the month. The marijuana tax was $12,400 for the month which is higher than recent months. The next meeting is September 9 at 5:30.

Ms. Cossey reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this day and approved the claims. They approved the new job description for the Mechanic position. Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Mechanic job description. Motion carried. They also approved the payment for the new fire truck. Ms. Cossey asked Ms. Cox to explain how the financing for the new fire engine worked. Ms. Cox reported that the truck was supposed to be received in February, but to lock in the low interest rate, they had to put the funds in an escrow account, once the title is received with the Bank of America on it, the funds will be moved from escrow and the City will start making quarterly payments to the bank. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27 at 5:30.

Ms. Heckmaster reported that the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for August 19 at 5:30.

Mr. Edge reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for August 20 at 5:30.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Public Works Committee met on August 6 and reviewed council bill 24-42 for the Republic Services renewal, they also approved the Vision Zero Safety Plan in Resolution 2047. The next meeting is September 3 at 5:30.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Barlow for the Public Library and Mr. Peterson for the Kellogg Lake Board.

Mayor Rife reported on Marian days and hiring committee meetings.

During Remarks from Council Members, Ms. Schramm thanked the Chamber for the Marian Days tour and thanked all for their hard work. Ms. Cossey thanked Mr. Roberts with the YMCA for her recent tour of all the YMCA facilities in town. Ms. Heckmaster thanked all the departments for their hard work during Marian days. She also thanked Ms. Almandinger for getting some defaced picnic tables taken care of quickly, she also looks forward to Maple Leaf that is coming up soon. Ms. Leece thanked everyone for their work for Marian days. Mr. Peterson said he was out of town the week before Marian days but spoke with a lady on his flight back who was on her way to town for the event. Mr. Taylor talked with many people who attended Marian days and thanked everyone for their work in making it a smooth event.

Parks and Recreation Director Abi Almandinger reported that work on Griggs park is underway, she also reported that Central Park and Municipal park restroom renovations are almost complete. She also reported that the Kellogg Lake fountain is irreparable, and she has budgeted for a new fountain in this fiscal year. She also reported that a prospective eagle scout reached out to her about their eagle scout project and that they painted the railing on the pavilion and bumpers in the park out at Kellogg Lake. She congratulated Wyatt Holliday on the project and thanked all the boys scouts that came out for the project.

Interim City Administrator Traci Cox reported that the property tax values increased by 1.75 million dollars for residential, 2.2 million for commercial, there is no personal property tax, so the increase in values will be about a $28,000 increase in revenue for the City. She also reported that about 95-98% of property taxes get collected. She also reported that the month of June has been closed and that the actual numbers had been sent to Cleargov to be updated. She reported that the Resolution for the Vision Zero Safety Plan is a requirement for the SS4A grant that the city has received. She also commended the staff on their work during Marian days and thanked Jen Kirby for all the time she had spent out there gathering information to create a story on what kind of work goes into this large event every year.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of $7,858,893.58 against the following funds: General Revenue $715,409.95, Public Health $156,795.71, Lodging $1,778.71, Parks/Stormwater $48,679.42, Fire Protection $690,000.00, Golf $34,389.52, Capital Improvements $16,280.00, Parks and Recreation $52.35, Myers Park $15,294.00, Use Tax $171,024.59, Public Facilities $250,527.45, Library $35,000.00, Payroll $723,661.88, and Carthage Water and Electric $5,000,000.00. Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 24-38 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Placer Labs, Inc. for the use of an advanced location analytics platform to provide visibility and accurate, actionable insights into consumer demand for any location, with reporting that includes visit trends was placed on second reading.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece, to table Council Bill 24-38 until the October 8th Council meeting. Motion carried.

C.B. 24-39 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended contract with the Carthage Chamber of Commerce for Specified Services in the City of Carthage, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Taylor, Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Edge, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 24-40.

C.B. 24-40 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 2-498. Composition; Appointment, of the Code of Carthage was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Taylor, Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Edge, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 24-41.

Under New Business, C.B. 24-41 -- An Emergency Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Carthage and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Carthage and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects was placed on first reading.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to forward Council Bill 24-41 to second reading due to its emergency status. Motion carried unanimously.

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C.B. 24-43 -- An Ordinance levying general taxes upon real property located within the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri for the year 2024, for General Revenue purposes and other purposes, and fixing the rates thereof was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Consider and discuss a new hearing date for the impeachment hearing. Ms. Cossey stated that Mr. Martin had contacted the council and getting all parties together was not possible for the date that was set at the last meeting. The soonest availability is September 24, 25, and 26. September 24 is a regularly scheduled Council meeting date so if that date is chosen, the council would have to choose to cancel or reschedule the meetings on that date. She asked if anyone had conflicts on those dates, Mayor Rife stated that he would prefer to not cancel a Council meeting since there has been so much coming through council. Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster to have the impeachment hearing on September 25 at 3 pm at the Carthage Water and Electric Community Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider and discuss the hiring of a hearing officer and court reporter for the impeachment hearing

Ms. Cox said that a budget adjustment would need to be made for the hiring of a court reporter and the hearing officer. There would also need to be a council bill to hire the hearing officer since there is a contract involved, that council bill and contract will go to the September budget meeting and then to council for approval.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to hire Don Holliday with Holliday Reporting to be the court reporter for a $100 appearance fee and then an estimated $300 per hour which includes transcripts. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schramm, to close the meeting according to section 610.021 (3), the agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Motion carried at 8:27 p.m.

There was a short recess before the closed session started. Council went into closed session at 8:34 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Leece made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 10:05 p.m. followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Motion carried.

Mayor Rife called the meeting back to order at 10:10 pm.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barlow to table the appointment of a Fire Chief until the September 10 Council Meeting. Motion carried with 8 yeas and 1 abstain. Ayes: Taylor, Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Edge, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm. Abstain: Snow

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Philip Brown to the Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Committee until August of 2027. Motion carried.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barlow, to approve Resolution 2047 -- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri adopting a Vision Zero Safety Action Plan for the City and declaring a commitment to maintaining zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries within the City limits by June 2035. Resolution 2047 was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Taylor, Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Edge, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece, to approve Resolution 2048 -- A Resolution authorizing a supplemental budget adjustment to the Use Tax Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for a line item adjustment to the Capital Outlay-Parks line item. Resolution 2048 was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Taylor, Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Edge, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster, to approve Resolution 2049 -- A Resolution authorizing a supplemental budget adjustment to the General Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for a line item adjustment to the Central Municipal Activities Professional Services Line Item. Resolution 2049 was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Taylor, Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Edge, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster, to approve Resolution 2050 -- A Resolution of the City of Carthage, Missouri, stating intent to seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program and authorizing the Mayor to pursue activities in an attempt to secure funding. Resolution 2050 was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Taylor, Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Edge, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm.

During Closing Comments, Mr. Snow wished all the kids and teachers luck with the new school year starting.

Ms. Schramm made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster to close the meeting according to section 610.021 (1), the agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys AND according to Section 610.021 (2) the Agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor, followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Motion carried at 10:16 p.m.

There was a short recess before the closed session started. Council went into closed session at 10:20 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 10:59 p.m. followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Motion carried.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
August 13, 2024

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Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schramm, to close the meeting according to section 610.021 (3), the agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Motion carried at 8:27 p.m.

There was a short recess before the closed session started. Council went into closed session at 8:34 p.m.

The following Council Members answered roll call Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm.

City Attorney Jon Gold and City Clerk Miranda Deal were also present.

The council met in closed session to discuss the appointment of a new Fire Chief. The Mayor put forth a recommendation of a candidate for the Fire Chief position and the council considered it carefully. Attorney Gold advised the council that according to section 4.11 of the City's Charter, the Mayor, with the consent and approval of a majority of the members elected to the City Council, shall have power to appoint such officers as he may be authorized by ordinance. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that the council was not ready to cast votes for or against the recommendation of the Mayor for the appointment. The council agreed to have another closed session at the next meeting of the council to further discuss and consider the Mayor's recommendation for the appointment of Fire Chief.

Ms. Leece made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 10:05 p.m. followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Deal
City Clerk

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There was a short recess before the closed session started. Council went into closed session at 10:20 p.m.

The following Council Members answered roll call Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm.

City Attorney Jon Gold and City Clerk Miranda Deal were also present.

Attorney Gold updated the council on a legal issue regarding an Opengov contract.

Attorney Gold left the closed session meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Jeff Meredith, CEO of the CEDC joined the closed meeting at 10:36 p.m. for the second portion of the closed session. He updated the council on the past projects he has presented to them and let them know that one of them was awarded to the City and it will be coming before the council in the future. He has not heard back on the second project. He spoke to the council on a new potential project that could be coming to Carthage. If the project does get awarded to Carthage, it will come back before City Council for approval.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 10:59 p.m. followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Dustin Edge, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Deal
City Clerk

City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

August 12, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

   MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Snow, Terri Heckmaster, Christopher Taylor
   MEMBERS ABSENT: Dustin Edge

   OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

   STAFF PRESENT: Acting City Administrator Traci Cox, Parks Director Abi Almandinger, CEDC Director Jeff Meredith and Admin Assistant Dorothy Weber

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

2. **Old Business**

   1. Approval of July 23, 2024 Minutes

ACTION:	Motion to approve july 23, 2024 minutes by chris taylor
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Chris Taylor, Alan Snow
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. **Citizens Participation**

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

4. **New Business**

   1. Consider and discuss MoDOT Taxi Grant Agreement

The 2024-2025 fy taxi funding in the amount of $16,434.56 was discussed and forwarded to council. The taxi funding has no restrictions and can be used for operating expenses reimbursement.

ACTION:	Motion to forward taxi grant acceptance by Terri Heckmaster
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Alan Snow, Terri Heckmaster, Chris Taylor

NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Consider and discuss an Ordinance levying general taxes upon real property located within the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri for the Year 2024 for general revenue purposes and other purposes, and fixing the rate thereof

Traci Cox explained that the tax levy would stay the same for FY 24/25.

ACTION:	Motion to forward tax levy to council by chris taylor
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Chris Taylor, Alan Snow, Terri Heckmaster
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Consider and discuss budget adjustment for the purchase of a Parks truck

Traci Cox explained that the purchase of a new parks truck was moved from Capital Outlay to Use Tax and was not included in the budget, and she would like to have it included in the FY 24/25 budget.

ACTION:	Motion to forward budget adjustment to council by Terri Heckmaster
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Chris Taylor
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Consider and discuss budget adjustment for hiring an architectural historian to help design guidelines for the Historic District

A discussion was had about hiring a historical architect to update design guidelines for the Historic District. The City of Carthage would be responsible for $15,000.00 and the total cost would be $37,500.00.

ACTION:	Motion to forward hiring a historical architect to council by Chris Taylor
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Chris Taylor, Alan Snow
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Consider and discuss an application for a Community Development Block Grant for replacing downtown sidewalks outside of the square

Jeff Meredith discussed re-doing the downtown sidewalk grant to ensure that the sidewalks are ADA compliant. He explained that the City's portion of it is already in the budget. Mr. Meredith discussed the possible timelines for starting the project and completion. This grant would be for the sidewalks outside of the square.

ACTION:	Motion to forward sidewalk grant to council by terri heckmaster
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Chris Taylor
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

6. Staff Reports
Traci Cox stated that the sales tax numbers were up but use tax numbers were down from the same time last year. Ms. Cox stated that the marijuana tax received in August was $12,400.00.

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 5:57 PM by Alan Snow
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Alan Snow, Terri Heckmaster, Chris Taylor
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

City of Carthage, Missouri

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE/AUDIT AND CLAIMS

August 13, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Derek Peterson, Terri Heckmaster

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Traci Cox, City Clerk Miranda Deal, HR Coordinator Michael Miller, IT Administrator Michael Keithe

Chair Tiffany Cossey called the meeting to order at 05:30 PM.

2. Old Business

1. Approval of July 23, 2024 Minutes

ACTION:	Motion to approve item 2.1. by Terri Heckmaster
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Derek Peterson, Terri Heckmaster

2. Review & Approval of the Claims Report

There were a few invoices that were checked by Ms. Cossey earlier in the day that she had questions on, Ms. Cox gave her the answers to those questions.

ACTION:	Motion to approve item 2.2. by Terri Heckmaster
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Derek Peterson, Terri Heckmaster

3. Consider and discuss Mechanic job description

Ms. Cox explained the changes to the job description, there were additional questions asked about the description that HR Coordinator Michael Miller explained. The mechanic job description had changes that changed the position from a street mechanic to a general mechanic that allows those in the position to work on the City fleet vehicles. Ms. Cox gave some details about how many vehicles have been worked on and a few examples of how much money this position is saving the City. All of the vehicle work is being tracked by the Public Works/Street Department.

ACTION:	Motion to approve item 2.3. by Terri Heckmaster
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Derek Peterson, Terri Heckmaster

3. Citizens Participation

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

4. New Business

1. Staff Reports

   Ms. Cox reported that the auditors will be in the office the week of September 23 and they have opened the online portal for staff to start loading documents into. She is no longer doing entries into the old fiscal year. The departments have been asked to do their budget narratives on Cleargov and the June 30 actual numbers have been sent in to be updated on Cleargov. Once the narratives are done, there will be an online budget book that citizens can look through.

   Ms. Cossey brought up that the Lauber bill that the committee refused to pay back in June. The services were acquired after the council voted to not use them, they were hired by the Mayor without permission from the Council. The committee decided not to pay them and the Mayor sent an email to Dorothy telling her to pay it and she did pay it. That is not proper process and Ms. Cossey will be speaking to Mr. Gold and possibly some other attorneys to see what recourse there is. She doesn't believe they will get the money back from Lauber but she has concerns because their is a process and the committee meets to approve bills for a reason and their is not authority to go over the committee and authorize that. Ms. Schramm asked if that would be misuse of funds, Ms. Cossey said she believed it would be.

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 05:47 PM by Terri Heckmaster
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Derek Peterson, Terri Heckmaster

City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 19, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 7/15/24 Minutes

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 Maple Leaf 5K race - Jeannette Nye
2. Consider and discuss Rallye in the Park - Jude Champagne
3. Consider and discuss traffic speed on block of 2000 S Maple. - Regina Wells

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss 2024 Maple Leaf Festival - Julie Reams
2. Consider and discuss the stop at the intersection of Elk & Maple
3. Consider and discuss cleaning RFP - CPD
4. Staff Reports

   Fire Department

   Police Department

5. Adjournment

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City of Carthage, Missouri
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 19, 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: Jana Schramm

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

Chair Terri Heckmaster called the meeting to order at 05:32 PM.

2. **Old Business**

1. Approval of 7/15/24 Minutes

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

3. **Citizen Participation**
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1. Consider and discuss Maple Leaf 5K race - Jeannette Nye

Jeannette Nye was present to ask for road closures and barricades for the Maple Leaf 5K race on October 18. They requested CPD barricade and a soft street closure from George E Phelps at S. Grand Ave to S. Fulton Street, officers present at race crossings on the west side and south side of the Fairview Christian Church, limiting access from Airport Drive to Clinton Street and Grand to Fairview. The times requested for closures is 5:30-7:30 pm, the race begins at 6 pm.

ACTION:	Motion to approve closures as presented by Alan Snow
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

2. Consider and discuss Rallye in the Park - Jude Champagne

Jude Champagne was present to request closures for the Rallye in the Park event on September 15. This event will have a benefit run, church service, car show, free lunch, and inflatables. They are requesting the roads around and connected to the 800 block of S Main Street be closed between 7 am and 3 pm, these streets would include S Main St between Chestnut Ave and 9th St, and 9th St between Main and Lyon St. They also requested to close Chestnut between Main St and Lyon street between 12 pm and 3 pm in the event that there is rain that day. They also requested permission to back vehicles into parking spaces on Chestnut Ave in the closed areas only.

ACTION:	Motion to approve closures as presented and allow vehicles to back into spac Christopher Taylor
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

3. Consider and discuss traffic speed on block of 2000 S Maple. - Regina Wells

Regina Wells was present to discuss the traffic speed on the block of 2000 S Maple. She had talked with Chief Hawkins and there has been extra patrol monitoring the area and she would like to see about having a 4 way stop sign put at Elk and Maple. Chief Hawkins suggested using a traffic counter for a traffic study on Maple, Ms. Schramm suggested having it done on Main St as well. Chief Hawkins will monitor the traffic on Maple street and if there is not sufficient traffic, the equipment will be moved to Main St. A report will be given at next month's public safety meeting.

ACTION:	Motion to have traffic study done at Maple and Southside and Main and Soutl Snow
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss 2024 Maple Leaf Festival - Julie Reams

Julie Reams with the Chamber of Commerce was present to discuss items related to the Maple Leaf Festival. The street closures are the same as in years past: closure and vacating of the square on Monday October 14 from 5-8pm for the touch a truck event, the corner of 3rd and Main from Friday at 8 am until 10 am Sunday for the stage set up and take down, and the usual closures for the parade line up and route. She also requested security from the police department for the following events that will have a beer garden: Oktoberfest event on October 12, and the Friday and Saturday night concerts on the Square October 18-19. She requested that the vendors be allowed to sell under the Chamber's City business license, and to place signage on public right of ways, poles and signs that are owned by the City.

ACTION:	Motion to approve requests as in years past with addition of the northwest coı square closed longer by Alan Snow
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

2. Consider and discuss the stop at the intersection of Elk & Maple
   This item was discussed under old business item #3.
3. Consider and discuss cleaning RFP - CPD

Bids for the cleaning of the Police Department were reviewed. The Police Department would like to go with the lowest bid received.

ACTION:	Motion to accept lowest bid from Michelle Naaykens for $1,600 per month by Taylor
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

4. Staff Reports
   Mr. Snow reported that he went on a tour with the Fire Department and got to witness a medical call and see the behind the scenes events.

   Mr. Taylor reported that at Food Truck Friday there was a medical emergency and he thanked the fire department for their quick response.

   Fire Department

   Police Department

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 06:10 PM by Tom Barlow
	Motion Passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Christopher Taylor

CARTHAGE PARKS & RECREATION

City of Carthage, Missouri
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 20, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Old Business**
    1. Approval of Previous Minutes
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 Maple Leaf Parade.
    2. Consider and discuss Joplin Trails Coalition grant.
    3. Consider and discuss Parks building renovation bid.
    4. Consider and discuss liquor license for Golf Course.
    5. Consider and discuss surplus of mower.
    6. Consider and discuss lighting for playgrounds.
    7. Consider and discuss bid for Memorial Hall sign.
    8. Consider and discuss bid for porta potties.
    9. Consider and discuss budget adjustment for grass seed.
    10. Consider and discuss advertising with Nexstar.
5. **Staff Reports**
6. **Other Business**
7. **Adjournment**

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City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 20, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Abi Almandinger, Administrative Assistant Angie Judd, Assistant City Administrator Traci Cox

Chairman Dustin Edge called the meeting to order at 05:30 PM.

2. Old Business

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 2.1. by Lori Leece; second by None; Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Citizen Participation

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Jon Skinner from the Missouri Department of Conservation spoke to the committee about a grant opportunity to address the removal and replacement of around 120 Ash trees in the Parks due to the potential threat of Emerald Ash Borer disease. He highlighted the danger posed by the disease if the trees are not removed. The grant offers a 90/10 funding split, with the City responsible for only 10% of the costs, which can include in-kind contributions like administration expenses. The grant operates on a reimbursement basis, requiring the City to cover the upfront costs, with 90% reimbursed later. Mr. Skinner stated that he would collaborate with the Parks Department and Tree Board to develop the plan and budget. He estimated that the removal would cost about $1,000 per tree, while replacement costs would range from $500 to $700 per tree.

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss Maple Leaf Parade.

   Julie Reams, President of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, requested permission to use park facilities for the 58th Annual Maple Leaf Festival. She noted that the only significant change from previous years would be a smaller stage, which would remain on site for the entire nine days of the festival. Ms. Reams assured that the stage would be secured and locked when not in use to ensure safety. Ms. Schramm motioned to approve use of park facilities for the Maple Leaf Festival as outlined, motion carried.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.1. by Jana Schramm; second by None; Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Consider and discuss Joplin Trails Coalition grant.

   Ms. Almandinger introduced Robert Herbst, President of the Joplin Trails Coalition, who requested permission to proceed with a grant to resurface a city-owned parking lot near the Ruby Jack Trail. Mr. Herbst explained that the Joplin Trails Coalition had applied for and received a grant from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks to fund the resurfacing of the trail and the parking lot upgrades, only to later realize that the parking lot was city-owned. He emphasized that the repairs are urgently needed due to erosion, which poses a safety risk and makes parking difficult. Mr. Herbst detailed that the repairs would involve collaborating with the Parks Department to dig a drainage ditch and add two to three loads of gravel, which will be donated by Jasper Limestone. Jasper Ridge will carry out the work once they obtain their Carthage city licensure. Ms. Schramm motioned to approve the acceptance of the grant, motioned carried.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.2. by Jana Schramm; second by None; Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Consider and discuss Parks building renovation bid.

   Ms. Almandinger reported that following the May 6 tornado, the Parks Department received two bids for building repairs, with a significant variation in the bid amounts. Due to this wide range, the department worked with the city engineer to prepare a sealed bid request. Two bids were subsequently received: one for $94,000.00 and another for $56,779.00. Ms. Almandinger noted that Mid-Land Enterprises, a company the Parks Department has worked with in the past, submitted the lower bid. She recommended accepting this bid to proceed with the necessary building repairs. Ms. Schramm made a motion to accept the bid from Mid-Land Enterprises and forward to full council, motion carried.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.3. by Jana Schramm; second by None; Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Consider and discuss liquor license for Golf Course.

Ms. Almandinger introduced Tyler Markham, Associate Head Golf Professional, who discussed the possibility of pursuing an annual liquor license for the golf course to allow alcohol sales. Ms. Almandinger noted that a picnic license had been obtained for a recent golf tournament to serve alcohol, but these licenses are only valid for seven days. She explained that obtaining an annual liquor license would eliminate the need to secure a picnic license for each special event or tournament. Mr. Markham expressed interest in eventually offering daily sales of canned beer at the golf course but emphasized that securing a license for special events is the immediate priority. Ms. Schramm suggested that citizens should be given time to provide input on the idea of alcohol sales and recommended revisiting the discussion at a later time. Mr. Markham added that not having a liquor license could potentially result in the loss of tournaments to other local courses where alcohol can be served as part of the events. Ms. Cossey made a motion to allow the golf course to move forward in obtaining a liquor license for golf course special events and tournaments, motion carried.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.4. by Tiffany Cossey; second by None; Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Consider and discuss surplus of mower.

Ms. Almandinger announced that with the new fiscal year, the purchase of a new mower has been included in the budget. She stated that once the new mower is acquired, the Parks Department would like to donate the mower scheduled for removal from rotation to Cedar Hills Cemetery. Ms. Leece made a motion to approve the resolution to surplus the mower and donate it to Cedar Hills Cemetery, motion carried.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.5. by Lori Leece; second by None; Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

6. Consider and discuss lighting for playgrounds.

Ms. Almandinger addressed the committee regarding the need for lighting at the newly installed playgrounds in the parks. She presented three options for lighting from a Sourcewell company, Wesco: Option 1 for $124,705.32, Option 2 for $68,523.52, and Option 3 for $60,647.72. Ms. Cossey asked for clarification on Sourcewell, and Ms. Cox explained that Sourcewell manages the bid process, gathering bids to offer the best option for projects, thus relieving departments from handling the bid process themselves. Ms. Schramm requested that a budget sheet for the MBHT Grant be provided at the next committee meeting for review. Additionally, Ms. Cossey expressed concerns about moving forward with accepting the bid, as she had questions about whether it adhered to the city's purchasing policy. Ms. Cossey made a motion to table the discussion until the City Attorney can be consulted.

ACTION:	Motion to table item 4.6. by Tiffany Cossey; second by None; Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

7. Consider and discuss bid for Memorial Hall sign.

Ms. Almandinger informed the committee that the sign at Memorial Hall has been non-functional for some time. The sign, installed over 10 years ago, is now outdated. A replacement sign was included in the new fiscal year's budget, so the department sought initial pricing and published a Request for Proposals (RFP). Two bids were received, one for $35,563.67 and the other for $32,256.00. Ms. Almandinger noted that the lowest bid, from DPI Printing and Signs, is close to the budgeted amount of $32,000.00. Mr. Edge inquired about any noticeable differences in the sign specifications, and Ms. Almandinger confirmed there were no substantial differences between the products. Ms. Leece commented that the pricing seemed reasonable for the size and functionality of the signs presented. Ms. Cossey then asked where the RFP was published. Ms. Almandinger explained that the RFPs are published in the Carthage Chronicle and on the city website. Ms. Cossey expressed concern that the RFPs were not being published broadly enough to attract a wide range of interest, leading her to be unable to vote in favor of accepting the bid. In response, Ms. Cox stated she would contact other municipalities to inquire about their processes for securing bids for projects. Ms. Leece made a motion to approve the bid from DPI Printing and Signs and forward to full council, motion failed.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.7. by Lori Leece; second by None; Motion failed with a 2:1:1
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Lori Leece
NOES:	Tiffany Cossey
ABSTAIN:	Jana Schramm

8. Consider and discuss bid for porta potties.

Ms. Almandinger reported that with the Parks restrooms now open, the need for portable restrooms in the parks has decreased. However, the Parks Department sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide portable restrooms as needed for special events. Only one bid was received, from Contractors Portables. Ms. Almandinger clarified that the purpose of this bid is to lock in special pricing rather than to commit to a specific number of units or any particular timeframe. Ms. Schramm made a motion to move forward with entering into a partnership with Contractors Portables for the use of portable restrooms as needed, and to forward the proposal to the full council for approval, motion carried.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.8. by Jana Schramm; second by None;

	Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

9. Consider and discuss budget adjustment for grass seed.

Ms. Almandinger introduced Tyler Markham, Associate Head Golf Professional, to discuss a proposed budget adjustment for the purchase of grass seed for the golf course. Mr. Markham noted that $7,000 had previously been spent to repair winter kill areas in the fairways. He proposed a $20,000 budget adjustment to reseed all fairways with bluegrass, which is better suited to withstand harsh winter conditions compared to the existing Bermuda grass. Mr. Markham explained that bluegrass, a cool-season grass that remains green year-round, could increase winter revenue while reducing the need for costly repairs. He highlighted that the golf course maintenance staff has already dedicated over 200 hours to repairing winter kill spots. Additionally, he mentioned that Schifferdecker Golf Course switched to bluegrass last spring and received positive feedback on their green fairways. Mr. Markham noted that many area golf courses are considering similar transitions to bluegrass due to widespread winter kill issues. Ms. Schramm inquired about the reseeding process. Mr. Markham responded that reseeding would begin around late September, with maintenance staff adding bluegrass alongside the existing Bermuda grass. Bluegrass grows thicker and heavier, eventually taking over areas where Bermuda fails to regrow. He added that the course would be cart-path-only throughout the winter after the seeding. Ms. Schramm then asked where the budget adjustment would come from. Ms. Cox clarified that the funds would be drawn from the golf course reserve fund.. Ms. Schramm made a motion to accept the resolution to adjust the budget as outlined for the purchase of bluegrass seed, motion carried.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.9. by Jana Schramm; second by None;
	Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

10. Consider and discuss advertising with Nexstar.

Ms. Cossey expressed concerns about the City continuing to pay Nexstar Media for advertising due to unprofessional reporting by one of their news stations. She stated that while she has no issue with the news being reported, she feels their reporting has been biased and unprofessional in their coverage on city issues. She proposed that no more advertising funds be spent with Nexstar until the Council sees that they are able to report without bias. Mr. Edge acknowledged the valuable coverage Nexstar provides for city events, particularly through their streaming services and programs like Good Morning Four States and Living Well. He cautioned that discontinuing advertising with Nexstar could negatively impact the promotion of these events. Ms. Cossey noted that there are four local stations, two of which are owned by Nexstar, and suggested shifting advertising to streaming services, as traditional TV viewership has declined. Ms. Leece expressed concern that halting this advertising would punish the community. She recommended openly discussing the matter with the company, emphasizing that the bias might be perceived differently by others. Ms. Cossey stated that the other local stations that don't engage in editorializing or unprofessional segments might be willing to cover city events. Ms. Cossey made a motion for the City to discontinue advertising spending with Nexstar until they can demonstrate unbiased reporting, motion failed.

ACTION:	Motion to accept/approve item 4.10. by Tiffany Cossey; second by None; Motion failed with a 2:2
AYES:	Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm
NOES:	Dustin Edge, Lori Leece
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Staff Reports

Ms. Almandinger reported that the staff reports included in the packet outline the activities and projects completed in the parks and at the golf course during July. She noted a significant increase in golf rounds, with approximately 400 more rounds played than in previous months. Additionally, she highlighted the tourism report, which details various events held within the city, including Hispanic Heritage Days and the Maple Leaf Rodeo. Ms. Almandinger also mentioned that Jen Kirby published part one of her story on Marian Days. Ms. Almandinger further noted the retirement of Steve Cottrell from the Civil War Museum after many years of service. Ms. Cossey inquired if it would be possible to include revenue data in the financial reports. Ms. Cox responded that once the new software system is fully implemented, those reports would be provided to the full council. Finally, Ms. Almandinger reminded everyone about Sudstock 2024, scheduled for Saturday, August 24th, which will include foam cannons, water slides, puppet shows, and more. She extended an invitation to all to attend.

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 07:10 PM by Lori Leece
	Motion with a 4:0
AYES:	Dustin Edge, Tiffany Cossey, Jana Schramm, Lori Leece
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2024 / 5:30 PM / City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Jim Hunter, Jim Swatsenbarg, Matt Smith, Robin Harrison.

Members Absent: Josh Anderson.

Staff & Council: Julie Tilley, Terri Heckmaster.

Staff Absent: Traci Cox, Zeb Carney.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Jim Hunter, Chair.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jim S. to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Smith – all present voted in favor, minutes were approved.

Public Hearings

None.

Staff Reports

Julie Tilley reported on contacts she has had with the owners and contractor of 420 South Main concerning the requirements of repairing the facia of their historic building. Jeff Neal, the contractor, was present and requested to speak even though the discussion was not a "public hearing". He told the Commission of some of the difficulties he was facing with the project. After some discussion Julie advised him of a letter she had previously prepared for the owners that had never been picked up.

Jim S. made a motion to provide a copy of Julie's letter to the contractor. The motion was seconded by Matt. Since the information in the letter was not site-specific, the motion passed unanimously, and Julie provided the contractor with a copy. No further discussion was had.

New Business

None.

Old Business.

Discussion was had concerning zoning of Town Houses. Some general information gathered by members of the Commission was distributed. A motion was made by Robin to table further discussion to allow for further research. Her motion was seconded by Matt and was unanimously approved.

Jim S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robin, and unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

Carthage Water & Electric Plant

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board will meet August 15th, 2024, 3:00 p.m. at the CWEP Complex, 627 W. Centennial, Carthage. The tentative agenda of the regular meeting includes:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MINUTES: July 18th, 2024

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS: July $4,899,513.72

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: June & July

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update from KPM regarding annual audit
2. Consideration of bids for two ¾ Ton Crew Cab 4WD Pickup Trucks
3. Consideration of Salary Administration Guidelines Policy

STAFF REPORTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

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CWEP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board met in regular session August 15, 2024, 3:00 p.m. at the CWEP Office, 627 W Centennial, Carthage, MO.

Board:

- ☒ Brian Schmidt -Secretary
- ☒ Ron Ross- President
- ☒ Darren Collier -Vice President
- ☐ Lori Leece -Liaison
- ☒ Sid Teel - Member
- ☒ Tom Garrison – Member
- ☒ Mark Gier - Member

Staff:

- ☒ Chuck Bryant-General Manager
- ☒ Cassandra Ludwig-General Counsel
- ☒ Jason Peterson-Director of IT & Broadband
- ☐ Megan Kirby- Executive Assistant
- ☒ Jason Choate-Director of Water Services
- ☒ Kelli Nugent/CFO
- ☒ Kevin Emery-Director of Power Services
- ☒ Stephanie Howard-Economic Development Manager

Others present: Jana Schramm, Councilmember; Tom Barlow, Councilmember; Traci Cox, Interim City Administrator

President Ross called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Gier to approve the minutes as presented of the regular meeting of July 18, 2024, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

Secretary Schmidt asked about the updated total of damage caused by the spring storms, including mutual aid, to which CFO Nugent responded that the storms caused approximately $550,000 in damage to the electric system, and around $70,000 to the fiber system.

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Collier to approve disbursements for July in the amount of $4,899,513.72, passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The June 2024 financial statements, which include the full fiscal year, were presented to the Board by CFO Nugent, noting that the combined Change in Net Position for the company exceeded the budget for the year by nearly $1.9 million. Although much of this was attributed to the cost of purchased power coming in less than budgeted and investment income exceeding budget, all four departments exceeded the budgeted change in net position for the year. Operating revenue for the year came in slightly higher for the year by $84,000.

At 3:17, a short recess was taken
At 3:29, the meeting resumed.

CFO Nugent presented the July 2024 financial statements stating that the operating revenues for the month came in under budget by $167,000, while the operating expenses came in lower by $320,000 for a positive net operating income of $153,000. In addition, investment income exceeded the budget by $90,000 for the month. Overall, it was a good start to the new fiscal year.

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Teel to approve the June financial statements passed unanimously.

A motion by Collier and seconded by Schmidt to approve the July financial statements passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PERIOD:
The following employees from the Customer Relations and Business/Finance departments introduced themselves to the Board:

David Lipscomb, Field Service Representative; Kourtney Andrews, Customer Service Representative; Amber Lasiter, Customer Service Representative; Savanna Jones, Customer Service Representative; Ben Schwarting, Utility Accountant; Mandy Bates, Utility Accountant; Simone Sneed, Accounts Payable Specialist; James Willis, Utility Inventory Manager; Ivy Artym, Purchasing Assistant; Dianne Southard, Purchasing Assistant.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update From KPM Regarding Annual Audit**

General Manager Bryant welcomed Rebecca Baker to the meeting via videoconference and introduced her to the Board. Ms. Baker, who has been with KPM for 19 years, gave the Board an overview of how CWEP's annual audit is conducted. She noted that the audit looks at a variety of things, including but not limited to accounts receivable and payable, accounts held with financial institutions, inventory, internal controls, debt, and variances in revenues and expenditures. At the conclusion of the audit, KPM will express an opinion on CWEP's financial statements. She also noted that the audit process has already started and KPM will be visiting

CWEP in September, and the audit will be finalized once they can get information they need from Lagers, which is typically released in October. CFO Nugent commented that KPM also conducts interviews with various CWEP staff members, which varies from year-to-year.

No action was taken.

2. **Consideration of Bids for Two ¾ Ton Crew Cab 4WD Pickup Trucks**

General Manager Bryant informed the Board that CWEP was recently able to locate two pickup trucks budgeted by the Water Distribution and Wastewater Collections Departments. Ed Morse Chevrolet North, California, MO, provided quotes for a used 2023 Chevrolet truck priced at $46,934.00 and a new 2024 Chevrolet truck priced at $56,083. Mayse Automotive, Aurora, MO, offered a new 2024 Ram truck for $58,579.00. Budgeted amounts were $80,000 per truck.

A motion by Collier and seconded by Garrison to purchase the new 2024 Chevrolet from Ed Morse in the amount of $56,083, and the new Ram truck from Mayes Automotive in the amount of $58,579.00, passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration of Salary Administration Guidelines Policy**

General Manager explained to the Board that the current CWEP wage/salary administration policy had been in place for quite some time and needed updating, particularly since the compensation study with Lockton had been completed and implemented. Bryant discussed the replacement Salary Administration Guidelines Policy, noting that staff worked with Lockton in the development of the policy and that the policy captures how we operate today and will be updated annually in conjunction with the budget. He noted the new policy is more detailed and contains guidance for managing the salary structure, promotions, demotions, new hires, job descriptions and families, and performance management. He also gave the Board an update on the status of the performance management process currently underway with Lockton.

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Collier to replace CWEP's Salary/Wage Administration & Performance Appraisal Programs Policy with the proposed Salary Administration Guidelines Policy passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

General Manager Bryant commended Traci Cox, Interim City Administrator, for how well she communicates with him.

CFO Nugent reviewed the cash reserve policy with the Board, giving an update of calculations at the end of FY24. She noted the communication department's current calculation is negative due to the initial build-out phase of the fiber-to-the-home project and that it should level out over time as customers are added. Board Member Gier asked about trends with the calculations, and Vice President Schmidt asked about whether we need to increase the number of days cash on hand given the uncertainty of Sikeston. GM Bryant discussed Sikeston's current status, noting that they are working through options for either converting the plant or building new generation at that site since it sits on the seam of MISO and SPP. Overall, it was determined CWEP's cash reserves are sufficient and no action was needed by the Board at this time. The calculations will be done again and presented to the Board during the budget work session.

CFO Nugent noted that she recently met with a vendor for inventory barcoding, and the vendor is a city councilman in Michigan. He noted how his city does not have a separate utility board and over the years, the council refused to address utility rate increases and infrastructure needs, which resulted in a proposed 50% increase to utility bills all at once.

General Counsel and Director of Customer Relations Ludwig reported that CSR interviews are underway. She gave an update to the Board on the Lockwood agreement, noting that CWEP will be increasing labor rates by 10% and equipment rates to match current FEMA rates, explaining that rates had not been increased since 2021. She also gave an update on the status of the locating services contract.

Economic Development Manager Howard gave an industrial update, noting there's a project Carthage hopes to be awarded and we should know in the coming weeks.

Director of IT and Broadband Peterson gave an update on fiber installs and stated that the IT team continues to spend considerable time working on improving cyber security measures and processes, noting that such work is time intensive and is continually evolving.

Director of Power Services Emery explained to the Board that the electric production department is still investigating the cause of the outage earlier in the day, which impacted multiple feeders in town.

General Manager Bryant commended Kelli Nugent on her recent appointment as Vice Chair for the APPA Business/Finance conference in 2025 and will serve as the Chair in 2026. He told the Board that John Twitty, President & CEO of the Missouri Public Utility Alliance recently announced his retirement, effective February 2025, noting that he was selected to serve on the hiring committee for that position.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Vice President Collier expressed congratulations to the utility for receiving the Sue Kelly Community Service Award from APPA. He also commented on the use of the bulk water station and asked how Marian Days went for the electric department. GM Bryant responded that there were no issues with Marian Days because the electric distribution team spends considerable time prior to the event performing switching in the system to alleviate the load in that area of town. Director of Power Services Emery noted the upcoming feeder 17 upgrades will also help this issue.

Board Member Gier commended staff for the amount of information provided to the Board.

President Ross commented on how much he appreciates the annual Christmas luncheon with all of the employees.

Council Member Barlow expressed his gratitude to the Board for allowing him to attend the meeting for Lori Leece, who had another commitment and was unable to attend. He expressed his appreciation for the Customer Academy CWEP hosted in the Spring, noting he was a graduate of the program.

At 5:07 pm a motion by Collier and seconded by Teel to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

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President – Ron Ross

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Secretary – Brian Schmidt

John Bartosh
Presiding Commissioner

Tom Flanigan
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Darieus K. Adams
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COMMISSION AGENDA
AUGUST 27, 2024
9:00 A.M.
JASPER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOM 101

1. CALL TO ORDER
   PRAYER
   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   - **Approve Minutes from the Tax Levy Hearing.**
4. PRESENTATIONS
5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
6. ELECTED OFFICIALS/CITIZENS REQUEST
   - **Act on Request by the Jasper County Clerk to Surplus Office Computers.**
   - **Act on Request by the Emergency Management Director to Surplus a Vehicle.**
7. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
   - **Act on Resignation of Robert Wilkie from the Jasper County Mental Health Fund Board of Trustees.**
   - **Act on Appointment of Cheri Badgley to the Jasper County Mental Health Fund Board of Trustees.**
   - **Act on Bid for 2024 Phase I Culvert Replacements.**
10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FROM AUDIENCE WHEN ADDRESSED YOU WILL BE ALLOWED THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD UNDER ELECTED OFFICIALS/CITIZENS REQUEST MUST REQUEST TO SPEAK TO COMMISSION BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY. CITIZENS SPEAKING TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES.

THE NEWS MEDIA MAY OBTAIN COPIES OF THIS NOTICE BY CONTACTING:
COMMISSION OFFICE, 302 S. MAIN, COURTHOUSE, ROOM 101, CARTHAGE 417-358-0421

NOTICE POSTED AUGUST 23, 2024 AT 4:00 P.M. (RSMO 610.020)

McCune Brooks Regional Hospital Trust
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 28, 2024
2:00 p.m.
Schmidt Associates Conference Room
1105 Industrial Drive, Carthage, MO.

Agenda

I.	Call to Order	Ron Petersen
II.	Approval of May 22, 2024 Minutes	Ron Petersen
III.	Financial Statement Report & Review	Stan Schmidt
IV.	Review and approval of Grant Applications	Ron Petersen
V.	Next meeting date	Ron Petersen
VI.	Adjournment	Ron Petersen

AGENDA

Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Commission
Thursday, September 5, 2024 5:30 pm
City Hall Chambers
326 Grant St. / Carthage MO 64836

Call to Order

Minutes of Previous Meeting Thursday, August 1, 2024

Public Participation

Each person who wishes to address the commission must put their name and address on the sign-up sheet and shall state their name prior to speaking. Each person is limited to two (2) 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 further questions by the commission or the chair.

Public Hearing

1. To consider a request for a Special Use Permit for the operation of a Carnival at the Fair Acres Parking Lot next to the YMCA at 2600 Grand in conjunction with the Annual Maple Leaf Festival.

Staff Report

New Business

Old Business

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 3, 2024

Adjourn

Commission Members

Voting Members:	Chairman	Jim Hunter	1514 S River	417-850-5355
	Vice Chairman	Jim Swatsenbarg	601 Howard	417-358-1690
	Secretary	Joshua Anderson	1205 S Main	417-793-2196
	Member	Philip Brown	2533 Theo	417-793-8065
	Member	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
	Member	Robin Harrison	721 E 10th	417-483-8835
	Member	Matt Smith	1022 E Chestnut	417-437-2281
Non-Voting Members:	Mayor	Dan Rife	City Hall	417-237-7003
	City Administrator		City Hall	417-237-7003
	Asst. City Administrator	Traci Cox	City Hall	417-237-7003
	Councilmember	Terri Heckmaster	1155 Grand	417-310-6178
Staff:	Public Works Director	Zeb Carney	Public Works Department	417-237-7010

Public Works Department 623 E Seventh Carthage MO 64836 Tele: (417) 237-7010 Fax: (417) 237-7011 Email: pwd@carthagemo.gov

REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)

AS OF: JUNE 30TH, 2024

	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES					
110-GENERAL REVENUE	14,022,525.00	2,648,434.87	16,471,597.53	117.47	(2,449,072.53)
121-PUBLIC HEALTH	253,000.00	30,273.04	319,568.30	126.31	(66,568.30)
122-LANDFILL CLOSURE	7,500.00	11,850.17	57,529.36	767.06	(50,029.36)
123-LODGING TAX	255,600.00	61,165.43	211,475.25	82.74	44,124.75
124-CIVIC ENHANCEMENT	800.00	282.05	9,769.95	1,221.24	(8,969.95)
125-STORMWATER	100.00	44.98	532.15	532.15	(432.15)
126-PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT	0.00	0.00	106,000.00	0.00	(106,000.00)
127-CDBG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
128-PARKS/STM WTR	1,476,408.00	135,107.93	1,536,421.53	104.06	(60,013.53)
129-TIF & CID SPECIAL TAX	600.00	467.13	54,431.15	9,071.86	(53,831.15)
130-INMATE SECURITY FUND	3,500.00	286.50	4,485.50	128.16	(985.50)
131-FIRE PROTECTION TAX	758,200.00	830,006.48	1,597,774.78	210.73	(839,574.78)
141-FAIR ACRES SPORTS COM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
142-GOLF COURSE	643,300.00	103,104.73	833,962.84	129.64	(190,662.84)
161-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,377,595.00	436,725.61	2,164,218.80	91.03	213,376.20
162-PARKS & RECREATION	267,716.00	(1,654.34)	293,732.50	109.72	(26,016.50)
163-MYERS PARK	1,155,849.00	496,214.33	532,227.29	46.05	623,621.71
164-JUDICIAL EDUCATION FU	100.00	0.00	11.01	11.01	88.99
165-USE TAX	954,050.00	0.00	18,875.32	1.98	935,174.68
175-Public Fac/Bond Fund	4,550,000.00	9,212.28	1,417,047.42	31.14	3,132,952.58
221-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	33,519.00	73.38	34,566.52	103.13	(1,047.52)
222-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	0.00	169,985.57	238,719.68	0.00	(238,719.68)
341-CW & EP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
342-MCCUNE-BROOKS HOSPITA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
343-LIBRARY OPERATING	0.00	14,157.75	524,686.55	0.00	(524,686.55)
344-LIBRARY BUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
345-POWERS MUSEUM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
346-POWERS CAPITAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	26,760,362.00	4,945,737.89	26,427,633.43	98.76	332,728.57

	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
EXPENDITURES					
110-GENERAL REVENUE	21,001,513.00	1,524,129.68	14,842,353.42	70.67	6,159,159.58
121-PUBLIC HEALTH	300,502.00	13,254.77	243,259.91	80.95	57,242.09
122-LANDFILL CLOSURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
123-LODGING TAX	296,053.00	54,707.06	240,546.61	81.25	55,506.39
124-CIVIC ENHANCEMENT	5,454.00	0.00	6,001.89	110.05	(547.89)
125-STORMWATER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
126-PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT	74,456.00	536.66	73,178.24	98.28	1,277.76
127-CDBG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
128-PARKS/STM WTR	1,316,064.00	178,649.04	953,229.05	72.43	362,834.95
129-TIF & CID SPECIAL TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
130-INMATE SECURITY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
131-FIRE PROTECTION TAX	1,001,119.00	0.00	763,974.56	76.31	237,144.44
141-FAIR ACRES SPORTS COM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
142-GOLF COURSE	919,815.00	91,390.18	800,263.08	87.00	119,551.92
161-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	3,464,747.00	2,090,373.79	2,817,310.68	81.31	647,436.32
162-PARKS & RECREATION	265,000.00	0.00	265,000.00	100.00	0.00
163-MYERS PARK	1,739,594.00	30,504.00	102,783.50	5.91	1,636,810.50
164-JUDICIAL EDUCATION FU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
165-USE TAX	1,235,252.00	133,960.58	678,909.94	54.96	556,342.06
175-Public Fac/Bond Fund	8,200,637.00	477,634.45	3,120,669.29	38.05	5,079,967.71
221-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	31,819.00	0.00	31,819.00	100.00	0.00
222-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	190,154.00	49,686.00	156,386.26	82.24	33,767.74
341-CW & EP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
342-MCCUNE-BROOKS HOSPITA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
343-LIBRARY OPERATING	0.00	25,000.00	415,000.00	0.00	(415,000.00)
344-LIBRARY BUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
345-POWERS MUSEUM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
346-POWERS CAPITAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	40,042,179.00	4,669,826.21	25,510,685.43	63.71	14,531,493.57
REVENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(13,281,817.00)	275,911.68	916,948.00		(14,198,765.00)

*** END OF REPORT ***

COUNCIL BILL NO. __24-42__ **ORDINANCE NO. _______**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage and Allied Services, LLC., D/B/A Republic Services of Galena of 1715 East Front Street, Galena, KS 66739, for collection, removal and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste commencing October 1, 2024, and terminating September 30, 2029.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: The Mayor of the City of Carthage is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage and Allied Services, LLC., D/B/A Republic Services of Galena of 1715 East Front Street, Galena, KS 66739, for collection, removal and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste, which Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _______ DAY OF _________ 2024.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Public Works Committee

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 1st day of October 2024, by and between the City of Carthage, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, party of the first part and hereinafter referred to as City, and Allied Services, LLC., D/B/A Republic Services of Galena of 1715 East Front Street, Galena, KS 66739, party of the second part and hereinafter referred to as the Contractor.

WITNESSETH:

THAT, in consideration of the compensation to be paid to the Contractor and of the mutual agreements herein contained, the parties to these presents have been agreed and hereby agree, the City itself and its successors, and the Contractor for itself, himself, or its, his or her executors and administrators, as follows:

ARTICLE I: THAT, the term of this contract shall commence on October 1, 2024, and shall terminate on September 30, 2029.

ARTICLE II: THAT, during the term of this contract, Contractor shall collect, remove and dispose of all residential and commercial solid waste, as defined in Chapter 20 of the Code of Carthage, but excluding solid waste from industrial establishments, and shall furnish all labor, vehicles, tools, equipment and any other necessary facilities therefore in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement, schedule of rates, and Chapter 20 of the Code of Carthage, as amended to date, which said Schedule of Rates is contained herein.

ARTICLE III: THAT, effective October 1, each year, Contractor shall furnish to City services as agreed to in this contract, at the following monthly rates:

SCHEDULE OF RATES
MONTHLY RATES

Residential paid to Republic

October 1, 2024 thru Sept 30, 2025

Senior person (*)	$11.90
Family (**)	$14.61

(*) Charge per month for residential unit with one (1) or two (2) senior (65+) occupants. (**) Charge per month for residential unit with two (2) or more occupants.

MONTHLY RATES: All rates are included in Appendix A. Annual adjustments will be 5% . If one or more material elements of cost to provide service under this Agreement experiences a year over year (YoY) change greater than 15%, Company may increase the Annual Rate Adjustment above the "CPI" by an additional amount equal to the additional cost increase. A material element of cost shall be defined as a category of cost making up 5% or more of the annual costs to provide the services.

City services listed on Appendix A will be provided at no charge to the city. Additional services will be negotiated depending on specific needs of the project.

ARTICLE IV: THAT, Contractor shall furnish at no charge to the City, one bulky item per week residential curb side pick-up. Residents must call or email Republic Services of Galena Customer Service to schedule the one bulky item pick-up each week to arrange the service. Item must weigh less than 75 lbs.

ARTICLE V: THAT, Contractor shall furnish to City, and maintain during the term of the contract, a performance bond acceptable to City in a penal sum of $180,000 with good and sufficient surety acceptable to City and conditioned upon Contractor performing his duties and obligations provided for in this agreement. Contractor shall obtain the following insurance:

A. Bodily Injury Liability insurance coverage with limits of liability not less than the sovereign immunity limits for Missouri public entities calculated by the Missouri Department of Insurance as of January 1 each calendar year and published annually in the Missouri Register pursuant to Section 537.610, RSMo, (See, http://insurance.mo.gov/industry/sovimmunity.php

B. Property Damage Liability insurance coverage with limits of liability not less than the sovereign immunity limits for Missouri public entities calculated by the Missouri Department of Insurance as of January 1 each calendar year and published annually in the Missouri Register pursuant to Section 537.610, RSMo.

(See,http://insurance.mo.gov/industry/sovimmunity.php)for the policy year. Such insurance shall be maintained in force during the term of this contract. Said insurance shall specifically name the City as an additional insured party under said policies and said insurance shall be carried in a firm or corporation which has been duly licensed or permitted to carry on such business in the State of Missouri. A verified copy of such insurance policy or policies shall be filed with City, together with the certificate of the insurer that the policy or policies are in full force and effect and that same will not be altered, amended, or terminated without thirty (30) days written notice having been given to the City. Contractor shall obtain the following Worker's Compensation Insurance,8 Employer's and Workmen's Compensation insurance as will protect him against all claims resulting from injuries to and death of workmen engaged in work under this contract, and in addition the Contractor shall carry occupational disease coverage with statutory limits, and Employer=s Liability with a limit of $100,000 disease each employee/$500,000 disease policy limit. The AOther States@ endorsement shall be included.

ARTICLE VI: Missouri law requires verification that a contractor of the City has a program to verify the lawful presence of its employees when the contract exceeds $5,000, and to verify the lawful presence in the U.S. of individuals when contracting for work/services. Contractor is required to obtain a sworn affidavit and documentation affirming the Contractor's enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program. To obtain additional information on the Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify program, go to: (http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify).

Please complete and return form *Affidavit of Participation in Work Authorization Program and Verification of Employment Eligibility Pursuant to 285.530 RSMo.*

ARTICLE VII: THAT, Contractor shall pay the sum of five hundred seventy-five dollars ($575.00) as liquidated damages to the City for each and every day that the Contractor shall fail or refuse to perform his duties and obligations or to comply with the provisions of the contract documents, which said damages shall be deducted from any sums of money that may be due or shall become due to the Contractor, under this agreement, and the Contractor shall further pay as liquidated damages the sum of five ($5.00) for each dwelling pickup point which, after investigation by the City, has been determined by it to have missed on any collection day, provided, however Contractor shall not be penalized for a missed collection point if a pickup at any such collection point is made within 24 hours of the appointed pickup date, and provided further that the Contractor shall not be penalized as herein above provided, if such failure shall be cause by fire, riots, civil commotion or acts of God. Inclement weather policy will be one day delay if one day is missed. In the event two or more days are missed pickup will resume on the next regular day.

ARTICLE VIII: THAT, if a holiday occurs, or falls, on weekdays on which the employees of the Contractor are not working, then the collection ordinarily made on that day by said Contractor shall be made on the next succeeding day, it being the intent of this agreement that the occurrence of said holiday shall not excuse the Contractor from making one (1) collection per week from each dwelling unit. Holidays shall be December 25th, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and New Year's Day. If for any reason the Contractor decides to work its employees on said holidays, Contractor shall notify the Public Works Director and the Press to alert the public as to collection days.

ARTICLE IX: THAT, Contractor shall not collect residential solid waste earlier than 6:00 A.M. or later than 5:00 P.M. All collections, particularly in the early morning hours shall be made in a quiet manner.

ARTICLE X: THAT, Contractor shall not collect commercial solid waste sooner than 10:00 P.M. and end no later than 6:00 A.M. on any day on which collections are scheduled, unless the requirements of a commercial establishment make it necessary to collect said commercial solid waste during daylight hours. All collections made between 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. shall be made as quietly as possible, especially while collecting within or adjacent to residential areas. All commercial solid waste collections made during daylight hours shall be done in a manner to minimize interference with school buses and rush hour traffic.

ARTICLE XI: THAT, Contractor must provide an adequate number of vehicles to assure regular collection of residential solid waste and commercial solid waste. Every vehicle shall be kept in good repair and appearance, painted, and always maintained in a sanitary condition. Each such vehicle must be clearly marked with the name of the Contractor, a vehicle identification number, and the local telephone number of the Contractor and shall not leak fluids, oil, hydraulic fluids, litter, or other such materials.

ARTICLE XII: THAT, Contractor shall not leave litter or solid waste fluids on any residential or commercial premises as a result of their collection of commercial solid waste, or residential solid waste.

ARTICLE XIII: THAT, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City from any liability, claim, damage or cause of action which may be sustained or asserted against said City as the result, directly or indirectly or in any manner, of the performance or failure of performance on the part of the contractor, including but not limited to any difficulty from any federal or state laws.

ARTICLE XIV: THAT, in the event that the Contractor shall fail or refuse to perform his duties and obligations, or shall become insolvent or shall become the subject of a proceeding in bankruptcy, or shall become the subject of any proceedings for the appointment of a receiver, or in the event of an assignment by Contractor for the benefit of creditors, or the taking of its trucks, equipment, vehicles and other facilities used in connection with the performance of the work under any execution against Contractor, the City may terminate its option upon five days written notice declare the Contractor to be in breach of his agreement and the City may terminate the agreement and declare same concealed and terminated and shall, in addition, be entitled to recover damages and take such other actions and seek such other remedies as may be permitted by law.

ARTICLE XV: THAT, the contract shall not be assignable or transferable by the Contractor, nor shall services be performed by a subcontractor for Contractor without the consent in writing of the City, provided however, that the City shall not be unreasonable in withholding consent.

ARTICLE XVI: THAT, Contractor shall maintain an office in Carthage or in a nearby location within thirty miles. Said office shall be staffed by a supervisor with authority to handle problems or complaints as they may arise, brought to their attention by the City or by a residential or commercial customer.

ARTICLE XVII: THAT, all solid wastes collected by the Contractor shall be disposed of at a processing facility or disposal area approved by the City and complying with all requirements of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources or similar agency of any state in which such a facility may be located.

ARTICLE XVIII: THAT, the Contractor shall use the existing daily service areas established by the City. Changes in daily service area must be approved by the city.

ARTICLE XVIX: THAT, Contractor shall provide 1 (one) residential container per household at no additional cost to the occupant. Each residential container shall be placed at curbside collection. Curbside refers to that portion of right-of-way adjacent to paved or traveled City roadways (excluding alleys) for the collection vehicle to use its collection mechanism. Contractor may decline to collect any Container not so placed or any waste material not in a container as specified. Service is for cart contents only. Household garbage outside of the provided cart will not be serviced.

ARTICLE *XX:* THAT, all commercial containers and residential polycarts and any other equipment that Contractor furnishes under this contract shall remain the Contractor's property.

ARTICLE XXI: THAT, Contractor shall pick up solid waste receptacles of those persons designated by the City as being physically unable to place their receptacles on or near the curb. In no case will Contractor be required to go inside any residence to pick up solid waste.

ARTICLE XXII: THAT, the parties agree that the City shall designate certain residential units with limited or no curbside access exempt from the automated collection process and an alternative collection arrangement be made appropriately for designated units.

ARTICLE XXIII: THAT, the parties agree that the Contractor shall not be required to pick up yard waste including leaves and grass clippings.

ARTICLE XXIV: The Contractor shall collect solid waste at no charge to the City from City trash receptacles used by the public in the downtown area, on an as needed basis, but no less than once per week.

ARTICLE XXV: THAT, all occupied residential units will be subject to the user fee specified in Appendix A contained herein, whether or not they use the solid waste collection system. All commercial establishments, except those exempted under the provision of Chapter 20 of the Code of Carthage, shall be subject to the user fees listed in Appendix A contained herein, whether they use these services.

ARTICLE XXVI: THAT, in consideration of the full and complete performance of this contract by Contractor and all of the work and services to be performed hereunder, in conformity with the terms and conditions of this agreement, City shall pay to Contractor all sums due to him in accordance with Appendix A contained herein, payment to be made on the first day of each month, for previous month's service. Service shall be extended to all new or additional units immediately upon request. The Contractor shall provide this extension of service for the same unit as specified in this Contract.

ARTICLE XXVII: THAT, Contractor shall hold City harmless from all costs, fees, or damages assessed from closing of any landfill or facility used by Contractor for the disposition of solid waste under this contract.

ARTICLE XXVIII: THAT, this agreement, the Performance Bond, Appendix A, and Chapter 20 of the Code of Carthage, as amended to date, comprise the contract between the parties. The Contractor shall comply with all the requirements of each such documents whether same is contained in the other documents or not.

ARTICLE XXIX: THAT, this agreement shall automatically renew for an additional five (5) years unless either party gives notice sixty (60) days prior to the termination of this contract. The terms and conditions as applicable to the initial term shall apply to the extended terms except for the pricing and such other changes as may be mutually agreed upon by the City and the Contractor. City and Contractor may meet no less than sixty (60) days prior to the termination of this contract to review the performance and all relevant costs, service levels and other provisions under the terms of this contract. The city will designate representatives from City staff, members from its Public Works Committee along with the Mayor to meet with Contractor. Upon completion of this review by the City, the City may at its sole option recommend renewal or extension of the contract for an additional term or terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the day and year first above written.

THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

By: ________________________________

Title: ______________________________

Attest:

____

City Clerk

ALLIED SERVICES, LLC D/B/A REPUBLIC SERVICE OF GALENA

By:_________________________________

Title:_______________________________

Attest:

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Municipal Manager

APPENDIX A

RESIDENTIAL RATES:

FAMILY: $14.61

SENIOR: $11.90

EXTRA CART: 3.41

COMMERCIAL RATES:

COMMERCIAL CART: $33.13

2YD 1X/WK: $81.45

4YD 1X/WK: $135.01

6YD 1X/WK: $169.97

8YD 1X/WK: $185.39

SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES:

COMMERCIAL:

**DELIVERY/EXCHANGE/RELOCATES/REMOVALS: $50.00

**EXTRA YARDAGE: $15.00

**EXTRA PICKUPS

2YD $30.00

4YD $45.00

6YD $60.00

8YD $75.00

RESIDENTIAL:

**DELIVERY/EXCHANGE/REMOVALS (does not include initial cart delivery) $20.00

**REPLACEMENT CART DUE TO DAMAGE FROM RESIDENT: $60.00

CITY FACILITIES AT NO CHARGE:

LANDFILL/RECYCLE ROLLOFFS:

UP TO 110 HAULS PER YEAR—EACH HAUL NOT TO EXCEED 5 TONS

DEMO/CONSTRUCTION HAULS:

UP TO 20 HAULS PER YEAR—EACH HAUL NOT TO EXCEED 5 TONS

ADDITIONAL HAULS WILL BE: $400.00 PER HAUL, $50.00 PER TON

COUNCIL BILL NO. __24-43__ **ORDINANCE NO. _______**

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING GENERAL TAXES UPON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2024, FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AND OTHER PURPOSES, AND FIXING THE RATES THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: That a tax be and the same is hereby levied for the year 2024, upon all real property which is subject to taxation for municipal purposes under the statutes of the State of Missouri, within the corporate limits of the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri as follows:

First, for General Revenue purposes, 0.3335 cents per One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation.

Second, for the purpose of maintaining the Public Library for the City of Carthage, 0.1665 cents per One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation.

Third, for the purpose of maintaining Public Parks and Recreation within the City of Carthage, 0.1439 cents per One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation.

Fourth, for the purpose of maintaining the Public Health of the City of Carthage, 0.0758 cents per One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ______, DAY OF ____________, 2024.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Miranda Deal, City Clerk

(Sponsored by the Budget Ways & Means Committee)

The City of Carthage

America's Maple Leaf City

326 Grant St., Carthage, MO 64836 (417) 237-7000 FAX (417) 237-7002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 27, 2024 in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 326 Grant Street Carthage, Missouri at which time Citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Carthage.

Assessed Valuations	Current Year 2024	Prior Year 2023
Real Estate – Residential	94,924,100	93,176,150
Real Estate – Agriculture	497,080	574,040
Real Estate – Commercial	55,337,090	53,099,860

Local/State Assessed RR/Utilities	Current Year 2024	Prior Year 2023
Local Valuations	1,852,720	1,864,760
State Valuations	266,798	259,849
ASSESSED TOTALS	152,877,788	148,974,659

Funds	Prior Year Levy	Proposed Levy	Property Tax 2024
General Revenue Fund	0.3335	0.3335	$509,847
Public Health Fund	0.0758	0.0758	$115,881
Park & Recreation Fund	0.1439	0.1439	$219,991
Library Fund	0.1665	0.1665	$254,541
FUND TOTALS	0.7197	0.7197	$1,100,260

*This rate is subject to change due to the receipt of subsequent information or upon notice from the State Auditor's Office. A copy of the City of Carthage Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is available for public inspection at City Hall, 326 Grant Street Carthage, Missouri or on the City of Carthage website www.carthagemo.gov.

Traci Cox
Assistant City Administrator
City of Carthage

POSTED: 08/06/24 Carthage City Hall, Carthage Public Library, Carthage Police Department, Carthage Fire Department, Carthage Website at www.carthagemo.gov Carthage Memorial Hall and Carthage Public Works Department

COUNCIL BILL NO. ___24-44____ **ORDINANCE NO. ______**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a partnership agreement with Contractors Portables to supply portable restrooms and handwashing units for various park locations and special events in the City of Carthage, Missouri.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: The Mayor of the City of Carthage is hereby authorized to enter into a partnership agreement with Contractors Portables to supply portable restrooms and handwashing units for various park locations and special events, in the City of Carthage, a copy of which agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ______ DAY OF _______, 2024.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

ATTEST:

____
Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Public Services Committee

417-206-0731 | P.O. Box 206 Joplin, Missouri 64802-0206

CONTRACTORS
PORTABLES

To whom it may concern,

We would love to have the opportunity to take care of all of your portable restroom needs for the next year. We have been the provider of the portables for the Maple Leaf Festival for many years and we take very good care of our loyal customers. We have tons of experience and a great team to handle any size event or regular services. We have a great working relationship with several businesses and individuals in not only our everyday services but also the many events that we provide service for. Downstream Casino and Buffalo Run Casino are just two of our largest event holders besides the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns anytime at the contact info below. Again we would absolutely love the opportunity to work with you again and take care of any portable restroom needs you may have in the future,

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve your portable restroom needs.

Sincerely,

Jason Wells

Joplin Market Manager

417-291-7815

jwells@contractors-portables.com

417-206-0731 I P.O. Box 206 Joplin, Missouri 64802-0206

CONTRACTORS PORTABLES

Carthage Parks Department

Portable Restrooms - $95 each per month

Handicap Accessible units - $155 each per month

Hand washing stations - $65 per month

All Include once weekly service and each order will have a $25 del. Fee

Event units will be $95 each or 10 plus units will be $80 each

Event Handicap units will be $140 each

Event hand wash stations will be $55 each

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COUNCIL BILL NO. ___24-45____ **ORDINANCE NO. ______**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Midland Enterprises for repairs to the Parks and Recreation building in Municipal Park in the amount of $56,779.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: The Mayor of the City of Carthage is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Midland Enterprises for repairs to the Parks and Recreation building in Municipal Park in the amount of $56,779.00, in the City of Carthage, a copy of which agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ______ DAY OF ______, 2024.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Public Services Committee

COUNCIL BILL NO.___24-46____ **ORDINANCE NO._____________**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IDENTIFICATION AND HIRING OF A CERTIFIED ACCOUNTING FIRM TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT OF THE FINANCES OF CARTHAGE WATER AND ELECTRIC PLANT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: ARTICLE XVI Section 16.2(c) of the Charter of the City of Carthage, Missouri provides that the City Council may, by ordinance, provide for additional rules and regulations applicable to the Carthage Water and Electric Plant Board (hereinafter "CW&EP").

SECTION II: Section 2-329 of the Code of Carthage provides that the books of CW&EP shall at all times be open to the examination of any council member or any committee appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

SECTION III: The City of Carthage shall undertake a comprehensive audit of the books and records of CW&EP for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 to include the following:

a. Payments to employees, contractors and other parties associated with CW&EP.
b. Benefits provided to employees, contractors and other parties associated with CW&EP.
c. All contracts, agreements or other obligations of CW&EP, excluding those directly related to maintenance bonds.
d. All real estate interests of CW&EP.
e. All investment(s), including a complete description of the investment with supporting documentation of the investment sufficient to determine the value of the investment and custodian thereof.

SECTION IV: The Mayor shall appoint a committee to be comprised of three (3) Council Members approved by majority vote of the sitting council members to be known as the CW&EP Comprehensive Audit Committee. The Committee shall prepare a Request for Proposal for Audit ("RFP"), which shall include the scope of the proposal consistent with this ordinance and seek bids for the audit. The Committee shall evaluate the bids and submit a recommendation to the City Council of a company to perform the audit of CW&EP.

SECTION V: The audit shall be provided to the Council upon its completion.

SECTION VI: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ______ DAY OF __________, 2024.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Council Bill to Modify Language of Ordinance 2-121

COUNCIL BILL NO. 24-47 ORDINANCE NO. ________

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-121 OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, Section 2-121 of the Code of Carthage is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-121. - Statement of Charges.

(a) The mayor, with approval of a majority of all the members elected to city council, may, by an order filed with the city clerk accompanied by a statement specifying the charges upon which the order is based, suspend any officer of the city for the violation of any ordinance or city charter provision, for violation of state or federal law, for the conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or for the breach of their official duty or obligation. A certified copy of such order of suspension and statement of charges shall immediately be delivered to the officer against whom such order and charges have been filed and the order shall become effective upon delivery. The order of suspension and statement of charges shall be heard in the manner set forth in Section 2-122.

(b) The mayor, city council, or any council member shall have the power to file with the city clerk a statement of charges of misconduct against any officer of the city for violation of any ordinance or city charter provision, for violation of state or federal law, for conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or for the breach of their official duty or obligation. A certified copy of the statement of charges shall immediately be delivered to the officer against whom such charges have been filed. Upon the filing of the statement of charges, the charges shall be heard in the manner set forth in Section 2-122.

(c) During the suspension period, a suspended officer is prohibited from exercising or attempting to exercise any of the duties of his or her office. Any violation hereof is punishable as set forth in Section 1-12 of this Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____DAY OF ______________________ 2024.

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Dan Rife, Mayor
City of Carthage

Attest: ______________________________
Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Tiffany Cossey

Council Bill to Modify Language of Ordinance 2-122

COUNCIL BILL NO. ____24-48___ ORDINANCE NO. _________

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-122 OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Code of the City of Carthage, Missouri is hereby amended by modifying Section 2-122 as follows:

Sec. 2-122. – Council hearing.

(a) In all cases where an order of suspension and written charges of misconduct have been filed with the city clerk by the mayor, or where such charges have been made by the council or any member thereof, the council shall set a day certain for the hearing of such charges and for the officer to appear and enter a defense. The council shall cause to be served upon the accused officer a written notice of the exact time and place where such charges will be heard. The notice, as provided herein, shall in all cases be served upon the accused officer not less than five (5) days before the day of the hearing. The council shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of the hearing.

(b) Upon the day set by the council for the hearing of the charges, the mayor and the council shall meet at the time and place decided upon and shall forthwith proceed to hear all the evidence for and against the accused officer, adjourning the hearings from day to day if necessary. If the mayor is the person accused, the president pro tem of the council shall preside at the hearings.

(c) At the conclusion of the evidence and arguments pro and con the council shall proceed to vote, by ayes and nays, voting upon each charge separately, if more than one (1) has been made. If the charges were made by the mayor and a majority of all the members elected to the council find the accused guilty of the charges as made, or any of them, he/she shall be removed from office. If a majority of the members elected to the council find the accused not guilty of the charges as made, he/she shall stand reinstated in office, and shall receive all compensation which he/she may have lost as the result of any suspension.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), if the charges were made by the council or a member thereof, the accused shall be removed from office only if he/she is found guilty by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the council.

(e) In all cases the proceedings of the council shall be spread upon the journal of the council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____DAY OF ______________________ 2024.

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Dan Rife, Mayor
City of Carthage

Attest: ______________________________
Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Tiffany Cossey

MCCUNE BROOKS REGIONAL HOSPITAL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023

SCHMIDT
CPAS & ADVISORS

ACCOUNTANT'S DISCLAIMER REPORT

To Management
McCune Brooks Regional Hospital
3125 Dr. Russell Smith Way
Carthage, MO 64836

The accompanying financial statements of McCune Brooks Regional Hospital as of and for the year-to-date ending July 31, 2024 and 2023 omit substantially all disclosures. The financial statements were not subjected to an audit, review, or compilation engagement by us and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on them.

Schmidt Associates, LLC

May 16, 2024

McCune Brooks Regional Hospital
Statements of Financial Position
July 31, 2024

Assets

	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash in bank- New trust disbursement	$ 11,072.66	$ 14,989.89
New Trust investment	15,051,246.37	14,625,789.65
Escrow account	2,439,860.25	5,207,372.78
Total Assets	$ 17,502,179.28	$ 19,848,152.32

Liabilities and Net Position

Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 2,883,261.68	$ 5,882,372.78
Total Liabilities	2,883,261.68	5,882,372.78
Net Position		
Operational capital- Fund balance	13,913,779.30	14,011,506.10
Restricted- non expendable	322,626.00	322,626.00
Retained earnings	382,512.30	(368,352.56)
Total Net Position	14,618,917.60	13,965,779.54
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	$ 17,502,179.28	$ 19,848,152.32

Substantially all disclosures ordinarily included in Accrual basis financial statements are omitted, and no assurance is provided on these financial statements.

McCune Brooks Regional Hospital
Statements of Activities

	1 Quarter Ended July 31, 2024	1 Quarter Ended July 31, 2023
Income		
Interest and dividend income- bond/escrow	25,984.78	51,895.82
Interest and dividend income-Trust	116,860.76	90,923.89
Interest income	13.33	16.07
Other income- from other trusts	477.09	0.00
Gain (Loss) realized and unrealized	247,427.21	(77,642.56)
Total Income	390,763.17	65,193.22
Operating Expenses		
Bank charges	5,187.87	3,649.96
Grants	0.00	426,895.82
Legal and professional fees	3,063.00	3,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	8,250.87	433,545.78
Net Income (Loss)	$ 382,512.30	$ (368,352.56)

Substantially all disclosures ordinarily included in Accrual basis financial statements are omitted, and no assurance is provided on these financial statements.