

City of Carthage, Missouri

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

September 6, 2024 – 4:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

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The Carthage City Council met in special session on the above date in Council Chambers at 4:00 PM with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Deputy Fire Chief Jason Martin 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, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Council Member Dustin Edge was absent. Interim City Administrator Traci Cox and City Attorney Jon Gold were also absent.

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 Ms. Heckmaster, to table the approval of the August 27, 2024 Council minutes until the September 10 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no citizen's present during Citizen's Participation.

Under New Business, C.B. 24-49 – An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Tim Engelmeyer of Engelmeyer & Pezzani, LLC in the amount of \$250.00 per hour to serve as the hearing officer during the impeachment hearing of Mayor Dan Rife, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to amend the Council Bill to include details about the hiring of a court reporter that was previously approved by a voice vote at the August 13 Council meeting. The amendments are as follows:

Under Section I, at the end of the first sentence, add the words "and for the City of Carthage to hire Holliday reporting for court reporting services"

Under Section II: Terms of Contract, to have it read "terms of contract with Tim Engelmeyer", then have a subsection a with current language. Create a subsection b that states "terms of service with Holliday reporting are listed in the minutes of the 8/13/24 Council Meeting"

Under Section III: Where it says "its terms" she would like it changed to "their terms" and where it says "the contract mentioned" she would like to change it to "the contract and reporting services mentioned"

Add a Section IV: which states "Holliday Reporting service shall be hired as the court reporter under the terms set out in the 8/13/24 Council meeting minutes that were approved on 8/27/24"

The last two section numbers need their numbers changed to section 5 and section 6.

Motion to amend the Council Bill passed with a vote of 7 yeas and 1 nay. Ayes: Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Snow, Barlow, Cossey and Schramm. Nays: Taylor

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster, to forward Council Bill 24-49 to second reading under the emergency ordinance clause. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yeas and 1 nay. Ayes: Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm. Nays: Taylor

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Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to adopt Resolution 2052 – A Resolution authorizing a supplemental budget adjustment to the General Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for a line item adjustment to professional fees in Central Municipal Activities for the hiring of a court reporter and a hearing officer for the impeachment hearing. Resolution 2052 was adopted after a roll call vote of 6 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstain. Ayes: Peterson, Heckmaster, Snow, Barlow, Cossey and Schramm. Nays: Taylor. Abstain: Leece.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cossey, to adjourn the special session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.