

City of Carthage, Missouri

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

October 10, 2024 – 4:00 PM
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

MINUTES

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZyMAkskuHY>

The Carthage City Council met in special session on the above date via Zoom conferencing at 04:00 PM with Mayor Dan Rife presiding.

The following Council Members answered roll call via zoom conferencing: Derek Peterson, Lori Leece, Terri Heckmaster, Alan Snow, Tom Barlow, Tiffany Cossey, and Jana Schramm. Council Member Chris Taylor joined the meeting at 4:13 PM. Interim City Administrator Traci Cox and City Attorney Jon Gold were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: IT Administrator Michael Keith and City Clerk Miranda Deal.

Under New Business, consider and discuss a new hearing date for the motion to disqualify and the impeachment hearing. Mr. Snow reported that himself, Paul Martin, Tim Engelmeyer, and Chris Thornton all met the day prior and the attorneys discussed having the motion to disqualify hearing on Tuesday at 4 pm. The council needed to decide how to have that meeting, whether it was all in person, all in zoom, or attorneys on zoom and council in person. Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to have the hearing on the motion to disqualify on October 15 with everyone on Zoom with a time to be established separately. Motion carried. Ms. Leece made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barlow, to have the hearing at 4 pm on Tuesday October 15 by Zoom. Motion carried.

For a new impeachment hearing date, the attorneys agreed to the following dates of October 22, October 29, October 31, or November 4.

Ms. Schramm made a motion to have the hearing on October 29 at 3 pm at Carthage Water and Electric. Motion died due to lack of second.

Ms. Schramm made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cossey to have the impeachment hearing on October 22 at 3 pm at Carthage Water and Electric. There was a lot of discussion about holding the hearing on this date since it was the date of a regularly scheduled council meeting. There were talks of moving the Insurance Audit and Claims meeting and City Council meeting to the night prior to allow for the impeachment to happen on the 22nd, the 29th is not the best date for City staff since there was going to be training on the new software that date. Ms. Cossey voiced concerns about pushing the hearing back to November 4 since it has already been delayed since June. Ms. Cox expressed concerns about having too many meetings in one night and having to move too much around to accommodate the hearing being on the 22nd. To avoid moving all the meetings around, Ms. Cox said that she would advise the

software company that staff would be unavailable on the 29th in order to have the hearing that date.

Chris Taylor joined the meeting at 4:13 during the discussion of moving meetings around to make the 22nd work for the impeachment hearing.

Ms. Schramm made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster to amend the current motion of having the hearing on October 22nd, to have it moved to October 29th at 3 pm at Carthage Water and Electric. Motion to amend carried.

The amended motion of having the impeachment hearing on October 29th at 3 pm at Carthage Water and Electric passed unanimously.

Ms. Heckmaster made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece, to adjourn the special session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM.