City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY COUNCIL

July 23, 2024 - 6:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

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The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in Council Chambers at 06:30 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, 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, and City Clerk Miranda Deal.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting with the following amendments. Ms. Cossey asked for it to be noted that Kirk Friessen did not identify himself by his name and address, he identified himself as Merchant of hate Carthage, Missouri, she doesn't want to remove his name and address, he just didn't give his name and address, ~~for the minutes to be changed to remove Kirk Friesen's name and address since he did not introduce himself properly and change it to merchant of hate Carthage, Missouri~~. She also wants the last sentence of his commentary be removed since he did not ask the question that was in the minutes. She also asked for it to be reflected in the minutes that he identified himself as the anonymous poster and the one who is responsible for the Facebook page what's happening in Carthage City Council. Motion carried.

Mayor Rife presented the Marian days proclamation for the 45th anniversary of the event.

Prior to the council comments, Mayor Rife made a statement and said that citizens participation is meant to be a time to bring up items on the agenda and city business, there is to be no personal attacks against anyone.

During Citizen's Participation, Bill Scheerer, 422 E. 13th Street, spoke on the Paul Martin bills and said that he hopes the Mayor vetoes the bill approving the additional money.

Misty White, 1647 S. Garrison, lead the council through a prayer. She asked everyone to reflect on their actions and look to the Bible and their conscious to make decisions.

Gina Banks, 2045 Marigold, said she has been watching the meetings and sees good people being terrible to other good people. She chose to help with the recall and while out getting signatures, people had told her that they had been watching and were aware of what has been happening.

Regina Wells, 2026 S Maple, voiced her concerns about the fast drivers that go down her street. She is concerned about the children on her block and them waiting for the school bus next month after school starts. She stated that Ms. Deal advised her to go to the next Public Safety meeting. She is also concerned about a large tree at the corner of Maple and Fairview that blocks the view of oncoming traffic. She asked that the storm sirens be tested again because she has not heard them go off in her neighborhood.

Karen Trotter, 615 Euclid, stated that she has attended all of the recent meetings that she could the last few weeks and encouraged everyone to attend. She respectfully disagreed with a statement that was in a court filing for the impeachment that said we needed to get out city back to work. Work is getting done, she hopes the council will drop the impeachment and keep getting work done.

Kathleen Gilpin, owner of Kate's bakery on the southwest corner of the square, thanked Ms. Cossey for all of the work she is doing for the City. She may be brash, but she can take things back. She hopes she keeps doing the work she has been doing.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways and Means Committee met tonight in a special meeting. They reviewed the budget amendment for the previous fiscal year and the new year. This appears in Council Bill 24-37. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12 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 Tourism Director and tabled the mechanic job description. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13 at 5:30.

Ms. Heckmaster reported that the Public Safety Committee met on July 15. The committee heard from Michael Hendrix with Cruisin Main, he would like to do events on the square on August 30 and October 11. There would be vendors at future events, but not at the first one. He would like to get the businesses on the square involved as well. Ms. Heckmaster made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to close the square on August 30 and October 11 from 5:30-9 pm and allow cars to back into the parking spaces. Motion carried. Holly Williams was present to discuss a noise complaint with a neighboring church. There have been citations issued and the court date for those will be in September. Eddie Grundy with Carthage Hardware was present to discuss a cars and coffee event he would like to have. He would like to start having cars brought up the square and give out free cups of coffee. Cars will park on the interior side of the square and park normally. These events will be from 8-10 am on the last Saturday's of the month. The committee also discussed the Marian days resolution that is on the agenda as Resolution 2045. The committee also heard from the fire department and the political sign near station 2 is not on city property, the brush truck will be picked up soon, the new fire engine should be here in August, and the new hire for the fire department will be hired after the new chief is chosen. The police department car replacement that was 1.5 years past due has been received, another that was damaged in a wreck was replaced last week and 6 new ones budgeted for have been ordered. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19 at 5:30.

Mr. Edge reported the Public Services Committee met on July 16. The committee considered a pup walk and pet show for September 21 in Central Park. This will benefit the Mary Kay Ash Foundation. Mr. Edge made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster to allow the use of Central Park on September 21 from 9-11:30 am and to also allow food trucks. Motion carried.

They discussed a Soles 4 Paws 5K run and 1M dog/cat-walk. The event will benefit the Carthage Humane Society and it will follow the same path as the Fourth of July 5K, no closures are needed. Mr. Edge made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cossey, to allow the use of Municipal park south of the Rock Stadium from 1:30-6 pm on November 17 for the event. Motion carried. They also discussed a request from theBridge Carthage who would like to have their Rallye in the Park event on September 15 in Central Park. There will be a 5K, obstacle run, church service, lunch, car show, and inflatables. Mr. Edge made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece, to allow the use of Central Park on September 15 from 6:30 am – 4:30 pm for the Rallye in the Park event. Motion carried. The plans for the new aquatic center were reviewed and the committee asked Ms. Almandinger to attend the next McCune Brooks Trust meeting to ask for the funds. Placer AI was reviewed and forwarded the council as council bill 24-38. The DMO and the MOU for the tourism money were reviewed and forwarded, they appear in council bills 24-35 and 24-36. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20 at 5:30.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Public Works Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for August 6.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Ms. Leece for the Carthage Water and Electric Board, Ms. Heckmaster for Planning and Zoning, Mr. Edge for Vision Carthage, and Mr. Snow for the City Administrator and Fire Chief Hiring Committees.

Mayor Rife reported on the hiring committee meetings, he was sad to have missed the friendship dinner and looks forward to Marian Days. He also said that he had met with a few council members to try and get issues resolved and get back to work. He met with a few key people prior to his recent appointment to demonstrate the desire to work together. The City needs its leaders to do the work that is required. Sales tax is down, visits to town are down, people are reluctant to come to a city that is in turmoil. The money being spent on legal fees could be spent on getting the city back up and running. The City has a great staff that knows their jobs and can continue doing great things for the city if they weren't being forced to spend time and track things down for the Council battles. Spending taxpayer dollars does nothing to benefit the citizens of Carthage.

During Remarks from Council Members, Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to amend the agenda to move up item 8 under new business, discussing articles of impeachment, to immediately after administrative reports. Motion carried. She also thanked Ms. Gilpin for her kind words, she admitted that she spoke more harshly intended towards Ms. Leece and that was only at the very first council meeting with new members, and is not a continuing issue. ~~she was harsh to Ms. Leece and then apologized at the next meeting~~. She also addressed Mrs. Wells concerns and Mr. Scheerer's comments. Mr. Snow stated that the Cruisin Main is a good event and has had success in Webb City and the coffee and cars events. He also addressed the Mayor's comments about meeting with some council members and most of the things the council members asked for, the Mayor said no to, so there is no cooperation and they are continuing with the impeachment. The impeachment is about whether the council has the ability to control things that happen in the town. The charges will show that the Mayor acted unilaterally without council approval to do certain things.

Mayor Rife said he remembered the meeting differently with being told they would drop the impeachment if he dropped the recall and he had nothing to do with the recall.

Ms. Heckmaster said that the Police Department, Fire Department, and CW&EP has been preparing for Marian days, she also thanked the recycling center staff for helping an elderly man who was having a difficult time with his recycling items. Ms. Leece received a compliment for Josiah Bayless who helped remedy an issue, she was thankful for the friendship dinner, and she asked if what the Mayor had said was true about dropping the impeachment for the recall. Mr. Snow stated that there were several items that were asked about that the Mayor said no to. Ms. Cossey stated that she had stepped out of the room when they discussed dropping the recall, she was not a part of that conversation nor was it her idea. Mr. Snow said that the Mayor claims he wants to work together and move forward, but keeps showing that he is not willing to work with this council. Ms. Leece said that the Mayor is very agreeable to work with in the committee meetings from what she has seen. Mr. Taylor thanked the Fathers for the Marian Days friendship dinner.

Police Chief Bill Hawkins reported that the friendship dinner was great and that the wrecked car replacement was delivered on time.

Deputy Fire Chief Jason Martin reported the brush truck is going to Indiana on the 29th and the new engine is in Springfield. He will be going to check it out soon and it should be received in August.

Parks and Recreation Director Abi Almandinger reported that the parks had received their new dump truck, the renovations at the Municipal park and Central park restrooms are almost done, Griggs park playground will start next week and she took Ms. Leece and her husband on a tour of all the parks.

Interim City Administrator Traci Cox thanked Ms. Heckmaster about her comments on the recycling center workers. She has been working on getting a tourism board formed, an application on the website for those interested in serving on city boards, and working with departments to get outdated ordinances updated. Public Works has been working with Spire to get them out of the area for Marian days, she also reported that the utilization report for the health insurance was down 20% from this time last year. She also wanted to clarify some of changes that CW&EP is making on their billing statements, they currently sent a notice that says past due, they are changing it to say shut off notice. This is to allow those who need assistance in paying their bill, get assistance faster since most places won’t help until a shut off notice is received. This will help get them money faster and help CW&EP get their money as well.

City Attorney Jon Gold reported that he has been on the job for one month. He has been working to familiarize himself with the Charter and the Code and has been working on council bills.

Consider and discuss Articles of Impeachment and a hearing date for the impeachment hearing. Paul Martin was present to discuss with the council the purpose of the new articles of impeachment. While the resolution and ordinance is tied up in court, he believes that the council can adopt the articles of impeachment and set a hearing date. There is no hiring of a hearing officer in the articles so there is no need for a resolution or ordinance. Once the council decides on a date, they can adopt the articles and move forward. Mr. Gold was asked by Mr. Taylor if Mr. Martin was correct in that the Council could adopt the articles with the Resolution and Council Bill being tied up in court. Mr. Gold said that Mr. Martin was correct in that our ordinances allow for the council to impeach the Mayor. Mr. Martin is proposing that the council vote and adopt a set of articles that would allow a hearing to begin with for that purpose, Mr. Gold said that the articles are one avenue by which the council could achieve a hearing.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to vacate the articles of impeachment.

Ms. Cossey asked for Mr. Snow to take over since it directly concerns Mayor Rife. Mr. Edge stated that he wants to take a step back and look at the finances. He believes this is going to go way past $15,000. Ms. Leece also agrees on taking a step back and wants what is best for the City. She wants the money to be used for something else. Mr. Taylor states that there are two lawsuits against the city right now, the insurance will pay out and then could drop the city as a client and then the City will be forced to pay another company even more tax payer money. Ms. Schramm states that this could have been done on June 5 if the Mayor would have let due process go through. Ms. Cossey stated that there is no monetary damages in the lawsuit against the Mayor, he could sue if impeached. She claims the extra money after June 5 is because of the Mayor and his attorney. People need to read the charges and decide if they believe that these things are still true, and if so, if they are things that should be brought forward in a hearing, ~~The articles are still true and should be continued with~~, a hearing date needs to be set and they are almost at the end of it. The impeachment is about determining if the City Council has the right to govern or if this is dictatorship ~~is about proving the council can do things and the Mayor is not a dictator~~. Since the impeachment started, there has been two new charges added, the Mayor unilaterally signed a contract for $280,000 without seeking Council approval, he also refused to dismiss the City Administrator who was terminated by the City Council, he wasn't dismissed until he was good and ready. Ms. Leece said that being Mayor is not a permanent position, but the implications from the impeachment are permanent. Ms. Cossey said there are two more years of the Mayors term and that is more money spent and the Mayor doing what he wants. The impeachment will set a precedence. Ms. Leece would like everyone to move forward and spend the money on things that could be more beneficial. Ms. Schramm said the city would save money if the Mayor would just resign. Ms. Cossey claims the Mayor has violated ordinances and runs the city as a dictator, she claims she gets calls from citizens encouraging them to finish the impeachment. Had Paul Martin been properly notified of the hearing before the June 5 date, the impeachment could have been done by now. Mr. Snow repeatedly had to call order through all of the discussions, he stated that the discussions are part of the decorum and there should be no clapping and hollering and that is why he kept calling order.

The vote to vacate the articles of impeachment failed by a vote of 2-7. Ayes: Taylor, Leece Nays: Peterson, Heckmaster, Edge, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm.

Moving on with the discussion of a hearing date, Paul Martin asked that it be set no sooner than August 11. Mr. Snow opened the floor for date discussions. Ms. Schramm suggested August 14 at 3 pm at the Carthage Water and Electric Community Room. No one had an objection to that date and time.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson to accept the articles of impeachment with the hearing date set as August 14 at 3 pm at the CW&EP Community Room.

Ms. Leece stated that she would like to wait until the court rules on the Resolution and Ordinance that the Mayor vetoed and whether it was done properly. Ms. Schramm asked the Mayor to drop the lawsuits, Mr. Edge agreed with Ms. Leece in wanting to wait. Ms. Cossey believes the Mayor is trying to kick it down the road after November with hopes that she is recalled. Paul Martin states the articles are legal and are separate from the Resolution and Ordinance, the Mayor could expand his lawsuit if he wished. Ms. Leece and Mr. Taylor want to wait for the judges ruling.

The vote to move forward with the articles and hearing date passed by a vote of 6-3. Ayes: Peterson, Heckmaster, Snow, Barlow, Cossey, and Schramm. Nays: Taylor, Leece, Edge

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of $1,381,287.18 against the following funds: General Revenue $583,459.75, Public Health $12,749.33, Lodging $24,288.29, Public Safety $536.66, Parks/Stormwater $23,008.37, Fire Protection $30,653.38, Golf $32,840.43, Capital Improvements $12,754.00, Parks and Recreation $19.56, Myers Park $5,680.50, Use Tax $134,672.31, Public Facilities $246,505.61, Library $15,000.00, and Payroll $259,118.99. Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 24-33 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and McGrath Human Resources Group Inc. to complete a Compensation System Market Update 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 24-35.

C.B. 24-34 -- An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for specified funds (General Fund, Golf Fund, Civic Enhancement Fund, Public Safety Fund, Capital Improvements Fund, Public Health Fund, and ARPA Fund) 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 24-36.

Mayor Rife called for a 5 minute recess prior to the New Business.

Under New Business, C.B. 24-35 -- An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Missouri Division of Tourism to be the DMO, and to accept and administer $55,970.00 for Missouri Fiscal Year 2025 was placed on first reading.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to forward Council Bill 24-35 to second reading due to its emergency status. Motion carried.

C.B. 24-35 -- An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Missouri Division of Tourism to be the DMO, and to accept and administer $55,970.00 for Missouri Fiscal Year 2025 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 24-37.

C.B. 24-36 -- An Emergency Ordinance to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the City of Joplin, for Participation in the Missouri Division of Tourism ("MDT") Marketing Matching Grant ("MMG") program, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to forward Council Bill 24-36 to second reading due to its emergency status. Motion carried.

C.B. 24-36 -- An Emergency Ordinance to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the City of Joplin, for Participation in the Missouri Division of Tourism (“MDT”) Marketing Matching Grant (“MMG”) program, 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 24-38.

C.B. 24-37 -- An Emergency Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the General Revenue Fund was placed on first reading.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece, to forward Council Bill 24-37 to second reading due to its emergency status. Motion carried.

C.B. 24-37 -- An Emergency Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the General Revenue Fund 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 24-39.

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 first reading with no action taken.

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 first reading.

Mr. Edge made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to amend the Chamber agreement to include the specific number of days the Chamber can use the city facilities. Motion carried.

C.B. 24-40 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 2-498. Composition; Appointment, of the Code of Carthage was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Consider and discuss picnic license for the golf course couples tournament. Mr. Edge made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to proceed with the application for a picnic license. Motion carried. Mr. Edge made a motion to allow Mr. Markham to be the managing officer for the liquor license. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heckmaster, to have Ms. Almandinger be the officer since she is in charge of the golf course. Mr. Edge withdrew his motion. Motion to allow Ms. Almandinger to be the managing officer for the picnic license carried.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to approve Resolution 2045 -- A Resolution authorizing City support and permissions for several programs as part of the 45th Annual Marian Days Celebration in the City of Carthage, Missouri. Resolution 2045 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 2046 -- A Resolution authorizing a supplemental budget adjustment to the General Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Resolution 2046 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, Ms. Schramm thanked Mr. Golf for coming in and thanked Ms. Cox for always getting information requested back so quickly and for working on getting a tourism board. Mr. Edge encouraged everyone to shop the sidewalk sale on Saturday. Mr. Snow thanked Ms. Cox for the online board member application, Ms. Cossey also thanked Ms. Cox for all of her hard work. She also encouraged all to reach out to council members if they are concerned about something.

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, 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 8:55 p.m.

There was a short recess before the closed session started. Council went into closed session at 9:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Cossey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 10:49 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 10:51 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
July 23, 2024

The Carthage City Council met in closed session on the above date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Dan Rife presiding.

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Interim City Administrator Traci Cox, City Clerk Miranda Deal, and City Attorney Jon Gold were also present.

Mr. Gold updated the council about one of the pending lawsuits the city has filed against a company. He got some new information from staff and will report back to council after reviewing the information he had learned about. He also spoke with council on the other potential lawsuit that could be filed against another company. Mr. Gold was given the information that former City Attorney Nate Dally had left. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor to have Mr. Gold review the contract and other information left by Mr. Dally and bring an opinion back to council on how to proceed. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Taylor, Peterson, Leece, Heckmaster, Edge, Snow, Barlow, Cossey and Schramm.

For the second part of the closed session, Ms. Almandinger, Tyler Markham, and Alyssa Hess joined the closed session.

Ms. Almandinger and Mr. Markham presented an opportunity for the City to acquire a piece of property that would be very beneficial to the City.

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Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Deal
City Clerk