



City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 9-16-24 Minutes

Snow made motion to approve minutes from 9-16-2024 meeting, motion passed.

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 traffic on South Maple. Citizen: Ronnie Wells
Wells updated the committee on traffic survey done at Maple/Southside, he would like speed to be lowered in the area.

After discussion Councilmen Barlow suggested to add 4-way stop at the following locations: Southside/Maple and Main/Southside. Councilmen Snow made motion to forward placing 4-way stops at Southside/Maple and Main/Southside to the Public Works Department.

Motion carried - all approved

2. Consider and discuss G & R carriage rides - Gary McLemore
McLemore spoke with committee on the Christmas lights carriage rides that will start the Monday before Thanksgiving through December 31st.
No motion needed.

3. Consider and discuss Christmas Parade - Mark Sponaule
Sponaule spoke with committee on the Christmas Parade. The parade will follow the same route as in past years. The route will originate at the corner of Chestnut and Main (in front of the First Christian Church). Proceed north on Main, circle the beautiful Carthage Square, then head back south on Grant Street and end at Chestnut and Grant (tennis courts behind the 6th Grade Center). The route encompasses a district of approximately one mile. Sponaule is requesting; Chestnut and Main, one block east of Grant Street, and one block west of Lyon Street, south from Main Street to 11th Street east and west to Grant Street to Lyon Street, including the intersections of 9th and 10th Streets. He also requested to close and vacate the Carthage Square, both inside and

outside the square.

Councilman Snow made motion to approve street closures and close and vacate the square on December 2nd from 5PM - 8PM.

Motion passed.

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss traffic at Fairview School - Alan Snow

Councilman Snow spoke with committee about issues with the traffic congestion at Fairview School's pick up line.

Chief Hawkins spoke with school "Holly Goodnight" about the issue. She agreed and she'd look at an alternative route.

No motion, only discussion.

2. Staff Reports

Fire Department

Interim Chief Martin gave Station updates.

Police Department

Chief Hawkins gave station updates.

Chairwoman Heckmaster spoke with committee on the Humane Society. They had a meeting with new director "Amy Anderson" expressed concerns about keeping the Humane Society opened. The City of Carthage is in a 3 year contract with them until June 2026.

5. Adjournment

Councilman Barlow made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.