



City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 24, 2025 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 1-27-25 Minutes

Councilman Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 27, 2025 meeting as presented. 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)

No citizens participation at this meeting.

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss CPOA/FOP council bill - Chief Hawkins

Chief Hawkins discussed the changes in verbiage in the CPOA/FOP with the committee. Councilman Taylor made a motion to forward it to the full council. Motion passed.

2. Consider and discuss Lunar New Year - Chief Hawkins

Chief Hawkins discussed with the committee adding (g) Lunar New Year to Section 1 Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-4 ordinance of the Carthage Code. There was some discussion with the committee about the end times for the shooting of fireworks. Traci Cox will be checking with area cities to see what their end-time ordinances state. Councilman Taylor made a motion to table until the next meeting. Motion passed.

3. Consider and discuss new ladder truck- Interim Chief Martin

Interim Chief Martin spoke with the committee on the potential purchase of a new ladder truck for Carthage Fire Department. The current 1998 Freightliner Ladder Truck is scheduled to be replaced in 2025, FY 2026-2027. This truck was suggested to be replaced every 25 years. He proposed replacing the 1998 ladder truck with a 2025 or newer custom chassis ladder truck to operate as the first-due ladder. There is \$1.5 million that has been previously projected towards this capital project. The current projected pricing puts the ladder truck (unit only - no equipment) above \$1.5 million and a 3-year projected delivery date of 2029. There is an opportunity to purchase an E-1 Cyclone Chassis HP75 Aerial Ladder

truck that is ready for delivery at a discounted price of \$1,175,000 from Banner Fire Equipment. Additional costs would include: full wrap with CFD colors and graphics at an estimated cost of \$23,000 and equipment and tools at an estimated cost of \$175,000. Making the total projected cost of the truck \$1,373,000. Martin is proposing that the ladder truck purchase be moved forward in the capital plan.

Traci Cox questioned what the warranty was on the graphic/wrap of the truck.

Martin was going to check with Thunder Grafix on their warranty.

After lengthy discussion on the purchase and timing of this new ladder truck, Councilman Taylor made a motion to issue a letter of intent of the purchase from Banner Fire Equipment and forward to council. Motion passed.

4. Staff Reports

Fire Department

Interim Chief Martin updated the committee on the 2025-2026 fiscal budget items.

Fire Sales Tax:

1. Additional personnel -2026
2. Annual replacement of PPE -2026-2030
3. Annual SCBA replacement -2026-2030
4. Annual fire hose replacement -2026-2030
5. Replace 1994 Engine -
6. Lease payment for 2021 Engine -2026-2027
7. Building renovations -continued
8. Replace 2002 Engine/Tanker - 2027-2029
9. Replace 1998 Ladder Truck -
10. Replace 2005 Tanker/Tender - 2029
11. Replace 2018 Command Vehicle -2029

General Revenue Capital:

1. Physical Fitness/wellness equipment - 2026 & 2028

Use Tax:

1. Station 2 garage doors -2026-2030
2. Construction of exercise facility/gym for City Employees
3. Replace 2015 Silverado Utility vehicle -2027

Emergency Management:

1. Storm sire battery replacement/maintenance - 2026

Public Safety Donations:

1. Fire District Donation Account - 2023

2. Fire District Donation Account -2019

Police Department

Chief Hawkins spoke briefly with the committee about the homicide event that took place on 2/15/25.

Chief Hawkins updated the committee on the 2025-2026 fiscal budget items.

1. Cars/replacements
2. Personnel improvement plan / Organizational structure

5. **Adjournment**

Councilman Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 6:31pm. Motion passed.