



City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

April 14, 2025 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Barlow, Ray West, Terri Heckmaster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Taylor

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jana Schramm, Alan Snow

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Traci Cox, Admin Assistant Dorothy Weber

Chair Terri Heckmaster called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

2. Old Business

1. Approval of March 10, 2025 Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve March 10, 2025 Minutes by Ray West
Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: Terri Heckmaster, Tom Barlow, Ray West

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Citizens Participation

(Citizens wishing to speak should notify Department Head or Committee Chair in advance)

4. New Business

1. Consider and Discuss an Agreement with the Boots Court Visitors Center Ms. Cox explained that the contract proposal in front of them was the final draft for the Boots Court Visitor Center and that the dates and address had been corrected.

ACTION: Motion to forward contract proposal for the Boots Court Visitors Center to council by Tom Barlow
Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: Tom Barlow, Terri Heckmaster, Ray West

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider and Discuss a Contract with Vision Carthage
Ms. Cox explained that a few of the things in the previous Vision Carthage contract now fall under the CEDC, so they were removed. Vision wants to concentrate on beautification and they have plans for flowers and murals. The amount of the contract has not changed.
ACTION: Motion to forward the Vision Carthage contract to Council by Ray West
Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES: Tom Barlow, Terri Heckmaster, Ray West
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Consider and Discuss a MOU with the CEDC
Ms. Heckmaster reviewed the MOU and believes the amount is higher and thinks that the incoming Budget Ways and Means committee should review the MOU and decide. Mr. West agreed. Mr. Barlow asked if there were time constraints and Ms. Cox said that there were no time constraints and that she also thinks it would be wise to wait to see what the FY 25-26 budget looks like.
ACTION: Motion to table the MOU with the CEDC by Tom Barlow
Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES: Tom Barlow, Terri Heckmaster, Ray West
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. Consider and Discuss a Contract with Carthage Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Cox stated that there were no changes to the Chamber of Commerce contract except the 3% increase. They will be receiving \$40,048.00 for FY 25-26.
ACTION: Motion to forward the Chamber of Commerce contract to Council by Ray West
Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES: Terri Heckmaster, Ray West, Tom Barlow
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. Consider and Discuss FY 25/26 Budget Revenues
Ms. Cox started by saying that Miranda Deal has been such a huge help this year with the upcoming budget. Ms. Cox stated that sales tax has a slight decline. Ms. Heckmaster was surprised about the gas tax going down. Ms. Cox stated that it's been going up, but she underestimated revenue so that the City does not end up in the hole. Ms. Cox stated that the telephone, cable and cigarette tax have all been going down. Mr. Snow talked about sales tax non-growth. Mrs. Schramm asked about the Airbnb tax and Ms. Cox stated that the tourism director has been working on it. Mr. Wells asked if the property tax freeze has been accounted for. Ms. Cox stated that it has been accounted for.
ACTION: Motion to accept the estimated revenues by Tom Barlow
Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: Ray West, Terri Heckmaster, Tom Barlow
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. Staff Reports

Ms. Cox stated that she's working on operating revenue. Ms. Cox stated that the City has asked MODOT for another taxi. It will be paid for with an 80/20 grant.

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 5:51 PM by Ray West
	Motion passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Tom Barlow, Terri Heckmaster, Ray West
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None