

City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 13, 2025 – 7:00 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 7:00 PM with Mayor David B. Flanigan presiding. Fire Chief Jason Martin gave the invocation. Police Captain Chad Dininger led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Derek Peterson, Kate Gilpin, Ray West, Lori Leece, Jack Perkins, David Thorn, Tom Barlow, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells. City Administrator Traci Cox and City Attorney Jon Gold were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Captain Chad Dininger, Fire Chief Jason Martin, Interim Public Works Director Josiah Bayless, Parks and Recreation Director Abi Almandinger, IT Administrator Michael Keith, and City Clerk Miranda Deal.

Ms. Leece made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 Council meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Flanigan reported that he presented a few proclamations over the last couple of weeks. He attended the Earth Day and Arbor Day event at Central Park on April 26 and presented proclamations for Earth Day and Arbor Day. He also presented a proclamation at the May 1 National Day of Prayer event on the Courthouse lawn. He also presented a proclamation at the May 2 Chamber Coffee event that was hosted by CW&EP to kick off Drinking Water week that was May 4-10.

During Public Comments, Sally Stuart with Vision Carthage thanked everyone for their help during the community clean up on April 26 and thanked those who helped with the plantings around town.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways and Means Committee met on May 12th. The committee discussed and approved forwarding the MOU with the CEDC for the next three years. That MOU appears in Council Bill 25-32. The committee also discussed and approved forwarding the Senior Center Contract, which appears in Council Bill 25-31. The committee discussed the budget and where it is currently at. There are still some cuts and decisions to be made. The CWEP budget hearing is scheduled for May 14 at 5:30. There will be a special budget meeting to discuss budget perfection, this date will be June 4 at 5 pm. This will take the place of the regular meeting.

Ms. Leece reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this day and approved the claims. Ms. Cox reported that the broker agreement with Ollis/Akers/Arney is paid for by commission through Midwest Public Risk. The banking bids were received and Guaranty Bank had the highest interest rate and they are the current provider for services. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27 at 5:30.

Mr. Snow the reported that the Public Safety Committee is between meetings. The next meeting will be on May 19th at 5:30.

Ms. Schramm reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings. The next meeting will be on May 20th at 5:30.

Mr. Peterson reported the Public Works Committee met on May 6th. The committee discussed an update to the bumpout's on the corners of the square and how it will affect snow removal. The bump out plans have been modified to make them removable so they can be removed for snow removal and then put back in place. The committee approved the Verizon cell tower agreement for Marian Days, which appears as Council Bill 25-25. They reviewed the bids for the West Macon and Center Street box culverts that appears in Council Bill 25-26. The East Chestnut culvert bid was approved and appears in Council Bill 25-28. The Chapel Road sidewalk bid was approved and appears in Council Bill 25-27. A lot split for a piece of property south of town was approved and appears in Resolution 2087. The split will allow further development south of town. There were discussions with Sally Stuart about beautifying the Oak Street Bridge, and also doing a dumpster days event in June in the Memorial Hall parking lot. The next meeting will be June 3rd. at 5:30.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. West for the Kellogg Lake Board, Mr. Perkins for the CWEP Board, Mr. Thorn for the Public Library Board, Mr. Wells for the Jasper County Commission, Mr. Peterson for the Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Commission, and Ms. Schramm for the Tourism Advisory Board.

Mayor Flanigan reported that he has visited every department and all the City buildings, he finished the CWEP Customer Academy and encouraged others to do it as well. He has attended both Food Truck Friday events and said they were both wonderful events with beautiful weather. He will be attending a CEDC meeting this week and plans to attend the Humane Society meeting on May 29. He also reported that work on the budget is still ongoing.

During Remarks from Council Members, Ms. Gilpin hopes to attend her first Humane Society meeting, Ms. Leece thanked Sally Stuart and her husband for their hard work on the community clean up day. Mr. Perkins thanked the Mayor for his board appointments and the chance to learn more about the CWEP Board. He encourages everyone to do the customer academy to learn more about the utility company. Mr. Barlow echoed the push for citizens to do the customer academy. Mr. Snow wanted to thank the ladies who work at the Recycling Center for all of their hard work and help during his recent visit. He also thanked Sally for her work she is doing. Ms. Schramm commended the Mayor for all of his work and commitment to the City. She thanked Mr. Bayless for his help with a few issues. She missed the Vision Carthage clean up day, but hopes to make the next one. She reported on attending her first Budget meeting as a committee member. She reported that CWEP would be doing tours on Thursday at 10 am an 6 pm at the power and water plant. She also reported that the moderate priced housing that Planning and Zoning is looking into would be a wonderful thing for Carthage. Mr. Wells reported attending the Tower to Tower 5K that was put on by CWEP, he

also thanked Mr. Bayless for his help in fixing some water draining issue at Southside and Maple Street.

Police Captain Chad Dininger thanked Mayor Flanigan for coming down to the department and meeting everyone.

Fire Chief Jason Martin reported that he and Fire Marshall Maples recently attended some training in Branson.

Interim Public Works Director Josiah Bayless reported that the sidewalks on the south side of the square have started and they will be pouring concrete later this week. The Hazel and Airport expansion is underway and encourages everyone to take a different route and to please not move barricades. He also looks forward to getting the box culvert contracts approved so those can get started.

Parks and Recreation Director Abi Almandinger reported that the pool is being filled, Central Park restroom renovations are underway, and that the plantings have been happening around town. She also thanked Mayor Flanigan for coming out and visiting her departments.

City Administrator Traci Cox reported that sales tax for the month was down 10.84% from the same month last year and that it is 11.07% away from hitting the budgeted amount for this fiscal year. The Use tax came in at \$120,695.52 for the month and that the YTD total is \$1,215,479.36. She also thanked Melissa Little, the Tourism Director, for all of her hard work in making Food Truck Friday a successful event. There have been positive reports from visitors and vendors about the events.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,673,127.60 against the following funds: General Revenue \$504,091.00, Public Health \$4,047.37, Lodging \$6,861.74, Public Safety \$9,385.96, Parks/Stormwater \$48,529.29, Fire Protection \$348.00, Golf \$22,647.92, Capital Improvements \$2,000.00, Parks and Recreation \$27.64, Myers Park \$6,135.00, Use Tax \$22,543.32, Public Facilities \$149,781.05, Public Library \$35,000.00, Payroll \$361,729.31, and Carthage Water and Electric \$1,500,000.00. Mr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 25-23 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and CGI Digital for a cost-free decorative street banner program, in partnership with Vision Carthage was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Derek Peterson, Kate Gilpin, Lori Leece, Ray West, Jack Perkins, David Thorn, Tom Barlow, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 25-22.

Under New Business, C.B. 25-24 -- An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Neutron Holdings, Inc. d/b/a LIME for scooter rental in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading.

Ms. Schramm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to forward Council Bill 25-24 to second reading due to its emergency status. Motion carried.

C.B. 25-24 -- An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Neutron Holdings, Inc. d/b/a LIME for scooter rental in the City of Carthage, Missouri second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays. Ayes: Derek Peterson, Kate Gilpin,

Lori Leece, Ray West, Jack Perkins, David Thorn, Tom Barlow, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 25-23.

C.B. 25-25 -- An Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Celco Partnership DBA Verizon Wireless, for a temporary COW/COLT cell tower for Marian Days 2025 held in Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-26 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Elements Construction Concepts, Inc. of Joplin, Missouri, for the replacement of the West Macon and Center Street Box Culverts in the amount of \$308,915.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-27 -- An Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Elite Site Work of Kisse Mills, Missouri for the HH and Chapel Road Sidewalk project in the amount of \$289,559.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-28 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with JKS Construction Inc., for a box culvert replacement on East Chestnut Street, in the amount of \$165,474.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-29 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended contract with the Vision Carthage for Specified Services in the City of Carthage, until June 30, 2026, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-30 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Boots Court Foundation/Carthage Visitors Center for \$36,000.00 annually beginning July 1, 2025, for Tourism and Marketing Services, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-31 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage and the Carthage Over 60 Center for services in the amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-32 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Carthage and the Carthage Economic Development Corporation and to agree upon general terms and commit to the financial terms of the Agreement was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-33 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Guaranty Bank for Banking Services was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-34 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the plan review of the McGregor St Bridge in the amount of \$25,000.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 25-35 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign an amended and restated City of Carthage, Missouri, Police and Fire Pension Plan City of Carthage document. Such amendment and restatement of the Plan is as recommended by the Police and Fire Pension Plan Committee was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schramm, to approve Resolution 2086 -- A Resolution authorizing the City of Carthage to enter into broker agreement with Ollis/Akers/Arney for the 2025/2026 policy year. Resolution 2086 was adopted after a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Derek Peterson, Kate Gilpin, Lori Leece, Ray West, Jack Perkins, David Thorn, Tom Barlow, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to approve Resolution 2087 -- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carthage granting an Administrative Lot Split for property located East of South Grand Avenue on East Fir Road, consisting of approximately 20.51 acres. Resolution 2087 was adopted after a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Derek Peterson, Kate Gilpin, Lori Leece, Ray West, Jack Perkins, David Thorn, Tom Barlow, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells.

During closing comments, Mayor Flanigan commended the entire council for their work and decisions they have to make in their positions. Ms. Gilpin thanked the Mayor for all of his work and dedication to the City. Ms. Leece thanked the Mayor for attending everything he can. Mr. Perkins asked for more communication about all the road work and construction going on with the gas company. Mr. Thorn appreciated the Mayor for attending everything and looks forward to the Council getting the City back in order. Mr. Barlow echoes getting the City back in order and thanked the Mayor for his proclamation at the National Day of Prayer. Mr. Snow congratulated the seniors graduating this week, and was glad that all of the council technology worked this evening. Ms. Schramm reported that she would be attending the Women Empower Conference that the Chamber is hosting. She also reported that she will attend the Jasper County CASA luncheon. Mr. Wells and Mr. Peterson both thanked the Mayor for all of his hard work.

Mr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilpin, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.