



City of Carthage, Missouri  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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February 23, 2026 - 5:30 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Members Present: Alan Snow, Ray West, Juan Topete

Others Present: Mayor David Flanigan, City Administrator Traci Cox

Staff Present: Police Chief Chad Dininger, Fire Chief Jason Martin, Admin

Assist/Emergency Management Coordinator Morgan Housh

Citizens Present: Mitsy Welch, Barb Brightwell

**2. Old Business**

1. Approval of 1-26-26 Minutes

Chairman Snow made a motion to accept the 1/26/26 minutes as presented.

Councilman Topete made a motion to approve. 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)

Mitsy Welch was present at the meeting. She was not on the agenda. Chairman Snow allowed her to voice her complaint against the Carthage Police Department. No actions were taken and Mitsy will be speaking with the Police Department tomorrow to further discuss her concerns.

1. Consider and discuss traffic flow on Main and Maple between Centennial and Fairlawn - Tom Brekken

Tom Brekken was not present to discuss the traffic flow on Main and Maple between Centennial and Fairlawn. The committee had a brief discussion on the matter. Councilman Topete made a motion to forward to Public Works to review the concerns and the parking on Main and Maple between Centennial and Fairlawn. Motion passed.

2. Consider and discuss handicap signage in front of St. Ann Catholic Church - Barb Brightwell

Barb Brightwell spoke to the committee on the handicap signage in front of St. Ann Catholic Church. Mrs. Brightwell is requesting updating and additional handicap signage in front of St. Ann Catholic Church, located at the corner of Clinton Street and 10th Street. Currently, there are two designated spaces on Clinton Street directly in front of the church, one of the signs is missing, and the street markings are worn. She is requesting new signage and updated street markings for these two spots. In addition to these maintenance requests, she is also requesting a third handicap space be added at the north end of this row,

near the parking lot entrance off Clinton Street. Councilman Topete made a motion to forward to Public Works to update the current handicap spots and add an additional handicap spot. Motion passed.

#### **4. New Business**

1. Consider and discuss pool table donation acceptance. - Chief Martin  
Chief Martin discussed the donation of a pool table to the Carthage Fire Department. Valerie Berry called the Fire Department about a used pool table that her mother would like to donate to the CFD. Councilman Topete made a motion to accept the donation of the pool table to the CFD. Motion passed.
2. Consider and discuss Fire Department Station 1 roof bid - Chief Martin  
Chief Martin spoke with the committee on the current condition of the roof at Fire Station 1 (401 W Chestnut). Chief Martin has spoken with a couple of businesses on possible fixes or complete new roof options. Chief Martin will speak with Public Works to look at the condition of the roof and spec out needs. A sealed bid will be sent out with the specs. No motion taken.
3. Consider and discuss AED purchase with McCune Brooks Hospital Trust Grant proceeds. - Chief Martin  
Chief Martin spoke to the committee on the purchase of AEDs with the McCune Brooks Hospital Trust Grant proceeds. Fifteen semi-automatic ZOLL AEDs (including one set CPR Uni-Padz and battery pack), eight additional battery packs, eight additional Uni-Padz, and eight carrying cases will be purchased from Joplin SafetyNET, LLC in the amount of \$34,990.00 from the McCune Brooks Hospital Trust Grant. Councilman Topete made a motion to approve the purchase of AED with the grant money in the amount of \$34,990.00 from Joplin SafetyNET LLC. Motion passed.
4. Consider and discuss acceptance of the LEST grant - Chief Dininger  
Chief Dininger spoke with the committee on the Law Enforcement Sales Tax Grant (LEST Grant). This is a grant the Police Department gets every year and is a reimbursement grant. This year the Police Department was granted \$40,468.00 for unfitting equipment for patrol vehicle, forensic/reconstruction computer, ODET fees, FirstTwo Software, Adore FTO Software, body armor, and Bro-Outflow suppressors. Councilman Topete made a motion to accept the LEST Grant and forward it to full council for approval. Motion passed.
5. Consider and discuss Fire and Police Capital Budget review.  
Chief Martin discussed and reviewed with the committee the Fire Department capital requests.  
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No motions were needed.
6. Staff Reports

Fire Department

Chief Martin spoke briefly about the storm spotter class.

Police Department

No additional staff reports

**5. Adjournment**

Councilman Topete made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Motion passed.