



City of Carthage, Missouri
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 17, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor David B. Flanigan

STAFF PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine, Administrative Assistant Angie Judd, Tourism Director Melissa Little, Golf Operations Supervisor Cory Kerbs

Chair Jana Schramm called the meeting to order at 05:29 PM.

2. Old Business

1. Approval of January 20, 2026 Minutes.

Mr. West motioned to accept the minutes from the January 20th meeting. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 2.1. by Ray West;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Citizen Participation

(Citizens wishing to address the Council or Committee should notify the City in advance and provide the item they want to address in written format at least 24 hours before the meeting. Please call Angie Judd at the Parks & Recreation office at 417-237-7035, or email a.judd@carthagemo.gov.)

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss Community Earth Day in Central Park.

Julie Reams, President of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, requested use of Central Park for the fifth annual Carthage Community Earth Day celebration scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with park access beginning at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Reams advised that the event continues to grow each year, is free to the community, and will include children's activities, participation from multiple local organizations, and two food trucks. Free tree seedlings will also be distributed. She further reported that the Chamber is coordinating with Vision Carthage to

hold their Community Clean Up Day to begin the day's activities. Ms. Schramm made a motion to approve the Earth Day event in Central Park on April 18th beginning at 8:00 a.m. and to approve the use of food trucks for the event. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.1. by Jana Schramm;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider and discuss Tropix food truck in the parks.

Mr. Bonine advised that Becky Freeman, owner of the Tropix food trailer, requested permission to operate her food trailer in the parks during the spring and summer sports season, primarily at Municipal Park and Fair Acres Park. Mr. Perkins inquired whether the food trailer would present a conflict with existing concession operations. Mr. Bonine advised that he had spoken with the local organizations, and they indicated no concerns with the request. Ms. Kang motioned to accept Tropix food trailer in the parks during the spring and sports season. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.2. by Beth Kang;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Consider and discuss YMCA contract.

Jonathan Roberts, Executive Director of the Fair Acres YMCA, requested approval to manage pool operations for the upcoming summer season. Mr. Roberts outlined proposed operational changes, including adjusted pricing, revised operating hours, free swim opportunities for residents on Wednesdays, and the allowance of outside food. He reported that free dinner service will continue to be offered Monday through Friday. Mr. Roberts advised that increased operating costs, particularly salaries, necessitated the proposed adjustments to pricing and open hours. He also discussed potential grant opportunities and future facility improvements. Ms. Kang requested that proposed improvement plans be brought back to the Committee once confirmed. Mr. Roberts advised that this would be done. Ms. Kang made a motion to accept the contract. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.3. by Beth Kang;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Consider and discuss fireworks RFP.

Ms. Judd advised that the previous fireworks contract concluded last year and that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was published for bids for the Red, White and Boom fireworks show. One bid was received from Pyro Spectaculars in the amount of \$25,000. Ms. Judd stated that the bid exceeded the amount requested but noted that fireworks pricing has increased in recent months. She further

advised that Pyro Spectaculars has provided the fireworks display in Carthage for at least the past six years. Ms. Schramm asked Ms. Reams for her perspective based on prior experience coordinating fireworks displays. Ms. Reams advised that the bid amount was fair and that a lower bid would likely not be received. Mr. West inquired about the RFP process. Ms. Judd reported that the RFP was published on the City website, in the Carthage Chronicle, and distributed via email to various companies in the region. Mr. Perkins made a motion to accept the bid from Pyro Spectaculars in the amount of \$25,000 for the Red, White and Boom 2026 fireworks display. The motion passed.

5. Consider and discuss Memorial Hall rental fees.

Ms. Judd presented Memorial Hall rental rates along with comparative pricing from other area venues for the Committee's review. Ms. Schramm advised the Committee that Memorial Hall revenue was down compared to the previous year and requested discussion on potential strategies for improvement. Vendor table pricing for the Vendor Market held between October and March was discussed, with a plan to propose revised pricing for both resident and nonresident vendors. Ms. Judd stated she would present updated pricing scales at the next meeting. Ms. Schramm motioned to table item until the next meeting. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to table item 4.5. by Jana Schramm;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. Consider and discuss alcohol sales at the Golf Course.

Cory Kerbs, Head Golf Operations Supervisor, requested approval to begin alcohol sales at the Golf Course as soon as possible. Mr. Kerbs outlined procedures and safeguards, including staff training, product placement within the Pro Shop, monitoring measures, signage, and enforcement policies regarding outside alcohol. Discussion was held regarding tournaments, pricing flexibility, and operational considerations. Ms. Schramm made a motion to approve the liquor policy and to move forward as of February 25th following the City Council meeting, contingent upon holding a meeting with tournament directors to communicate policy changes and discuss pricing structures for tournament alcohol sales. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.6. by Jana Schramm;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Consider and discuss Parks capital requests.

Mr. Bonine presented capital requests for both the Parks and Recreation Department and the Golf Course. He reported on the status of Golf Course projects previously approved for the current fiscal year and outlined proposed requests for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Perkins suggested the addition of a walking bridge along the 11th fairway to the left of the ditch. Mr. Bonine advised that grant funding opportunities may be available for certain requests. Lease options for equipment purchases were discussed. Ms. Schramm inquired about the warranty status of the current golf cart fleet, to which Mr. Kerbs advised that

all warranties would expire by July. Mr. Bonine also reported on the status of previously approved Parks projects for the current fiscal year and outlined proposed requests for the next fiscal year. Ms. Schramm inquired about the Fair Acres playground request in this year's projects and Mr. Bonine stated he would revisit that project. No action was taken.

8. Consider and discuss Tourism capital requests.
Ms. Little presented capital requests for the Civil War Museum related to fire code compliance. No action was taken.

5. Staff Reports

1. Golf Report.
Mr. Kerbs presented the January Golf Course reports, stating that rounds were up due to favorable weather conditions for much of the month prior to freezing temperatures that resulted in temporary closure of the course. He added that the driving range continues to serve as a steady source of revenue. Ms. Kang inquired about revenue comparisons between memberships and individual rounds. Mr. Kerbs advised that revenue impacts vary depending on several factors, including day-of-week play. Mr. Kerbs expressed appreciation for Golf Course staff.
2. Memorial Hall Report.
Mr. Bonine presented the Memorial Hall report.
3. Parks Report.
Mr. Bonine presented the Parks Maintenance report. He advised that the disc golf project has been temporarily delayed due to time constraints and necessary repairs to the Central Park restroom facilities. Mr. Bonine reported that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the dog park will be scheduled for May and stated that staff hopes to involve the Carthage Humane Society. Mr. Bonine further advised that Vision Carthage is seeking artists for a maple leaf art installation project and requested permission to place installations on City-owned property. Ms. Kang made a motion to approve the maple leaf art installations subject to City approval of placement. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 5.3. by Beth Kang;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Bonine presented the Lime scooter contract for review. Mr. Perkins and Mr. West expressed concerns. Ms. Kang acknowledged concerns and inquired about the benefits of the program. Mr. Bonine reported that revenue from Lime scooters for the previous year totaled \$5,861.40. Ms. Schramm made a motion to forward the contract to full Council for further discussion and consideration of additional operational parameters. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 5.3. by Ms. Schramm;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Civil War Museum Report.

Ms. Little presented the Civil War Museum attendance report, noting that colder weather conditions impacted visitation numbers. She advised that the Civil War Museum Board will meet on Monday to review and revise the mission statement, which will be presented to the Committee at a later date.

5. Tourism Report.

Ms. Little also provided a copy of the Food Truck Friday lineup scheduled from April through September and advised that monthly themes will be centered on Route 66.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Kang motioned to adjourn. The motion passed.

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 07:56 PM by Beth Kang
	Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Jana Schramm, Jack Perkins, Ray West, Beth Kang
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None