

City of Carthage

Civil War Museum Advisory Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 **Time:** 4:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall – Upstairs Conference Room 326 Grant St., Carthage, MO 64836

Call to Order

President David Armstrong called the meeting to order at **4:35 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by President David Armstrong.

Roll Call

Present: Brian Crigger, Gary Stuart, Chris Johnson, David Armstrong

Also Present: Mayor Bren Flanigan; Council Member Ron Wells; Melissa Little, Tourism Director

Absent: Ed Barlow

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by **Brian Crigger**, seconded by **Gary Stuart**, to approve the minutes from the **January 5, 2026** meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments

None.

Report of Council Liaison and/or Mayor

Mayor Flanigan reported on a museum staff meeting he attended and stated the meeting went very well.

Committee Reports

No reports.

Administrative Report

Tourism Director Melissa Little reported that she is actively working with Fire Marshal Eli Maples to obtain three bids for consideration of a capital improvement project for FY27. She also reported that January visitor numbers were down due to weather but have since increased, with field trips currently being scheduled.

Old Business

None.

New Business Gary Keene and Chris Weldon have both verbally submitted their resignation.

Mayor Flanigan emphasized the importance of long-term planning, noting that board terms are three years while City Council terms are shorter. He also clarified that the Public Service Committee is the deciding body for any changes to the mission and vision.

- Review of City Code Section 2-496
- Review of 1999 Mission Statement
- Review of Potential Updated Mission Statement (Mission, Vision, Scope of Interpretation)

A motion to table was made by **Brian Crigger**, seconded by **Gary Stuart**.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion of Adjacent Interpretive and Community Information Space

A motion to table was made by **Chris Johnson**, seconded by **Brian Crigger**.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion of Potential Uses for the Upstairs Space

A motion to table was made by **Chris Johnson**, seconded by **Gary Stuart**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for **March 24, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.** in the upstairs conference room at City Hall.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by **Brian Crigger**, seconded by **Chris Johnson**.

The meeting adjourned at **5:27 p.m.**