



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

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March 19, 2026 - 5:30 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Snow at 5:30 PM  
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, Police Admin. Sgt. Heather Wolfe  
Citizens Present: Sally Stuart

**2. Old Business**

1. Approval of 2-23-26 Minutes

Chairman Snow made a motion to accept the 2/23/26 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)

1. Consider and discuss Clean-up Day, April 18th - Vision Carthage, Sally Stuart  
Citizen speaker, Sally Stuart with Vision Carthage, gave an update on the Clean-Up Day event, to be held on April 18th 2026 from 8:30 AM to 9:30 PM.  
Volunteers are to meet at Central Park.  
No motion was needed.
2. Consider and discuss Dumpster Day, May 3rd - Vision Carthage, Sally Stuart  
Sally Stuart with Vision Carthage, spoke with the committee about the Dumpster Days event, to be held on May 3rd 2026 from 1 PM to 4 PM, at the Fair Acres Sports Complex parking lot at 800 George E Phelps Blvd.  
No motions were needed.
3. Consider and discuss The Evening Soiree, June 27th - Vision Carthage, Sally Stuart  
Sally with Vision Carthage, gave an update on the Evening Soiree event, to be held on June 27th 2026, at Central Park from 6:30PM - 9:30PM. Sally requested security from the Carthage Police Department due to serving alcohol during the event.  
A motion to accept dates, times and alcohol sales was made by Councilman

Topete.  
Motion passed.

#### 4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss Food Truck Friday dates, road closures and alcohol sales — Melissa Little  
**Dates:** April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th and September 11th.  
**Road closures:** on 7th Street from Garrison to Main, and Lyon Street from 7th to Chestnut.  
**Times:** 7:00AM to 10:00PM.

City Administrator, Traci Cox spoke on behalf of Melissa Little to provide information on the Food Truck Friday events. They will be held on April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, Aug 14th and September 11th, from 7:00 Am to 10:00 Pm. Road closures will be: 7th Street from Garrison to Main, and Lyon Street from 7th to Chestnut.

A request was made for security from the Carthage Police Department due to there being alcohol sales during the event. Alcohol sales will be from 6:00 Pm to 9:00 Pm.

Councilman Topete made a motion to accept times, dates, road closures and alcohol sales.  
Motion passed.

2. Consider and discuss Cruise for a Cause event to be held on the 4th Saturday of each month, located on the square. The event is being held by Chris Goodwin and Brian Judd. They are requesting to back into parking spots, no road closures are needed.  
**Dates:** March 28th, April 25th, May 29th, June 27th, July 25th, Aug 29th, Sept 26th and Oct 31st  
**Location:** South side of the square (Cassandra at the Gaderian has given permission if they need to park in front of the building)  
**Times:** Set up 4:00PM - 10:00PM, the events themselves will be held from 5:00PM to 9:00PM

After lengthy discussion, Councilman Topete made a motion to approve the times, dates, and for people to back into parking spots on the South side of the square for the Cruise for a Cause event, which will be every 4th Saturday.

Cassandra with the Gaderian is willing to work with the event organizer, or the Tourism Director, Melissa Little, if they need to park in front of their business, as long as the Gaderian does not have an event planned for that time.

Dates for the event: March 28th, April 25th, May 22nd, June 27th, July 25th, Aug 29th, Sept 26th and Oct 24th.

Set up times for the event will be from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, take down times for the event will be from 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM. The event itself will be held from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Motion passed.

3. Consider and discuss acceptance of sealed bid quotes for roof repairs — Chief Martin

Chief Martin requested to reject bids due to the companies not bidding for the same product items. Chief Martin will re-bid with more specific requests.  
No motion needed.

4. Consider and discuss obtaining permission to submit a grant application to the McCune Brooks Trust for funds to be spent on upgrading the Zoll Auto Pulse CPR machines — Chief Martin  
Chief Martin requested permission to submit a grant to the McCune Brooks Trust fund to purchase upgraded Zoll Auto Pulse CPR machines.  
Councilman Topete made a motion to accept the request.  
Motion passed.
5. Consider and discuss the use of donation money to purchase rifles. — Chief Dininger  
Chief Dininger made a request to use the Carthage Police Department's donation account to purchase two rifles.  
Councilman Topete made a motion to accept the request.  
Motion passed.
6. Consider and discuss the use of donation money to purchase workout equipment. — Chief Dininger  
Chief Dininger requested to use the Carthage Police Department's donation account to purchase upgraded workout equipment for the department's gym.  
Councilman Topete made a motion to approve the request.  
Motion passed.
7. Consider and discuss approval to purchase routers for police vehicles with the Violent Crime Prevention grant. — Chief Dininger  
Chief Dininger requested approve to use the Violent Crime Prevention grant to purchase in case routers for police vehicles.  
Councilman Topete made a motion to accept the request.  
Motion passed.
8. Staff Reports

Fire Department

Chief Martin gave station updates and informed members of the upcoming Storm Spotting class.

Police Department

Chief Dininger gave staffing updates.

**5. Adjournment**

At 6:39 PM, Councilman Topete made a motion to adjourn.  
Motion passed.