

# City of Carthage, Missouri

## CITY COUNCIL

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APRIL 14, 2026 – 6:30 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### MINUTES

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in Council Chambers at 6:30 PM with Mayor David B. Flanigan presiding. Fire Chief Jason Martin gave the invocation. Police Chief Chad Dininger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Derek Peterson, Juan Topete, Ray West, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells. Council Members David Thorn and Beth Kang were absent. City Attorney Jon Gold was present. City Administrator Traci Cox was absent.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Chad Dininger, Fire Chief Jason Martin, Public Works Director Josiah Bayless, and Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine, and City Clerk Miranda Deal.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2026 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

During Presentations, Mayor Flanigan presented Council Members Derek Peterson and Jana Schramm with outgoing plaques and thanked them for their last two years of serving on the Council.

During Public Comments, Regina Wells 2026 S Maple, spoke highly of the Civil War Museum employee that was working over the weekend when she went in with family. She also said the Boots Visitor Center employee was very nice and offered lots of information.

Mitsy Welch was present to ask the Council to have a special meeting to discuss her court case.

Teresa Nixon with the Carthage Humane Society was present to state that the City and Humane Society have reached an agreement that will begin July 1.

Toby Hulstine, general manager of the Quality Inn hotel, was present to discuss what the current and future plans of the hotel are. There is a lot of money being invested into that hotel and they closely monitoring the activity going on at that hotel and they will not allow anything against the law. They are renovating the whole hotel and they are going to be converting to the Precious Hotel by Fairbridge.

James Hildesheim, 2061 Lakeview St, was present to discuss the duplexes being built in the Lakeview subdivision and asked how a neighboring community was developed as a single family area and not Lakeview.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways and Means Committee did not meet on April 13<sup>th</sup> due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Peterson reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this day and approved the claims. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Snow reported that the Public Safety Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Schramm reported that the Public Services Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Peterson reported that the Public Works Committee met April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. They approved a lot split for Arvest Bank on Grand Avenue, this will appear under this evenings resolutions. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Perkins for the Carthage Water and Electric Board, Ms. Schramm reported that the Vision Carthage Clean up day and the Chamber of Commerce Earth day event were this coming Saturday in Central Park. Mr. Snow reported on the Humane Society contract and that it would be at the next public safety meeting. Mr. Peterson reported on the Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Commission and Mr. West reported on the Kellogg Lake Board meeting.

Mayor Flanigan reported on the departmental budget meetings, the ribbon cutting for the farmers market pavilion. He also reported that he and many other current members and members up on the ballot attended a citizen organized meeting regarding the humane society. He attended a virtual MML Mayor's meeting, the big concern is the elimination of state income tax and the ADA requirements for websites and live streaming. He also touched on the bridge committee, the housing committee meeting, code enforcement efforts that are underway. He also announced that after having many people inspect the pool, it is too far in disrepair to open this season. The electrical needs replaced and the leak that has been known about needs to be found and fixed. He also announced that he is looking for someone to fill the ward 2 vacant seat due to the write in's declining the position.

During Remarks from Council Members, Mr. Wells reported on attending the storm spotter class that the fire department had. He also wished Mr. Peterson and Ms. Schramm good luck in their future. Ms. Schramm gave a farewell speech that revisited the events of the last two years. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their work. Mr. Snow thanked Ms. Schramm for all of her hard work on Council. He believes she has been the hardest working council member in his time on council. He also thanked Mr.

Peterson for his work and appreciated that he was always well spoken and informed and thanked him for his work and future work on the bridge committee. Mr. Perkins is also concerned about the state eliminating the state income tax and thinks it will become a problem. He also said he appreciates those council members who stand up for what they believe in like Ms. Schramm did. He also appreciates that Mr. Peterson was always prepared and true to his word. Mr. West and Mr. Topete also thanked those two for their service on Council. Mr. Peterson gave his farewell speech and congratulated Robin Harrison. He also thanked his wife for the support for him being on council and having to commit a lot of time to it.

Fire Chief Jason Martin reported that the fire department along with the school district, Mercy, and the police department all participated in an active shooter exercise. He reported that the new AED's are in, they are just needing to get City staff trained on how to use them before they distribute them to the various city buildings they will be located in. He will also keep an eye on the weather through the week as there is a severe weather potential.

Public Works Director Josiah Bayless reported that the code enforcement efforts are starting on Oak Street, there have been 22 letters sent out for various items on houses that need to be address. He also reported that there are 13 yards being monitored in the same area for weed enforcement. He thanked Ms. Schramm and Mr. Peterson for their work on Council

Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine reported that there are new barns being built at the fairgrounds. The golf course is looking good and the crew is getting ready for the busy season to start. He thanked the Mayor and Mr. Bayless for their help in addressing the pool issues. He also reminded everyone of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Municipal Park.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,519,972.86 against the following funds: General Revenue \$131,169.44, Public Health \$556.32 , Lodging \$6,473.54, Public Safety \$2,320.00, Parks/Stormwater \$51,593.79, Fire Protection \$198.00, Golf \$39,660.75, Capital Improvements \$164,816.59, Myers Park \$1,271.00, Judicial Education \$350.00, South Economic Development Park \$12,000.00, Public Library \$55,000.00, Payroll \$354,563.43, and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,700,000.00. Mr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 26-19 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Carthage Youth Softball League for non-exclusive use of the softball fields at the Fair Acres Sports Complex during the summer of 2026, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Derek Peterson, Juan Topete, Ray West, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-18.

C.B 26-20 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Fair Acres YMCA for non-exclusive use of the fields at the Fair Acres Sports Complex for the YMCA's Spring Sports Program, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Derek Peterson, Juan Topete, Ray West, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-19.

C.B. 26-21 -- An Ordinance to establish places of posting of the notices of public meetings was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Derek Peterson, Juan Topete, Ray West, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Jana Schramm, and Ron Wells. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-20.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the certified election results. Motion carried. The old council was adjourned and a 15 minutes recess was called at 7:30 pm.

Council was called back into session at 7:43 pm.

Under New Business, the Clerk issued the oath of office to new council members – Juan Topete-Ward 1, Robin Harrison-Ward 1, Jack Perkins-Ward 3, and Susan Fierro-Reddy-Ward 5, and to Mayor, David B. Flanigan.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Ron Wells, and Susan Fierro-Reddy.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the Mayor's Committee Appointments.

Budget Ways & Means – Alan Snow, Juan Topete, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, David Thorn

Committee on Insurance/Audits and Claims – Ron Wells, Robin Harrison, Susan Reddy, Ray West

Public Service – Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

Public Safety – David Thorn, Alan Snow, Susan Reddy, Ray West

Public Works – Juan Topete, Ray West, Jack Perkins, Robin Harrison

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the Mayor's Board Liaison Appointments.

Ms. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reddy to appoint Juan Topete as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Well made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to appoint Alan Snow as Mayor Pro Tem.

The vote for Mr. Topete as Pro Tem had 4 votes – Topete, Harrison, West, and Reddy.

The vote for Mr. Snow as Pro Tem had 3 votes – Wells, Perkins, and Snow.

Mr. Topete was named Mayor pro tem.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perkins to postpone Council Bills 26-25 and 26-26 and Resolution 2121 until the next council meeting due to the lack of quorum for the budget meeting where these items were going to be discussed. Motion carried.

C.B. 26-12 -- An Ordinance annexing certain adjacent territory known as Lot 13 in Breckenwood 3rd Addition, into the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri as requested by Richard and Wylone Abbott was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 26-22 -- An Emergency Ordinance amending Ordinance 26-16, regarding the replat of Blackberry Briar Subdivision located East of Prospect Avenue between 13th Street and Budlong Street, in the City of Carthage Missouri, as requested by Wright Family Homes/Chris Wright, to include the legal description of the property was placed on first reading.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to forward C.B. 26-22 to second reading due to its emergency status. Motion carried.

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C.B. 26-23 -- An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Carthage to add Article III Division 6, Section Sec. 2-178. - General functions, in the City of Carthage, Missouri, adding to the functions of the city clerk the requirement to post all agendas was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 26-24 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended agreement with the Boots Court Foundation/Carthage Visitors Center beginning July 1, 2026, for Tourism and Marketing Services, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 26-25 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Carthage Chamber of Commerce for Specified Services, from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was postponed until the April 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

C.B. 26-26 -- 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 postponed until the April 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Under Mayor's Appointments, Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the Mayor's Appointments as presented.

John Burgi until December 2026, and Larry Deffenbaugh until December 2028, to the Civil War Museum Advisory Board, and Brandon Scott until March 2028 to the Jasper County Extension Center. Motion Carried

Under Resolutions, Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve Resolution 2120 -- A Resolution of the City Council approving a recommendation of the Public Works Committee granting and Administrative Lot Split for property located at 2740 Grand Avenue, as requested by Arvest Bank, in the City of Carthage, Missouri. Resolution 2120 was adopted after a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Ron Wells, and Susan Fierro-Reddy.

Resolution 2121 -- A Resolution authorizing a budget adjustment to the Public Safety Fund for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for a line-item adjustment to Capital Outlay for the purchase of two rifles and workout equipment for the Police Department. Resolution 2121 was postponed until the April 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

During closing comments, Mayor Flanigan congratulated the new council members, Everyone welcomed Ms. Harrison and Ms. Reddy to the Council. Mr. Perkins brought up a safety concern with people riding the electric chairs on streets and not having safety flags or reflectors on them.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.