



City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 11, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Wells, Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Alan Snow, David Thorn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor David B. Flanigan

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Traci Cox, Administrative Assistant Dorothy Weber, City Clerk Miranda Deal, Public Works Director Josiah Bayless, Park Director Richard Bonine, Fire Chief Jason Martin, Police Chief Chad Dininger, IT Director Michael Keith, Tourism Director Melissa Little.

Chair Alan Snow called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. Old Business

1. Approval of March 9, 2026 Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve March 9, 2026 Minutes by Juan Topete
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Ron Wells, Beth Kang, Alan Snow, Juan Topete, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Citizens Participation

(Citizens wishing to speak should notify Department Head or Committee Chair in advance)

4. New Business

1. Consider and Discuss Budget Adjustment for Police Department
Ms. Cox explained that the budget adjustment was for two rifles and exercise equipment. The funds will come out of the public safety donation account.

ACTION: Motion to forward PD budget adjustment to Council by Juan Topete

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Alan Snow, Juan Topete, Ron Wells, Beth Kang, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider and Discuss Contract with the Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Cox explained that the only change to the chamber contract is that the Mayor now has a position with voting rights. Ms. Kang asked if the Mayor will always have voting rights on the board. Mayor Flanigan stated the the Chamber is changing their by-laws. Ms. Cox stated that this is a one-year contract and the Mayor will have voting rights as long as it's in the contract.

ACTION: Motion to forward Chamber of Commerce contract to Council by Juan Topete

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Juan Topete, Beth Kang, David Thorn, Alan Snow, Ron Wells

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Consider and Discuss Contract with the Over 60 Center

Ms. Cox stated that the Over 60 Center contract is the same as last year. The amount is to pay for utilities and repairs. Mr. Thorn asked who pays for the utilities and Ms. Cox stated that the City does.

ACTION: Motion forward the Over 60 Center Contract to Council by Juan Topete

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Juan Topete, Beth Kang, Alan Snow, David Thorn, Ron Wells

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Consider and Discuss Budget Adjustment for Fire Department

Ms. Cox explained that the budget adjustment is for the brush truck. The funds were originally supposed to come out of ARPA, but that fund had to be closed out. The adjustment is to take the funds out of capital.

ACTION: Motion to forward the budget adjustment for the Fire Department to Council by Ron Wells

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Ron Wells, Beth Kang, David Thorn, Alan Snow, Juan Topete

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. FY 2026-2027 Budget Review

Ms. Cox stated that sales tax has been flat. Mr. Wells asked how much the city tax is. Ms. Cox stated that it is 2.5 cents. Ms. Cox stated that the city collects an average of 96% of property taxes. Mr. Wells asked how the senior citizen tax freeze affected tax revenue and Ms. Cox stated that it didn't affect the revenue. Ms. Cox explained that the Use tax has also stayed flat. Expenses are outpacing revenue. Telephone tax is decreasing. Cigarette tax is decreasing. Transfer from Water and Electric is 3 1/2 percent. Mrs. Kang asked about the programming at Parks amount. Mr. Snow spoke about the taxi program and lime scooters. Ms. Cox stated that the MBH funds won't be as much this year. The Committee discussed salaries and cola and step increases. The Department Heads each reviewed their capital requests for the 26/27 FY.

6. Staff Reports

Ms. Cox stated that sales tax is up 16% from this time last year and that YTD is up from last year. Use Tax is down 6.5 % from last year. IT stated that they have been working on the cell phone transition.

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 7:59 PM by Alan Snow
	Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES:	David Thorn, Ron Well, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Juan Topete
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None