



City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY COUNCIL

May 26, 2026 - 6:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag**
- 4. Calling of the Roll**
- 5. Reading and Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 1. Approval of May 12, 2026 Minutes
- 6. Presentations/Proclamations**
 1. Cochran Engineering - Downtown Sidewalk Expansion Project Update
- 7. Public Comments**

(Each person addressing the Council 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 Council or Chair)
- 8. Reports of Standing Committees**
 1. Agendas and Minutes of Standing Committees
- 9. Reports from Special Committees and Board Liaisons**
 1. Agendas and Minutes of Special Committees
- 10. Report of the Mayor**
- 11. Reports/Remarks of Councilmembers**

(During reports/remarks of councilmembers, members of the council may take this opportunity to report on meetings, make comments and/or express concerns regarding current issues impacting the city, or make announcements concerning topics of interest of the council.)
- 12. Administrative Reports**
- 13. Report of Claims Presented Against the City**
 1. Motion and a second to approve the Claims
- 14. Public Hearings**
- 15. Old Business**
 1. 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.

2. 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.
3. C.B. 26-34 -- An Ordinance accepting the final plat of South Rollins Creek, as submitted by J Builders LLC, generally located at the NE corner of Fairview and Buena Vista, in the City of Carthage, Missouri.
4. C.B. 26-35 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 25-251 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri, to add Subsection (19) Short-Term Rentals as a Special Use with Regulatory Standards

16. New Business

1. C.B. 26-36 -- An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to exercise the buy-back option on property located in Myers Park that was previously sold to TIA Investments, LLC, for the amount of \$130,000.00.
2. C.B. 26-37 -- An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Fair Acres Family YMCA, Inc. for management of the Wading Pool and to allow patrons to utilize certain amenities of the Fair Acres Family YMCA at a reduced cost for the 2026 season in the amount of \$35,000.00 in the City of Carthage, Missouri.
3. C.B. 26-38 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the plan review of the Oak Street Bridge in the amount of \$25,000.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri.

17. Mayor's Appointments

18. Resolutions

19. Closing Comments

20. Executive Session

1. **CLOSED SESSION:** ACCORDING TO SECTION 610.021 (2), THE AGENDA INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF A VOTE TO CLOSE PART OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS LEASING, PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHERE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRANSACTION MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE LEGAL CONSIDERATION THEREFOR.

21. Adjournment

1. Additional Packet Correspondence

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City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY COUNCIL

May 12, 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: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. City Attorney Jon Gold and City Administrator Traci Cox were also present.

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. Topete made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

During Public Comments, Regina Wells, 2026 S Maple, brought up the lime scooters and expressed her concerns with them.

Sally Stuart with Vision Carthage gave an update on events that happened over the past month. They are almost complete with flower plantings, they have gotten new banners hung up, dumpster days and clean up day went smoothly, and they are now planning for Restoration Carthage.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways and Means Committee met on May 11th at 5:30 pm. They approved the two budget adjustment resolutions for the police and fire departments, they also approved the Chamber of Commerce and Over 60 Center Contracts. They reviewed the FY 26-27 budget. There is a special meeting May 13 at 5:30 to hear the Carthage Water and Electric Plant budget and to continue with the city budget perfection. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Wells reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this day and approved the claims. They also discussed section 2-160 relating to the resignation or discharge of the City Administrator, they will further review that at their next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26th at 6 pm.

Mr. Snow reported that the Public Safety Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18th at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Kang reported that the Public Services Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Topete reported that the Public Works Committee met May 5th at 5:30 pm. They discussed the county road tax that is being held for the City and talked about projects to use the funds on. They also opened bids for the forklift for the recycle center. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to accept the bid from B&H Industrial for \$21,450.00 for a Unicarrier Forklift for the recycle center. Motion carried. They also got updates on the loader rebuild and the Oak Street Bridge. There will be a council bill coming forward to enter into an agreement with Union Pacific for the plan review of that bridge. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 5:30 pm./ at 5:30 pm.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Ms. Harrison for Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation, Mr. Thorn for the Public Library, Ms. Kang for the Downtown Business Alliance. Ms. Reddy reported that the Boots Court meeting is being moved out one week.

Mayor Flanigan reported that he attended the May 5 Cinco De Mayo event at the Kolpin Pavilion, he also visited the new Heartbeat Boxing facility. Work continues on the budget and on the historic design guidelines with planning and zoning. He also attended the National Day of Prayer event at the Courthouse. He hopes to have an answer about the pool before Memorial Day, the Humane Society rejected the agreement the City made to them. They continue to work to a solution, but there is currently no contracts to enter into. He is also looking for a resident from Ward 2 who wishes to serve on the empty City Council seat.

During Remarks from Council Members, Mr. West reported that he went door knocking in his neighborhood and most people had good things to say, there were a few complaints about speeding and some cleanup complaints that he talked to Mr. Bayless about already. Mr. Thorn said that he and his wife took their camper to the Boots Court and had a staycation. He thinks that RV parking area is really nice and will be a great place for people travelling through to stop at. He does have a few suggestions that he will be speaking to them about. Mr. Snow reported that the budget has gone very smoothly this year with a lot of the work being done during the day with the departments rather than having a week of budget meetings that last many hours. Ms. Kang recently finished the Customer Academy through CW&EP. She has also heard from citizens that they appreciate the code enforcement efforts. Mr. Wells encouraged the other council members to attend tomorrow's budget meeting to see what is being discussed. Ms. Reddy took a tour of CW&EP and encouraged others to do the same if they get the chance.

Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine reported that dumpster days was a huge success at the same time a large softball tournament was happening and they did not get in the way of each other. He also thanked CW&EP for helping with trying to diagnose the pool and helping with the park lights.

Public Works Director Josiah Bayless reported that the loader was received back today and it looks great. He also reported that Cochran Engineering who is doing the sidewalk extension project, will be at the next council meeting to present what they are doing and to answer any questions. He also thanked all the other departments for working together and getting things done. There has been a lot of cooperation happening through many issues and the code enforcement efforts.

Fire Chief Jason Martin reported that there was a follow up training to the active shooter training they recently did. The training was very well done and there was a lot learned they are planning the next training and it could be held in Carthage. He also reported that the department is doing hose testing this week to make sure they are properly working. The Station 1 roof repairs begin tomorrow, and the brush truck that was sent of 20 months ago has finally made it back. There are still some things that need to be completed on it before it goes into service.

Police Chief Chad Dininger reported that he attended a Missouri Police Chief's Conference recently and he is grateful to work where he does, because there are a lot of cities that have bigger issues. He is appreciative to work for the City.

City Administrator Traci Cox reported that she attended the Humane Society meeting the previous week and there is no agreement, but negotiations are still happening. As of right now, if the city takes an animal to the shelter, it will have to pay what everyone else pays which is \$200 per animal. She reported on the budget process and how things will have to be decided on in the future. The general revenue salaries make up 70% of the general revenue expenses. She also mentioned that the Public Library has a Route 66 traveling exhibition going on right now and encouraged everyone to go see it. She also mentioned the ArtCentral artwalk that is happening Friday evening.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$3,189,025.99, against the following funds: General Revenue \$129,227.47, Public Health \$169,052.11, Lodging \$2,048.54, Parks/Stormwater \$55,679.69, Fire Protection \$226.28, Golf \$9,159.11, Capital Improvements \$7,943.50, Use Tax \$485.47, Public Library \$25,000.00, Payroll \$290,203.82, and Carthage Water & Electric \$2,500,000.00. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 26-27 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Jason and Pam Graff for continued use of the pavilion in Municipal Park as a skating rink for a one-year term commencing May 1, 2026 was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-27.

C. B. 26-28 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Elements Construction Concepts, Inc. of Joplin, Missouri, for the Kellogg Lake Sidewalk and Pavilion in the amount of \$134,143.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed

on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-28.

C.B. 26-29 -- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Vision Carthage for Specified Services in the City of Carthage, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-29.

C.B. 26-30 -- An Ordinance amending Chapter 15 -- Nuisances of the Carthage City Code was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-30.

C.B. 26-31 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 503 – Holidays Authorized of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage by adding Good Friday and amending the holiday observation days for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day when Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-31.

Under New Business, 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 placed on first reading with no action taken.

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 placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 26-34 -- An Ordinance accepting the final plat of South Rollins Creek, as submitted by J Builders LLC, generally located at the NE corner of Fairview and Buena Vista, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to amend the council bill to include the legal description of the plat. Motion carried by a vote of 8 yeas and 1 nay. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. Nays: Jack Perkins.

C.B. 26-35 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 25-251 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri, to add Subsection (19) Short-Term Rentals as a Special Use with Regulatory Standards was placed on first reading with no action taken.

A discussion was held about Lime Scooters. Everyone voiced their concerns about them, some of them expressed the importance for some people to have access to the scooters. The discussion will be held at the public services meeting on Tuesday May 19th about them. The geofence being opened to the whole city was a big topic, the committee will review a possible change in the geofence to lower the amount of areas the scooters are allowed to go.

Under Mayor's Appointments, Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the reappointments of Mark Gier and Darren Collier to the Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board until May 2030. Motion carried. Ms. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the reappointment of Josh Anderson to the Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Commission until May 2030. Motion carried. Ms. Kang made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the reappointment of Brandon Scott to the Carthage Tree Board until May 2029. Motion carried. Ms. Kang made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the appointment of Alicia Knell, Marilee Lasley, and Joe Lyon to the Carthage Library Board until July 2029. Motion Carried.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve 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 adopted after a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve Resolution 2122 -- A Resolution authorizing a budget adjustment to the Capital Improvements Fund for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for a line-item adjustment to Capital Projects for upfitting the 2024 Ford Brush truck. Resolution 2122 was adopted after a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy.

During closing comments, Mayor Flanigan appreciated the good discussions had that evening. Ms. Harrison also appreciated the good discussions between the council, Mr. Thorn congratulated the Carthage High School seniors that were graduating this week. Mr. Perkins encouraged others to listen to the CW&EP budget presentation and remember that they are a very reliable service that the City has the pleasure of having. Mr. Snow talked about decorum and the special budget meeting on Wednesday.

Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.



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



City of Carthage, Missouri

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE/AUDIT AND CLAIMS

May 12, 2026 - 6:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Wells, Robin Harrison, Susan Reddy, Ray West

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor David B. Flanigan

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Traci Cox, City Clerk Miranda Deal, and IT Administrator Michael Keith

Chair Ron Wells called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM.

2. Old Business

1. Approval of April 28, 2026 Minutes

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

AYES: Ron Wells, Robin Harrison, Susan Reddy, Ray West

2. Review & Approval of the Claims Report

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 2.2. by Robin Harrison;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Ron Wells, Robin Harrison, Susan Reddy, Ray West

3. Citizens Participation

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

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss changes to Section 2-160 - Resignation and Discharge of the Carthage City Code

Ms. Harrison reviewed why she had asked for this to be on the agenda and states that she believes it needs to be read as the Mayor and Council have to agree to hire and both agree to fire the City Administrator. She does not think it should only take one of the parties to release the Administrator. The version Jon Gold had created was also reviewed and it was decided to clean that version up and remove the "either or" language the previous committee decided on and bring it back to the next committee meeting to review again.

2. Staff Reports

Ms. Cox reported that the budget is in the final stages and should hopefully be completed soon.

5. Adjournment

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:19 PM by Ray West;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Ron Wells, Robin Harrison, Susan Reddy, Ray West



City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 13, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Old Business**
 1. Approval of May 11, 2026 Minutes
- 3. Citizens Participation**

(Citizens wishing to speak should notify Department Head or Committee Chair in advance)
- 4. New Business**
 1. Discuss Carthage Water and Electric budget for fiscal year 2026-2027
 2. Budget Perfection
 3. Staff Reports
- 5. Adjournment**

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City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 13, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor David B. Flanigan, Robin Harrison, Susan Reddy

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Traci Cox, Administrative Assistant Dorothy Weber, City Clerk Miranda Deal, IT Director Michael Keith, Parks Director Richard Bonine, Fire Chief Jason Martin, Chuck Bryant CW&EP General Manager, Kelli Nugent CW&EP Chief Financial Officer, Cassandra Ludwig CW&EP General Council and Director of Customer Relations, Ben Schwarting and Jamie Jadwin CW&EP finance.

Chair Alan Snow called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

2. Old Business

1. Approval of May 11, 2026 Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve May 11, 2026 minutes by Juan Topete
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Beth Kang, Ron Wells, 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. Discuss Carthage Water and Electric budget for fiscal year 2026-2027

Mr. Bryant spoke about the chart of accounts and the projected numbers for the electric, water, wastewater and communication accounts. Mr. Bryant explained that they have implemented a new way to capture the cost of each employee per account. Currently CW&EP has 91 employees. Mr. Bryant spoke about the upcoming calendar year projects to include an HVAC upgrade to fix moisture

issues and fixing retaining walls. Mrs. Kang and Mr. Bryant discussed the payment in lieu of tax policy and the last time that it was revisited. Mr. Bryant went over the capital in wastewater and Mr. Wells asked if there is any expansion. Mr. Bryant stated that there isn't a need for expansion yet. Mr. Bryant spoke about the lead utility line replacement project and the property that the new lift station is on. The Committee discussed a 2.5%-3.0% increase in rates.

ACTION: Motion to forward Carthage Water and Electric budget for FY 26/27 to Council by Juan Topete
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Ron Wells, David Kang, Juan Topete

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Budget Perfection

Ms. Cox spoke about general revenue. General operating expenses have increased while revenue has not. One of the biggest expenses in general liability insurance. The Committee discussed the different accounts and if they have increased or not. Ms. Cox spoke about priority-based budgeting. Ms. Cox suggested different ways of saving money this upcoming fiscal year. Mrs. Harrison asked questions about overtime amounts. Mrs. Harrison spoke about having specific info in the agenda packets for Committee meetings. Mr. Snow would like to revisit step increases in December 2026.

ACTION: Motion to adjust longevity step increase and cola increase in budget by Ron Well
Motion passed with a 5:0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Staff Reports

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 9:02 by Ron Wells
	Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES:	Juan Topete, Ron Well, Beth Kang, Alan Snow, David Thorn
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None



City of Carthage, Missouri
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 4-21-2026 Minutes

3. Citizen Participation

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1. Consider and discuss establishing 20MPH speed limit in Rollins Creek community — President of the Rollins Creek HOA Executive Committee, Leigh Salyer
2. Consider and discuss the closure of Belle Air from Grand Ave to the cul-de-sac on Thursday, July 2nd, from 6–8 PM for a block party and parade for the 4th of July. Road closures would include: Grand and Belle Air, Belle Air and Clinton, and Belle Air and Fulton — Lana Griffith
3. Consider and discuss road closures for Kids Fishing Day — Jackie Boyer

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss road closures for Food Truck Friday from 11:00AM to 9:00PM from Garrison/Chestnut to Maple/Chestnut. Additional road closures during Food Truck Friday events: June 12, July 10, Aug. 14 & Sept 11 to accommodate the Cruise-In/Car Show from Garrison to S. Maple St. on W. Chestnut St. between 10:00 – 9:00 pm. This will allow more vehicles to be on show throughout the day including EMS, Fire and Police when time allows. The Cruise In time is 5-8 pm, which could be extended to the full day. - Melissa Little
2. Consider and discuss Lime Scooters.
3. Staff Reports
Fire Department
Police Department

5. Adjournment

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City of Carthage, Missouri
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Thorn at 6:30PM.

Members present: Alan Snow, Ray West, David Thorn

Others present: Mayor David Flanigan, Councilwoman Beth Cane, Councilman Juan Topete, Parks Director Richard Boone and Tourism Director Melissa Little

Staff present: Police Chief Chad Dininger, Fire Chief Jason Martin, Police Sergeant Heather Wolfe

Citizens present: Leigh Salyer, Lana Griffith and Jackie Boyer

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 4-21-2026 Minutes

Councilman Thorn made a motion to accept the 4/21/26 minutes as presented.

Councilman West made a motion to approve. Motion passed

3. Citizen Participation

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1. Consider and discuss establishing 20MPH speed limit in Rollins Creek community — President of the Rollins Creek HOA Executive Committee, Leigh Salyer

Leigh Salyer spoke with the committee to request the speed limit throughout Rollins Creek community to be changed to 15MPH. Councilman Snow made a motion to forward request to Public Works Committee. Motion passed.

2. Consider and discuss the closure of Belle Air from Grand Ave to the cul-de-sac on Thursday, July 2nd, from 6–8 PM for a block party and parade for the 4th of July. Road closures would include: Grand and Belle Air, Belle Air and Clinton, and Belle Air and Fulton — Lana Griffith

Lana Griffith is requesting barricades at Clinton, Fulton, and Grand and Belle Aire be closed from Grand to the end of the cul-de-sac on Friday, July 3rd, from 6PM to 8PM for their parade/block party. Councilman Snow made a motion to approve the requested street closure. Motion passes.

3. Consider and discuss road closures for Kids Fishing Day — Jackie Boyer

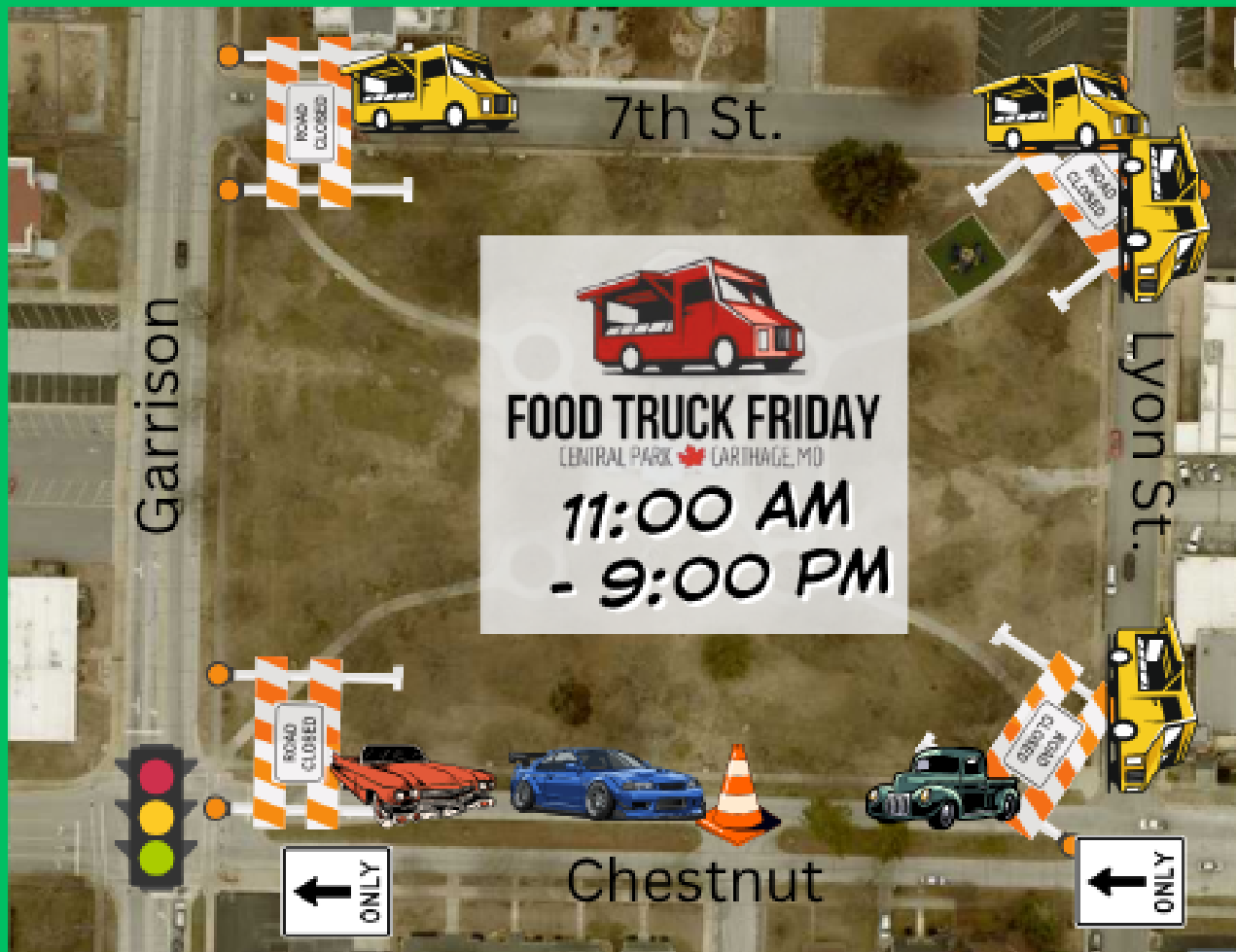
Jackie Boyer spoke with the committee about the Kids Fishing Day event to be held on Saturday, June 6th. She requested street closures within Kellogg Lake

Park for the Annual Kids Fishing Day Event. Patrol of Kellogg Lake Park will be increased beginning May 31st as that is when the lake will be stocked for the event. Councilman Snow made a motion to block the streets on Friday, June 5th 2026, as in years past. Motion passes.

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss road closures for Food Truck Friday from 11:00AM to 9:00PM from Garrison/Chestnut to Maple/Chestnut. Additional road closures during Food Truck Friday events: June 12, July 10, Aug. 14 & Sept 11 to accommodate the Cruise-In/Car Show from Garrison to S. Maple St. on W. Chestnut St. between 10:00 – 9:00 pm. This will allow more vehicles to be on show throughout the day including EMS, Fire and Police when time allows. The Cruise In time is 5-8 pm, which could be extended to the full day. - Melissa Little

After lengthy discussion, in addition to the Food Truck Friday dates and road closures, to accommodate the Cruise-In/Car Show, it was proposed to close the westbound lane of traffic on Chestnut from Lyon to Garrison during the Food Truck Friday dates, of June 12th, July 10th, Aug. 14th & Sept 11th, between 10AM – 9PM. Councilman Snow made motion to approve. Motion passed.



2. Consider and discuss Lime Scooters.
Lengthy discussions. No motions made.
3. Staff Reports

Fire Department
Chief Martin gave station updates.

Police Department
Chief Diningier gave station updates.

5. Adjournment

Councilman West made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

City of Carthage, Missouri
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of April 21, 2026 minutes.

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 Jasper County Youth Fair.
2. Consider and discuss Concerts in the Park.
3. Consider and discuss Kid's Fishing Day in Kellogg Lake Park.
4. Consider and discuss Carl Lewton Stadium agreement.
5. Consider and discuss Central Park wading pool operations.
6. Consider and discuss Lime scooters.
7. Consider and discuss playground proposals for Fair Acres Park and Municipal Park.
8. Consider and discuss pickleball and futsal courts for Municipal Park and Carter Park.

5. Staff Reports

1. Tourism and Public Information Office report.
2. Memorial Hall report.
3. Golf report.
4. Parks report.

6. Adjournment

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

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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine, Tourism Director & Public Information Officer Melissa Little, Administrative Assistant Angie Judd, City Administrator Traci Cox, Golf Operations Supervisor Cory Kerbs

Chair Beth Kang called the meeting to order at 05:30 PM.

2. Old Business

1. Approval of April 21, 2026 minutes.

Mr. Topete motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion passed.

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

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

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.)

Sally Stuart, President of Vision Carthage, thanked the Parks Department, the City, and City Council for the recent Dumpster Days event, stating that it was a great success.

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss Jasper County Youth Fair.

Mr. Bonine presented the request from the Jasper County Youth Fair. This event is an annual week long event held in July. He explained that campers would be present from June 11 through June 18 and requested permission for families and children to remain in the park after the park closes to care for animals. He also requested approval for bounce houses to be used during the event. Mr. Topete

made a motion to approve the event and forward it to the full Council. The motion passed.

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

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider and discuss Concerts in the Park.

Brady Beckham, President of the Carthage Council on the Arts, requested approval for Concerts in the Park in Central Park on the third Saturday of each month June through August. Concerts would be held south of the fountain, utilizing a flatbed trailer to elevate the band and electricity from the small pavilion. Requests also included merchandise sales and use of a hose connection in the pool area for a slip-and-slide on the west side of the pool. Music would begin at 7:00 pm with setup occurring between 4:30 and 5:00 pm. Ms. Little stated she would add the event to the City events calendar. Mr. Topete made a motion to approve the request and forward it to the full Council. The motion passed.

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

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Consider and discuss Kid's Fishing Day in Kellogg Lake Park.

Jackie Boyer, President of the Kellogg Lake Board, requested permission to host the Kellogg Lake Kids Fishing Day on June 6 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Setup would occur Friday afternoon, with cleanup following the event. She also requested closure of the lake to public fishing from May 31 through noon on June 6 to allow fish stocking between June 1 and June 3. The event is intended for children ages 15 and under and will include refreshments. Mr. Perkins asked whether a prize white catfish would be included this year; Ms. Boyer stated she was unsure if there would be a white catfish this year and noted that a scavenger hunt with prizes would also be offered this year. Mr. Topete made a motion to approve the event as outlined and forward it to the full Council. The motion passed.

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

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Consider and discuss Carl Lewton Stadium agreement.

Mr. Topete motioned to table the item. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to table item 4.4. by Juan Topete;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Consider and discuss Central Park wading pool operations.

Jonathan Roberts, CEO and President of the Fair Acres YMCA, presented aquatics operation proposals for consideration. He provided four options for the operation of the Central Park Wading Pool. Option 1, with a contract price of \$12,500, included traditional operations. Option 2, with a contract price of \$16,000, would provide traditional operating hours with weekend operations but no extended hours. Option 3, with a contract price of \$19,000, would offer a traditional season with weekend operations and expanded hours until 6:00 pm, allowing free dinners to be served to anyone under the age of 18 at 4:30 pm. Option 4, with a contract price of \$22,000, would provide operation from Memorial Day weekend through August, including flexibility for special events. Mr. Roberts stated that lifeguard ratios would be maintained at 25:1, though actual attendance averages closer to 20 participants. Ms. Cox asked about usage during Food Truck Friday events, and Ms. Little noted that attendance had not been as high as anticipated. Mr. Bonine reported that the pool was currently being filled and that leaks had been caulked in preparation for opening. Mr. Roberts stated that the YMCA would continue to manage chemicals, vacuuming, and routine cleaning operations. Ms. Cox stated that although lifeguards may not be strictly necessary, partnering with the YMCA for operation of the Central Park Wading Pool would be a wise approach. Mr. Thorn stated his preference for Option 4 because of the extended hours, additional operating days, and opportunity to provide free meals. Mr. Perkins made a motion to approve Option 4 in the amount of \$22,000 and forward it to the full Council. Ms. Kang stated that it was a good investment and an appropriate plan given the current circumstances. Mr. Thorn asked whether the age limit could be increased from 10 years old to 12 years old. Mr. Roberts stated that siblings are typically accommodated and suggested the possibility of adding sprinklers or other amenities for older children. The motion passed. Mr. Roberts requested permission to open the wading pool during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, noting that it had already been approved under the previous contract. Permission was granted for the holiday weekend, with any extension contingent upon Council approval.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.5. by Jack Perkins;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Discussion then turned to a proposal for community access to the YMCA Aquatics Center during peak-use periods on Fridays and Saturdays. The proposal included a \$3 admission fee for access to locker rooms, the therapy pool, lap pool, splash pad, and sauna. Mr. Thorn expressed concern that the proposal may not provide sufficient value. Ms. Cox stated that the proposal demonstrated the City's effort to provide aquatics opportunities for residents. Mr. Topete commented that the program could be beneficial for residents unable to travel outside the City. Mr. Perkins made a motion to approve the YMCA Aquatics Center usage proposal, including \$2,000 in support of the Water Safety Program as part of the \$13,000 contract price. The motion passed. Mr. Thorn requested that YMCA Aquatics Center public usage be tracked. Mr. Topete requested signage be posted at the Municipal Pool, and Mr. Perkins stated that closure information should be widely advertised to the public.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.5. by Jack Perkins;
Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. Consider and discuss Lime scooters.

Ms. Kang reported on discussions held during the Public Safety Committee meeting regarding scooter operations, public safety considerations, regulations, and enforcement. She stated that Councilman Snow had developed proposed geofencing parameters for review. Mr. Thorn asked Mr. Bonine whether he had received confirmation from Lime that the proposed alternative was feasible. Mr. Bonine stated that Lime would need to review the proposed parameters and roadway information before determining whether the request could be accommodated. Mr. Topete motioned to forward the Lime contract to the full Council for discussion of operations and geofenced operating areas. The motion failed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 4.6. by Juan Topete;
Motion failed with a 2:2
AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete
NOES: Jack Perkins, David Thorn
ABSTAIN: None

7. Consider and discuss playground proposals for Fair Acres Park and Municipal Park.

Mr. Bonine presented two playground proposals, including one from Playground Consultants for approximately \$187,000 and one from Play and Park Structures for approximately \$150,000. The proposals included two separate playground installations, one near the baseball fields at Fair Acres and one near Kiddieland at Municipal Park. Ms. Kang asked why new playground structures were being considered. Mr. Bonine explained that the projects align with recommendations from the Parks Master Plan as well as community feedback. He further stated that staff's priority would be the Municipal Park playground and noted that Fair Acres already has a playground structure near the softball complex. Mr. Perkins stated that it is inconvenient for parents to transport children to the current Municipal Park playground if they are utilizing facilities on the opposite side of the park. Mr. Topete stated that the playground near the softball complex experiences heavy usage and that an additional structure near the baseball fields would benefit the community. Mr. Thorn stated that both playgrounds would be ideal. Ms. Cox reported that approximately \$645,000 remained available in the McCune-Brooks Trust that could potentially be used to fund the project. Ms. Kang requested equipment diagrams, references, and confirmation regarding structural integrity. She also asked whether installation costs were included in the proposals, and Mr. Bonine confirmed that the quoted costs included the entire scope of the project. Mr. Bonine noted that both proposals were similar in scope. Ms. Cox stated that she would like to meet with Mr. Bonine and Ms. Kang to discuss the details further. No action was taken.

8. Consider and discuss pickleball and futsal courts for Municipal Park and Carter Park.

Mr. Bonine stated that staff recommended not proceeding with the pickleball and futsal court projects at this time as a cost-saving measure. Approximately \$100,000 had originally been budgeted for both projects, but proposal costs significantly exceeded the available budget. No action taken.

5. Staff Reports

1. Tourism and Public Information Office report.

Ms. Little presented the Tourism Report. She reported that visitor guides had been distributed and mailed throughout several states. Website traffic remained strong, and both the City app and tourism websites continued to be updated regularly. Performance metrics were reviewed, with significant interest shown in Marian Days activities. City events continue to be added to the website and app platforms. Ms. Little reported an increase in visitors to the Civil War Museum during April and anticipated even higher attendance in May due to visits from eighth-grade students. Donation deposits were also up. She reported that planning for the upcoming American Solar Challenge continues, with representatives scheduled to visit Carthage in early June to distribute promotional materials. Ms. Little advised that she would begin sending Council members regular emails regarding upcoming community events.

2. Memorial Hall report.

Ms. Judd presented the Memorial Hall Report and noted an increase in rental revenue compared to the previous year. She reported that several events were held in the auditorium during April, along with numerous private events in both the auditorium and lower level. Weekly Mahjong classes continue to maintain steady attendance. Ms. Judd also presented both the current Memorial Hall rental rates and a proposed rate increase for review. Ms. Kang requested a summary estimating the potential revenue increase associated with the proposed rates.

3. Golf report.

Mr. Kerbs presented the April Golf Course Report, noting that rounds played exceeded historical averages despite numerous rain days and periods of cart-path-only restrictions. Two events were held during April, including the first Senior Shamble. He reported that league play is now fully underway. Ms. Kang asked whether food and beverage revenue continues to increase, and Mr. Kerbs confirmed that it does. He reported that tournament organizers appreciated the golf course's ability to manage alcohol service and that the event proceeded smoothly. He added that the Rotary Tournament would be held the following Friday and would provide additional information regarding tournament operations. Mr. Perkins stated that he has been pleasantly surprised by golfers' willingness to purchase alcohol at the course and believes it has benefited golf course revenues. He also complimented the improvements and maintenance work performed throughout the course.

4. Parks report.

Mr. Bonine presented the Parks Maintenance Report. He noted that on the same day the golf course hosted a tournament, Municipal Park hosted a rabbit show, while Fair Acres hosted softball and baseball tournaments, creating a very busy day throughout the park system. He reported that Parks maintenance staff remain busy during this time of year, highlighting ongoing work at the Central

Park Wading Pool and repairs to a water issue affecting the Community Garden at Griggs Park. Mr. Bonine reported that the new golf course pump house has been installed and is operating well. He also advised that staff prepared the Central Park fountain, which was operational for the most recent Food Truck Friday. Mr. Thorn noted that the fountain historically contained goldfish and inquired whether they would be returned. Mr. Bonine stated that staff would explore the possibility.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Topete motioned to adjourn at 7:36 pm. The motion passed.

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 07:36 PM by Juan Topete
	Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None



City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 20, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Old Business**
 1. Approval of May 13, 2026 Minutes
- 3. Citizens Participation**

(Citizens wishing to speak should notify Department Head or Committee Chair in advance)
- 4. New Business**
 1. Continue Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget perfection
 2. Staff Reports
- 5. Adjournment**

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City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

May 20, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor David B. Flanigan, Robin Harrison

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

Chair Alan Snow called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

2. Old Business

1. Approval of May 13, 2026 Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve May 13, 2026 minutes by Juan Topete
Motion passed with a 5:0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Citizens Participation

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

4. New Business

- 1. Continue Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget perfection**
The Committee discussed employee retention, different rate changes and budget goals. Mrs. Kang asked what was included in the general revenue fund. The Committee discussed possible solutions and outcomes with regard to the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Cox discussed budget totals with reserves. Mr. Snow opened the floor for discussion on putting the full step increase back into the FY 26/27 budget. Mr. Topete and Mrs. Kang wanted to know what the plan to recoup the cost would be. Mr. Thorn spoke about employee morale. Mr. Wells

spoke about being in a deficit for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Thorn asked how we got to the point of being in a deficit. The Committee and Ms. Cox discussed taxes and how the price of goods and services have sky rocketed since 2020. The Committee discussed the things that have been put off previously and how it's created a situation for the current council and administration. Ms. Cox explained that the City's liability insurance has gone up \$170,000.00 in two years.

ACTION: Motion to put the full step increase back into the FY26/27 budget by David Thorn.
Motion failed with a 2:3
AYES: David Thorn, Alan Snow
NOES: Beth Kang, Ron Wells, Juan Topete
ABSTAIN: None

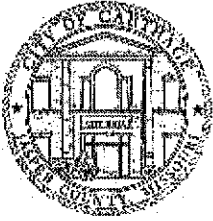
Mr. Snow asked if there are any other cuts to be made. The Committee discussed the taxes that are sunseting. Mr. Snow asked Chief Dininger about any capital fund cuts. Chief Dininger explained that he had already presented a cut budget. He emphasized that he was not willing to cut vehicle replacements because he is prioritizing the safety of his officers. Chief then explained that no other cuts are available as everything else in his capital is a contracted expense. Chief Martin explained that his operational budget is the same that it was in 2022. Things have gotten more expensive but he has not raised his operational costs. Mrs. Kang asked about the fire district. Mayor Flanigan said that he was in contact with the fire district board. Ms. Cox and the Committee discussed different avenues for cost recovery and different ways to cut expenses. The Committee discussed priority-based budgeting. The Mayor spoke about personnel costs and health insurance costs. Mr. Bonine spoke about his capital and how the majority of it comes from grants. Mr. Bayless discussed a new dump truck for his department. The current one is a 2004 and is currently not running. Mr. Bayless spoke about the needs at Recycling. The Committee and Mr. Bayless discussed the fees for services at Public Works and Code Enforcement.

ACTION: Motion to forward budget with COLA increase on July 1, 2026 and a longevity step in January 2027 to Council by Juan Topete
Motion passed with a 4:1
AYES: Alan Snow, Juan Topete, Beth Kang, David Thorn
NOES: Ron Wells
ABSTAIN: None

2. Staff Reports

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 7:01 by Alan Snow
	Motion passes with a 5:0
AYES:	Alan Snow, Beth Kang, David Thorn, Juan Topete, Ron Wells
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None



AGENDA

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm

City Hall Chambers / 326 Grant St. / Carthage MO 64836

Call to Order

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Public Hearing

1. To discuss a Variance request to encroach upon the side yard setback at property located at 814 Sophia
2. To discuss a Lot Size Variance and a request to encroach upon a rear yard setback for a proposed residential structure on property located at 703 Clinton

Adjourn

Board Members:	Ron Peterson	1131 Grand	417-850-9733
	Gail White	1017 Gene Taylor Drive	417-310-7262
	Jerry Poston	1601 S Garrison	417-358-5052
	HJ Johnson	517 N Garrison	417-674-1498
	Alyssa Hess	1598 E Fairview Ave	417-388-1224

Staff:	City Administrator	Traci Cox	City Hall	417-237-7003
	Public Works Director	Josiah Bayless	Public Works Department	417-237-7010



AGENDA

Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Commission

Monday, June 1, 2026

5:30 pm

City Hall Chambers

326 Grant St. / Carthage MO 64836

Call to Order

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Monday, May 4, 2026

Public Participation

Each person who wishes to address the commission must put their name and address on the sign-up sheet and shall state their name prior to speaking. Each person is limited to two (2) 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 further questions by the commission or the chair.

Public Hearing

1. To consider a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the placement of exterior signage at 423 S Main Street.

New Business

1. Discuss the 1st Replat of Creekside Subdivision Lots 42, 43, 44

Old Business

1. Discuss Historic District Guidelines

Staff Report

Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 2026

Adjourn

Commission Members

Voting Members:	Chairman	Joshua Anderson	1205 S Main	417-793-2196
	Vice Chairman	Philip Brown	2533 Theo	417-793-8065
	Secretary	Torie Bounous	12522 Dogwood Road	417-310-0124
	Member	Robyn Peterson	1131 Grand Ave	417-439-5694
	Member	Rick Stuart	1118 Belle Aire	816-804-2933
	Member	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
	Member	Matt Smith	1022 E Chestnut	417-437-2281

Non-Voting Members:	Mayor	Bren Flanigan	City Hall	417-237-7003
	City Administrator	Traci Cox	City Hall	417-237-7003
	Councilmember	Robin Harrison	721 E 10th	417-483-8835

Staff:	Public Works Director	Josiah Bayless	Public Works Department	417-237-7010
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COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-25

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE,
JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI** as follows:

SECTION I: The Mayor of the City of Carthage is hereby authorized to enter into a Contract for Services with the Carthage Chamber of Commerce for Services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 in the amount of Forty-One Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$41,000.00), a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Budget Ways & Means

AMENDED AGREEMENT
by and between
THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
and
THE CARTHAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This Agreement, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2026, is by and between Carthage Chamber of Commerce, (“Chamber”), and the City of Carthage, Missouri (“City”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Carthage Chamber of Commerce has undertaken many projects for the benefit of the City of Carthage, its businesses, and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interests of the City, and important to the promotion of commerce within and surrounding the City, to compensate the Chamber for the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual undertakings and mutual benefits from the services set forth herein, the City and Chamber agree as follows:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Chamber will provide the following:

- a. The city will have a Chamber Champion membership.
- b. This city will be a Presenting Sponsor at the Carthage Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. This includes the presentation of the City of Carthage, “Industry of the Year award” and 10 tickets to the Annual Banquet.
- c. Booth Representation at the Annual Biz Expo, may be used for any department the City of Carthage deems necessary, i.e. parks, tourism, etc.
- d. Golf Team Registrations for the Annual Golf Scramble. This includes three, four person teams.
- e. The city will be a Presenting Sponsor of the Maple Leaf Festival. This includes the City logo present on all signage affiliated with Maple Leaf and the opportunity to have a float in the annual parade.
- f. City of Carthage Relocation Guide, (brochures printed yearly to be distributed to new residents and potential new residents. Available online, and key locations, approx. 4,000 printed) the City logo to appear on all publications.

- g. Media outreach, and appearances promoting businesses in Carthage and the City of Carthage, includes TV, radio, newspaper print and any other media outlets.
- h. Administrating business enhancement & enrichment classes for businesses to attend to keep their businesses successful while driving business into their doors. Creation of Chamber Gift Certificates to keep dollars local that supports the local sales tax base. Collaborating with other groups & organizations to promote Carthage and attract visitors while providing value to our current residents. Writing letters of support for business expansions, along with new business prospects to secure funding to invest in Carthage.
- i. Successful social media, website, and other outside media avenues to promote Carthage and the business community, i.e., MAKO, US Chamber, Missouri Chamber, 16Chamber Institute, and all legislative events both locally, state, and nationally.

The City will provide the following:

- a. Use of the Carthage Municipal Golf Course for the Annual Chamber Golf Tournament.
- b. Use of Memorial Hall for the Annual Chamber Banquet.
- c. Use of Memorial Hall for the Annual Business Expo.

II. TERM AND TIME OF PERFORMANCE

This amendment shall be effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

III. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

The City hereby agrees to compensate Carthage Chamber of Commerce for the Services as outlined in Section I in twelve (12) equal, monthly installments for a total of \$41,000 for FY26-27.

IV. UPDATES AND REVIEW PROCESS

Carthage Chamber of Commerce will meet with the City Council quarterly to review the progress of the efforts of Carthage Chamber of Commerce. They will review the scope of work, goals for next quarter, and review any reports Carthage Chamber of Commerce may provide. The City Council may request information or a report at any time. Carthage Chamber of Commerce shall provide the requested information or report within thirty (30) days.

V. REPRESENTATION ON BOARD

Carthage Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors oversee the operation of Carthage Chamber of Commerce, and the City will possess one voting ex officio seat on the Board, which will be the mayor. The City will also possess one non-voting liaison position on the Board.

VI. CHANGES

No change in this Contract shall be made except in writing prior to the change in work or terms being performed. Carthage Chamber of Commerce shall make any and all changes in the Work without invalidating this Contract when specifically required to do so in writing by the City. Carthage Chamber of Commerce, prior to the commencement of such changed or revised work, shall submit promptly to the City, a written cost or credit proposal for such revised Work. No work or change shall be undertaken or compensated for without prior written authorization from the City.

VII. ACCOUNTING

During the period of this Contract, the Chamber shall maintain books of accounts of its expenses and charges in connection with this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. The City shall at reasonable times have access to these books and accounts to the extent required to verify all invoices submitted hereunder by Carthage Chamber.

VIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This contract contains all the agreements of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and is the full and final expression of the agreement between the parties. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this instrument are of no force or effect excepting a subsequent modification in writing signed by all the parties hereto.

IX. TRANSFERABILITY

Neither City nor Chamber shall assign any rights or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party. Unless otherwise stated in the written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any obligation under this Contract.

X. SEVERABILITY

All parties agree that should any provision of this contract be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any other term of this contract, which shall continue in full force and effect.

XI. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

Nothing in this Contract is intended to benefit any third party not a party to this Contract, and no provision of this Contract shall confer any rights upon any such third party.

XII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Carthage Chamber of Commerce is not authorized or empowered to make any commitments or incur any obligation on behalf of the City, but merely to provide the Services provided for herein as an independent contractor.

XIII. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

This Agreement may be terminated at any time by written, mutual agreement of the parties. The City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement in the event that Carthage Chamber of Commerce is in default or violation of the terms or provisions of this Agreement and fails to cure such default or violation within thirty (30) working days after receipt of a written Notice of Default, unless a longer time is agreed upon by both parties in writing. In case the default is not cured or remedied within thirty (30) working days or a longer period of time if agreed upon, the City may exercise its option to terminate this Agreement upon five (5) days written notice thereafter. In the event of termination, Carthage Chamber of Commerce shall refund to the City a pro-rated portion of the compensation paid pursuant to section III above. The pro-rated amount shall be determined by dividing the annual payment recited in section III by 365 and multiplying this daily amount by the number of days remaining in the year from and after the effective date of termination. Carthage Chamber of Commerce shall refund the pro-rated amount to the City within 30 days of the effective date of termination.

If neither party terminates this contract, it shall automatically terminate and expire June 30, 2026. Either party may terminate this agreement according to the terms of this contract.

XIV. NOTICE

Any notice required by this contract is deemed to be given if it is mailed by United States certified mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as hereinafter specified.

Notice to the City shall be addressed to:
City Administrator
City of Carthage, Missouri

326 Grant Street
Carthage, Missouri 64836

Notice to Carthage Chamber of Commerce shall be addressed to:

Executive Director
Carthage Chamber of Commerce
402 S. Garrison
Carthage, MO 64836

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

CARTHAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

Tyler Smith, Board President

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, *City Clerk*

Secretary

COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-26

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: The Mayor of the City of Carthage is hereby authorized to enter into a Contract with the Carthage Over 60 Center for services in the amount not to exceed \$23,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Budget Committee

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
BY AND BETWEEN
THE CARTHAGE OVER 60 CENTER INC.
AND THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this _____ day of _____, by and between Carthage Over 60 Center Inc., hereinafter referred to as Center and the City of Carthage, a Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as City.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a continuing provision of nutrition and support services for the senior citizens of the City of Carthage, and

WHEREAS, the parties to this contract are desirous of defining their rights and obligations in supplying said services and nutrition.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein and in good and valuable consideration exchanged between Center and City, it is hereby agreed to, as follows:

I Center Agrees to:

- (1) Provide such nutrition services as are outlined in this contract with the Area Agency on Aging and in accordance with Federal program guidelines, with these services to be provided at the location hereinafter referred to as facility, this being the Carthage Over 60 Center, located at 404 E Third Street, Carthage, Missouri.
- (2) To employ, train and supervise such employees as it deems necessary for the operation of nutrition and support services at the facility, in accordance with current Administration on Aging requirements.
- (3) To pay for or provide payment for utilities and telephone beginning July 1, 2026 ending June 30, 2027. Said payment shall cover the total cost for all utilities and all telephone expenses at the facility.
- (4) To pay for or provide for all maintenance and janitorial services for the inside of the facility, including all inside equipment and furnishings.
- (5) To not sublet the facility, or part thereof, without written permission of City or as provided within this agreement.
- (6) To provide recreational and support services to include, but not limited to the following: regular blood pressure and eye examination clinics at the facility, dances at the facility, card playing and card tournaments at the facility, and all other such services as may be required by federal regulation and contracts.
- (7) In addition, Center agrees to provide, when feasible, such other recreation and support services as may be requested by the senior persons of Carthage through the Center's Advisory Council.

II City Agrees:

- (1) To make available to Center use of the facility.
- (2) To maintain the structural soundness of the premises and maintain the outside of the building such as, but not limited to, roof, walls, doors and air conditioning

- system.
- (3) To provide for and pay property insurance to cover claims for injuries caused due to the condition of City's property.
 - (4) To maintain the parking lot area including the plowing of snow from the parking area when necessary and shoveling of snow from walkways at the facility.
 - (5) To provide for lawn mowing at the facility.

III City and Center Further Agree:

- (1) To recognize the duly elected Advisory Council as the formal advisory body of senior citizens in matters including the building, nutrition program, recreation and support services. The City and Center will have representatives present at regular meetings of the Advisory Council and seriously consider all requests and recommendations from this advisory group.
- (2) Scheduling of activities at the facility shall be handled in the following manner:
 - a) Center shall handle all scheduling of events and activities at the facility. Priority in scheduling will be given in the following order:
 - (1) Center sponsored senior citizen activities
 - (2) Other senior citizen activities
 - (3) City government sponsored activities
 - (4) Private group or organization activities (non-senior)
 - b) The facility shall be made available to community groups when not previously scheduled and in accordance with the priority listing in Section III, 2., (a) above. The parties involved recognize the requirement that the facility remain a community building, with priority given to senior citizens, but open to other groups.
 - c) Charges for use of the facility by non-senior private groups or activities may be levied in order for Center to defray the additional cost of utilities used by outside groups. Any such charges, as well as other rental policies, e.g., clean-up policy, hours, availability of keys, etc., shall be determined by the Advisory Council in conjunction with the City.
- (3) In consideration of the services to be rendered hereunder to the City, the City agrees to pay on behalf of the Center, a sum not to exceed twenty-one thousand dollars and no cents (\$21,000.00) appropriated by the annual budget of the City, which shall be used to pay utility costs for water, electric, sewer and gas bills monthly. Individual utility services shall be billed to the Center which in turn will be submitted to the City for payment up to the amounts indicated above. Any amounts above those indicated are to be the responsibility of the Center. The City also agrees to pay on behalf of the Center, a sum not to exceed two-thousand dollars and no cents (\$2,000.00) for building maintenance.

- (4) Center agrees that all persons working for Center under this Agreement shall be employees of Center and in no way shall be considered as employees of City, notwithstanding common inter-organizational interests. In this connection, should any liability arise under the Worker's Compensation provision of the State of Missouri due to injury of an employee of Center, the same shall be the sole responsibility of Center. It is understood that Center shall indemnify and hold harmless City from any and all claims, suits, demands and actions related to the operation of Center's programming. Notwithstanding the provisions of Missouri Law and the protection which said law provides to persons who serve as members of policy bodies responsible for the governance of not-for-profit organizations, Center, as deemed appropriate by its Advisory Council, is authorized to insure itself, its Officers, Directors and Staff, against liability claims.

IV TERM OF AGREEMENT:

This agreement shall be deemed to have taken effect July 1, 2026 and shall terminate as of June 30, 2027. This agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their successors.

CITY OF CARTHAGE

By: _____
David B. Flanigan,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Carthage Over 60 Center

By: _____

An Ordinance accepting the final plat of South Rollins Creek, as submitted by J Builders LLC, generally located at the NE corner of Fairview and Buena Vista, in the City of Carthage, Missouri.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I. The final plat of South Rollins Creek, an Addition to the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Carthage, is hereby accepted by the Council of the City of Carthage.

SECTION II. The final plat includes a side yard setback waiver as follows: Side yard setback requirements for those lots specifically identified on the approved and recorded subdivision plat are hereby modified. Side yard setback waivers shall apply only to interior lot lines where no side yard setback is provided; such lot lines shall be considered shared wall dwelling lines for construction purposes. All other required setbacks and minimum lot size requirements are in accordance with applicable zoning regulations. This modification is intended to allow for flexible lot design, efficient land use, and coordinated building placement consistent with the approved subdivision layout.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

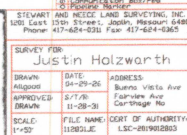
Sponsored by: Planning and Zoning Commission

Proposed 'Rollins Creek South Subdivision'



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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 25-251 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI, TO ADD SUBSECTION (19) SHORT-TERM RENTALS AS A SPECIAL USE WITH REGULATORY STANDARDS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: Chapter 25-251 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Carthage, Missouri is hereby amended to add Subsection (19) Short-Term Rental as a Special Use with Regulatory Standards as follows:

Sec. 25-251. Special Uses.

(19) Short-term rentals subject to the following minimum standards:

- a. A short-term rental shall be defined as the rental of a dwelling unit or any portion thereof for lodging purposes for periods of fewer than thirty (30) consecutive days.
- b. Short-term rentals shall be permitted only within lawfully established residential dwelling units and shall not be permitted within accessory structures.
- c. Prior to commencement of operation, and thereafter as required by the city, the dwelling unit shall pass a certificate of occupancy inspection conducted by the city or its authorized representative. No short-term rental shall be operated without a valid certificate of occupancy.
- d. Upon any change in ownership of the property, the Certificate of Occupancy and the Special Use Permit shall expire and must be renewed by the new owner. A new certificate of occupancy inspection shall be required upon such change of ownership. If a new certificate of occupancy is issued, the Special Use Permit may be renewed. In the event a new certificate of occupancy is not issued, no new Special Use Permit shall be granted until the new owner has completed all required improvements, and the property has been brought into full code compliance.
- e. The dwelling unit shall comply with all applicable local building, fire safety, property maintenance, and zoning regulations of the City of Carthage. An emergency evacuation map/plan (including primary and secondary exits and the location of fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide alarms, if present) shall be posted conspicuously within the dwelling unit.
- f. A valid City of Carthage business license shall be obtained prior to operation and maintained at all times during operation of a short-term rental. A copy of the business license shall be displayed conspicuously within the dwelling unit. Failure to obtain or maintain a required business license shall be prima facie evidence of cessation of the permitted use and grounds for revocation of the special use permit.
- g. Any required state licenses, registrations, or tax obligations shall be obtained and maintained in compliance with applicable law.

h. The owner of record shall designate a local contact person, available twenty-four (24) hours per day, who shall respond within a reasonable time to complaints or emergency issues related to the short-term rental. The name, telephone number, and email address of the local contact person (or other person in charge of the day-to-day operation of the short-term rental) shall be posted onsite in a location that is plainly visible from the exterior front entrance of the dwelling unit.

i. The maximum occupancy shall be determined at the time of the certificate of occupancy inspection but shall not exceed (2) persons per legal sleeping room and (2) persons for each additional sleeping area, including rooms with pull-out couches or other sleeping accommodations. The approved maximum occupancy shall be posted onsite in a conspicuous location within the dwelling unit.

j. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided on the property in accordance with city regulations.

k. Signage is allowed, provided that no more than one (1) sign, not exceeding one (1) square foot in area, is attached to the exterior of the short-term rental. Signs shall not be lighted or accompanied by any other displays.

l. The short-term rental shall not be used or advertised as a venue for weddings, receptions, parties, or other similar events, and shall not be operated in a manner that facilitates such events, including but not limited to the charging of event fees, use of the premises for assemblies open to non-overnight guests, or other activities inconsistent with residential lodging use, as determined by the city.

m. Short-term rentals shall not be operated in a manner that creates a nuisance, including but not limited to excessive noise, traffic, parking congestion, trash accumulation, or violation of any city ordinance.

n. Voluntary ADA Accessibility Verification — Certificate of Occupancy.

1. **Optional Request.** At the time of a Certificate of Occupancy inspection, the owner or authorized agent may voluntarily request a limited accessibility verification for the sole purpose of representing the short-term rental as “ADA accessible.”
2. **Not a Condition of Approval.** Accessibility verification is not a condition of issuance, renewal, or validity of a Certificate of Occupancy, business license, special use permit, or operation of a short-term rental, except as otherwise required by applicable state or federal law.
3. **Limited Scope.** Any accessibility verification performed by the City shall be limited to conditions observable during the Certificate of Occupancy inspection and shall not constitute a determination of full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or related regulations.
4. **No Certification; Owner Responsibility.** Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, whether or not accessibility verification is requested or conducted, shall not be deemed a certification of ADA compliance. The owner remains solely responsible for compliance with all applicable accessibility requirements.
5. **Use of ADA Designation.** A short-term rental may be represented or advertised as “ADA accessible” in City-regulated materials only if the owner has voluntarily requested and

received accessibility verification in conjunction with a Certificate of Occupancy inspection.

6. **No Continuing Duty.** Accessibility verification does not create a continuing duty for the City to monitor, inspect, or enforce ADA compliance beyond the scope of the Certificate of Occupancy inspection.

o. If the short-term rental is advertised, listed, or booked through a third-party platform or broker, the owner and operator shall remain jointly and severally responsible for compliance with all requirements of this subsection, including all licensing, operational standards, and payment/remittance of all applicable taxes to the city, unless the platform or broker has entered into a written agreement with the city to collect and remit such taxes on behalf of operators.

p. The city council may impose additional conditions on any short term rental special use permit as deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

q. Any special use permit issued for a short-term rental may be revoked by city council for violation of any condition of the permit, failure to maintain required licensing or inspection approvals, or if the use becomes detrimental to the surrounding neighborhood.

SECTION II: Penalties. Any person violating subsection (19) of Section 25-251 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Carthage, Missouri (Short-term rentals) shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in jail for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION III: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION IV: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-36

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to exercise the buy back option on property located in Myers Park that was previously sold to TIA Investments, LLC, for the amount of \$130,000.00.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: The Mayor of the City of Carthage is hereby authorized to exercise the buy back option on property located in Myers Park that was previously sold to TIA Investments, LLC, for the amount of \$130,000.00. The original contract for sale of real estate listed a buy back option in section 11 that stated if the buyer does not commence construction within 12 months from the date of the original agreement, the City would have the option to buy back for the purchase price. This agreement was dated May 26, 2022.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be considered an emergency under the terms of the Charter of the City of Carthage.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-37

ORDINANCE NO.

An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Fair Acres Family YMCA, Inc. for management of the Wading Pool and to allow patrons to utilize certain amenities of the Fair Acres Family YMCA at a reduced cost for the 2026 season in the amount of \$35,000.00 in the City of Carthage, Missouri.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER
COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: The Mayor of the City of Carthage is hereby authorized to enter into a Agreement with the Fair Acres Family YMCA, Inc. to manage the wading pool at Central Park and allow patrons to utilize certain amenities of the Fair Acres Family YMCA at a reduced cost for 2026, for \$35,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be considered an emergency under the terms of the City Charter of the City of Carthage, Missouri.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF , 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Public Services Committee

Pool Management Agreement

THIS CONTRACT is made as of this ____ day of _____ 2026 by and between the City of Carthage, located in Missouri, hereinafter called "City" and Fair Acres Family Y, Inc., a non-profit company, hereinafter called "YMCA".

WHEREAS, the City owns the Wading pool in Central Park; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to retain YMCA to manage the operations of the wading pool facility; and

WHEREAS, YMCA possesses the expertise and experience necessary to provide pool management services to the City; and

WHEREAS, YMCA owns and operates Fair Acres Family YMCA in Carthage; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to partner with the YMCA to allow community patrons to utilize certain amenities at the Fair Acres Family YMCA at a reduced cost; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of mutual covenants herein contained, it is agreed as follows:

Section 1. Representations and Warranties of YMCA.

YMCA hereby represents and warrants as follows:

- YMCA is a non-profit company, organized in the State of Missouri.
- YMCA warrants and represents that its services provided under this Contract will at all times be performed and delivered in a competent, skillful and workmanlike manner and will in all respects be fit for their intended purposes.
- YMCA warrants and represents that it is duly qualified to do business in Missouri and that it possesses all necessary authority to transact business in the state.

Section 2. Services to be Provided by YMCA.

YMCA shall provide the following managerial and operational services:

2.1. Operations and Maintenance of Pools.

- YMCA shall provide for the operation of the Central Park wading pool from May 23 through August 31st with daily operations from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pool hours may decrease or increase, based on weather or need.

- Private parties will be scheduled by YMCA and staffed by YMCA personnel at the rate of \$125 for the Central Park wading pool for 2 hours. the YMCA agrees to be liable for the operating costs incurred by the private parties.

2.2 Spring Opening and Operation of Wading Pool:

YMCA will:

- Maintain attendance records.
- Furnish and supply necessary consumable first aid supplies adequate to the size of the pool facility. First aid kit will include a pocket mask with a one-way valve, and a bodily fluid exposure kit. YMCA shall provide first responder first aid kits, including rubber gloves and pocket mask with one-way valve, for on-duty personnel.
- Vacuum pool a minimum of one time a week to maintain a clean appearance and be free of all debris.
- Furnish, store and inject necessary chemicals for operation of the pool.
- Clean pool area within the pool enclosure.
- Clean the restroom facility daily.
- Work with the Director of Parks and Recreation in handling complaints. YMCA will retain a record of all problems brought to their attention.
- Provide free dinners for children Monday – Friday.

City will:

- Clean and fill wading pool.

2.3 Fall Closing / Winterizing.

YMCA will:

- Remove and store movable equipment.
- Clean restrooms.
- An end of season inspection shall be conducted immediately upon conclusion of the pool season, and a written report submitted to the Director of Parks and Recreation. The YMCA shall perform reasonable inspections of all equipment and advise the owner of needed repairs and/or replacement of defective, worn, or damaged equipment in the year-end written report.
- The YMCA shall also be responsible for inspecting pool signage and shall advise the City of any needed replacements to ensure safe pool operations.
- Return all keys to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

City will:

- Drain and store hoses.
- Winterize system.

2.4 Operational Supplies/Utilities.

YMCA will:

- Furnish necessary chemicals and first-aid supplies as specified, for the pool operation during the season.
- Furnish all equipment supplies necessary to operate the pool.
- Provide janitorial supplies (paper towels, soap, trash bags, toilet paper, cleaners and light bulbs) for the facility.
- Be responsible for the care of City property used for the operation of Pool and said equipment shall be returned to the City at the end of the season in the same condition as received, reasonable wear and tear expected.
- Try to prevent losses and damages to City owned property during hours of operation.

Damaged or malfunctioning equipment should be reported immediately to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

City will:

- Furnish water and electricity and pay for the same.

2.5 Maintenance and Replacement of City Owned Equipment.

Repairs and replacement of equipment needed during the season to continue the operation of Pool and to maintain health and safety standards shall be the responsibility of the City. The City is responsible for the maintenance and replacement of the buildings, structures, utilities, and surrounding areas.

2.6 Use of Fair Acres Family YMCA.

- YMCA will allow community patrons to use the Fair Acres Family YMCA facility on Fridays and Saturdays between May 29th and August 8th between the hours of 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
- Community patrons will be charged a \$3 gate fee which will allow access to the 6 lane lap pool, basketball, volleyball, and other play options; warm therapy pool, a fenced in outdoor space with a splash pad, a full locker room with changing rooms and showers, and a dry sauna for patrons over 18 years of age.
- YMCA will provide a Water Safety Program to all 2nd graders in summer school from Steadley, Fairview and Columbian Elementary.
- Maintain attendance records for non-YMCA members.

Section 3. Personnel.

- The YMCA shall furnish sufficient personnel for the operation of a safe and sanitary pool.
- All lifeguards will hold a minimum qualification of an advance lifeguarding certificate from Red Cross or equivalent. All certifications must be current. Staff will be at least 15 years of age. Said personnel will be furnished in a manner to operate the facilities in the safest manner possible and in

the best interests of the City.

- All management personnel (pool manager, pool assistant manager and head guards) shall be trained in administering first aid, CPR and the function and operation of Spinal Backboards
- All staff must be uniformly identified at all times in Lifeguard uniform clothing.
- All personnel employed by the YMCA in the performance of fulfilling a contract for the operation of the Pools shall be considered employees of the YMCA and not the City. All personnel employed by the YMCA shall be paid in accordance with the minimum State and Federal Wage and Hour Laws.
- The YMCA shall be responsible for the payment of all employment taxes and Social Security taxes related to the employment of said personnel.
- The YMCA shall provide the Parks and Recreation Director with a list of current employees including names, addresses, age, and certifications of every employee working on the City's property upon request.
- The YMCA shall have the authority to close the Pools during inclement weather. The YMCA shall have the personnel available seven (7) days a week, to attend to any problems that may arise.
- Additionally, The City may determine if the facility will be closed for the day.

Section 4. Method of Payment.

The undersigned, having examined and being familiar with the conditions affecting the service desired to be performed as outlined in the specifications and other contract documents relating to both Pools hereby agrees to perform everything required and to provide and furnish any and all labor, materials, chemicals, tools, and expendable equipment necessary to operate the Pools in a safe, healthy, sanitary and efficient manner, in strict accordance with aforementioned contract documents for the sum hereafter specified. The YMCA agrees to provide all items as listed in the accompanying specifications as part of the base bid "Management Fee".

Due	2026
May 27	\$12,000
June 1	\$12,000
July 1	\$11,000
Total Management Fee Bid	\$35,000

Section 5. Health and Safety Standards.

YMCA shall meet all Local, State and Federal requirements as they relate to its operation.

The City shall have the ultimate authority and responsibility for compliance with the Virginia Graeme Balcer Pool and Spa Safety Act and Americans with Disability Act compliance. YMCA shall communicate with the Parks and Recreation Director about any violations it observes under the Acts.

Section 6. Insurance:

YMCA shall procure and maintain, for the duration of the contract, insurance of the types and minimum amounts as necessary for the wading pool and name City as an additional named insured.

6.1 Worker's Compensation Insurance.

YMCA shall procure and shall maintain during the Term of the Agreement, Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of its employees to be engaged and perform work under the Agreement.

6.2 Comprehensive General Liability Insurance.

YMCA shall carry commercial general liability which includes bodily injury and property damage. The policy will include protection for and subject to the minimum limits set forth below:

General Liability \$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$2,000,000 Aggregate combined single limit bodily injury and property damage.

The policy will include protection for the following hazards:

- Premises and Operation
- Independent YMCA's Coverage
- Products and Completed Operations Liability Coverage
- Personal Injury Liability
- Broad Form Property Damage
- Shall name the City as an additional insured

6.3 Satisfactory Coverage.

The insurance which YMCA is required to obtain and maintain pursuant to this Section shall be written by a company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Missouri. YMCA shall not allow any policies to be canceled or permit the policies to lapse during the Term of the Agreement.

6.4 Indemnification.

YMCA shall, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify, hold harmless and protect the City, including its officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, damages, costs or expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees) for any claim arising out of YMCA's negligent acts under this Agreement; provided, however, that this hold harmless and indemnification shall not apply where such claims, actions, damage, liability, or expenses result from any omission, fault, negligence, or misconduct on the part of the City, its agents, servants, employees, YMCAs, or licensees.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, YMCA's indemnity obligations are limited solely to the extent directly caused by YMCA's fault or negligence.

Section 7. Independent YMCA.

YMCA is retained by City only for the purposes of, and to the extent set forth in, this Contract, and the

relationship of YMCA with City under this Contract during the term of this Contract shall be that of an independent YMCA and not an employee, partner, member, owner, officer, director or other agent of City. YMCA agrees to devote sufficient time, effort, resources, ability, skill and attention as may be necessary for YMCA to perform the services required to be provided to City under this Contract, but performing such services subject to the provisions of this Contract, all applicable laws, rules, regulations governing the business of YMCA and the work to be performed hereunder.

YMCA shall not be considered by reason of the provisions of this Contract or otherwise as being an employee of City. This Agreement will not be deemed to create a partnership, joint venture, agency or fiduciary relationship between the parties. YMCA shall have no right to bind City to any agreement with any other person or entity and is not authorized to act for City in any manner except as expressly set forth in the Agreement.

Section 8. Notices.

All notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered when actually received or, if earlier, on the third day following deposit in a United States Postal Service post office or receptacle with proper postage affixed (certified mail, return receipt requested) addressed to the respective other party at the address described below or at such other address as the receiving party may have theretofore prescribed by notice to the sending party, or by electronic communication or via hand delivery.

YMCA
Attn: Director or Registered Agent
2600 Grand Avenue
Carthage, MO 64836

The City of Carthage
Attn: Director of Parks and Recreation
720 Robert Ellis Young Drive
Carthage, MO 64836

Section 9. Changes.

No change in this Contract shall be made except in writing prior to the change in work or terms being performed. YMCA shall make any and all changes in the Work without invalidating this Contract when specifically required to do so in writing by the City. YMCA, prior to the commencement of such changed or revised work, shall submit promptly to the City, a written cost or credit proposal for such revised Work. No work or change shall be undertaken or compensated for without prior written authorization from the City.

Section 10. Termination.

This Contract may be terminated by either party upon written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract. The non-performing party shall have fifteen calendar days from the date of the termination notice to cure or to submit a plan for cure acceptable to the other party.

The City shall have the right to terminate the Contract at any time if the pool is unable to open or if the pool is forced to close for maintenance reasons or becomes generally inoperable, by giving YMCA written notice to such effect.

- The City **shall** pay to YMCA in full satisfaction and discharge of all amounts owing to YMCA under the Contract an amount equal to the cost of all Work performed by YMCA up to such termination date, less all amounts previously paid to the YMCA on account of the Contract Price. This is not the full payment but payment to make the YMCA whole for all money paid up to the cancelation including salaries and expenses.
- YMCA shall submit to the City its statement for the aforesaid amount, in such reasonable detail as the City shall request, within sixty (60) days after such date of termination. The City shall not be liable to YMCA for any damages on account of such termination for loss of anticipated future profits with respect to the remainder of the Work.

Section 11. Accounting.

During the period of this Contract, YMCA shall maintain books of accounts of its expenses and charges in connection with this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. The City shall at reasonable times have access to these books and accounts to the extent required to verify all invoices submitted hereunder by YMCA.

Section 12. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement replaces the Agreement approved by Council on March 10, 2026, as Council Bill 26-10, Ordinance 26-10. This contract contains all the agreements of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and is the full and final expression of the agreement between the parties. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this instrument are of no force or effect excepting a subsequent modification in writing signed by all the parties hereto.

Section 13. Severability.

All parties agree that should any provision of this contract be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any other term of this contract, which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 14. Transferability.

Neither City nor YMCA shall assign any rights or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party. Unless otherwise stated in the written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any obligation under this Contract

Section 15. Satisfactory Performance.

The City shall have the right to notify YMCA of any performance by its employees that is detrimental to the best interest of the City, and YMCA agrees to correct such performance within seven (7) days.

Section 16. Third Party Rights.

Nothing in this Contract is intended to benefit any third party not a party to this Contract, and no provision of this Contract shall confer any rights upon any such third party.

Section 17. Venue.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Missouri. Any legal action or proceedings relating to this Agreement shall be instituted only in Jasper County, Missouri.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have made and executed this contract in multiple copies, each of which shall be an original.

CITY OF CARTHAGE

YMCA

By: David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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By: City Clerk

COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-38

ORDINANCE NO. ____

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the plan review of the Oak Street Bridge in the amount of \$25,000.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI as follows:

SECTION I: The Mayor of the City of Carthage is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the plan review of the Oak Street Bridge in the amount of \$25,000.00, in the City of Carthage, Missouri , a copy of which agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF ____, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

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