



City of Carthage, Missouri
**BUDGET WAYS & MEANS
COMMITTEE**

June 8, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Old Business**
 1. Approval of May 20, 2026 Minutes
- 3. Citizens Participation**
(Citizens wishing to speak should notify Department Head or Committee Chair in advance)
- 4. New Business**
 1. Consider and Discuss Resolution Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to the Golf Fund Capital for Ash Tree Removal and Replacement
 2. Consider and Discuss Budget Adjustment for FY 25/26
 3. Consider and Discuss FY 26/27 Budget
 4. Staff Reports
- 5. Adjournment**

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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 Dinger about any capital fund cuts. Chief Dinger 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2125

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO THE GOLF FUND CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR ASH TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT AT THE GOLF COURSE.

WHEREAS, the City adopted a budget and appropriated funds for fiscal year 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, unanticipated expenditures are expected to exceed the original adopted budget in the General Revenue Fund and budgetary changes are necessary within this fund to provide increased appropriation levels; and

WHEREAS, the City may increase the current year adopted budget through supplemental appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Ways & Means Committee met and discussed additional appropriations at their June 8, 2026 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI, THE MAYOR CONCURRING HEREIN, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City hereby approves the implementation of a line-item adjustments to the Capital Outlay line item in the Golf Fund for \$26,354.47 for Ash Tree removal and replacement which will be reimbursed by a grant.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal City Clerk

Sponsored by: Budget Committee

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL BILL

I request a council bill be drafted to accomplish the following:

Amending the 2025 - 2026 Annual Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Carthage.

Date:

/s/ Traci Cox
Signature

This request was referred to the **Budget Ways & Means Committee** for their recommendation.

Date:

Mayor

The **Budget Ways & Means Committee** has voted in favor of / against sponsoring the above council bill.

Date: _____

/s/
Committee Chairperson

The attached council bill has been prepared in accordance with the above request and is ready to be included on the agenda of the next council meeting. I have sent copies to the various departments listed below.

Date:

City Attorney

Street _____ CWEP _____
Police _____ Parks
Fire _____ City Admin.
Eng.

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 – 2026 FOR SPECIFIED FUNDS (GENERAL FUND, PUBLIC SAFETY FUND, GOLF FUND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TAX FUND)

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

SECTION I: The City of Carthage's 2025 - 2026 Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the **General Fund**, is hereby amended to reflect supplemental appropriations from the unallocated and unappropriated Fund Balance, for:

- a.) the **Capital Improvements Department**, is hereby amended to reflect a supplemental appropriation of funds not to exceed \$15,000.00 to the Capital Outlay line item for the installation of park playground lights, to be reimbursed by McCune Brooks Regional Hospital Trust Parks Master Plan grant; and
- b.) an amount not to exceed \$24,820 to the Grant Revenue line item for the Local Violent Crime Prevention Grant for the Police Department, and an amount not to exceed \$24,820 to the Capital Outlay line item for the **Police Department**, for the purchase of police vehicle routers; and
- c.) an amount not to exceed \$35,400 to the Capital Outlay line item for the purchase of AED's for the **Fire Department**; and

SECTION II: The City of Carthage's 2025 - 2026 Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the **Public Safety Fund**, is hereby amended to reflect supplemental appropriations from the unallocated and unappropriated fund balance, for:

- a) an amount not to exceed \$40,468.00 to the Police Department Grant Revenue line item for the LEST grant, and an amount not to exceed \$28,348.00 to the Police Capital Outlay line item for the purchase of upfitting a patrol vehicle (\$17,341), a forensic computer (\$5,967), and Steel Body Armor (\$5,040), and an amount not to exceed \$12,120 to the Miscellaneous Expenses line item for ODET dues (\$4,000), First Two Software (\$3,600), FTO software (\$2,200), and Bro-outflow suppressors (\$2,320)
- b) an amount not to exceed \$9,845.52 to the Police Capital Outlay line item for an invoice to pay Axon for Tasers and Body Cameras; and
- c) an amount not to exceed \$5,948.00 to the Police Capital Outlay line item for the purchase of two rifles (\$2,130) and the purchase of exercise equipment for the department (\$3,818)

SECTION III: The City of Carthage's 2025 - 2026 Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the **Capital Improvements Tax Fund**, is hereby amended to reflect supplemental appropriations from the unallocated and unappropriated fund balance, for:

- a) an amount not to exceed \$22,788.00 to the Capital Projects line item for the upfitting of the 2024 Ford Brush Truck

SECTION IV: The City of Carthage's 2025 - 2026 Annual Operating and Capital Budget
Sponsored by the Budget Ways and Means Committee

for the **Golf Fund**, is hereby amended to reflect supplemental appropriations from the unallocated and unappropriated fund balance, for:

- a) an amount not to exceed \$26,045 to the Grant Revenue line item, and an amount not to exceed \$26,045 to the Capital Outlay line item for the Ash tree removal and replacement.

SECTION V: 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