



City of Carthage, Missouri
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Thorn called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members present: David Thorn, Susan Reddy, Ray West, Mariela Telles

Others present: Police Chief Chad Dinger, Fire Chief Jason Martin, Mayor Flanigan, City Administrator Traci Cox, Fire Admin/EMC Morgan Housh, Councilman Juan Topete

Citizens present: Valarie Poblete, Maria Marriquin

2. Old Business

1. Approval of 5-18-26 Minutes

Councilman West made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Motion passed.

3. Citizen Participation

(Each person addressing the Committee shall state their name and address or the organization or firm represented and is limited to no more than five (5) minutes. The time may be extended by the chair if deemed necessary. Once a person has had their say on a particular issue, they are not permitted to once again speak on the issue unless called to answer any further questions by the Committee or Chair)

1. Consider and discuss "Children at play" signage - Valarie Poblete

Valarie Poblete spoke with the committee on "children at play signs" for the alley behind her house between Orner and Forest. After a short discussion, Chief Dinger will be working with Valarie to access the issue.

Traci Cox did state that there are regulations in the state of Missouri regarding these signs.

No motion was taken.

2. Consider and discuss granting permission for a food truck to park on the square by Cherry's on June 20th from 10am to 4pm during the sidewalk sale - Vanessa Gile with Scoop It icecream shop

Vanessa Gile removed their request. No motion

3. Consider and discuss road closures for the Jasper County Youth Fair - Roxanne Willard

Traci Cox spoke on behalf of Roxanne Willard on the road closures for the Jasper County Youth Fair. The event will be held the 2nd full week of July at the Municipal Livestock Barns. This year she is requesting the following:

- Close the road newly known as Fairway Drive from the gate beginning Tuesday night at midnight, July 14th, through Saturday, July 18th to keep

livestock contained within the perimeter fence. Closure of this road will also increase the safety of exhibitors and spectators, eliminating moving vehicles.

- Close the road, newly known as Clover Lane, from Wednesday to Saturday as well. Allowing Food Trucks in this area from Monday, July 13 through Saturday, July 18.
- Request campers be allowed in the park on Saturday, July 11 through Saturday, July 18 for the exhibitor families. Children exhibiting during the fair are also requesting special permission to be in the park around the livestock area after 10PM to care for livestock and provide security for exhibits. Additional police patrol during the event is welcomed.

Councilwomen Reddy made a motion to move the requests to full council for approval. Motion passed.

4. Consider and discuss the 6th annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration to be held on September 26th 2026 — Maria Marriquin with Hispanic Connection
Maria Marriquin spoke with the committee on the 6th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration to be held on September 26th. She is requesting 7th Street (between Garrison and Lyon), Lyon Street (between 7th and Chestnut), and the west bound lane of Chestnut (between Lyon and Garrison) to be closed from 11:00am to 11:00pm on September 26th for this event. Councilman West made a motion to approve the requested road closures. Motion passed.
5. Consider and discuss Cruise in - Chris Goodwin/Traci Cox
Traci Cox informed the committee that this item had been removed from the agenda.

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss recreational burning regulations - Chief Martin
Chief Martin spoke with the committee on the recreational burning regulations. The county regulations have recreational burning in the regulations, but City regulations do not. Chief would like to add to Sec. 10-2 (open burning) the following:
(14) Open Burning for Recreational Purposes: Campfires and other fires used solely for recreational purposes, ceremonial occasions or for outdoor noncommercial preparation of food are allowed. Fires shall include only vegetative woody materials or untreated wood products.
(b) Fire Department or Police Department have the authority to order the extinguishment of any fire not within regulations.

Councilman Reddy made a motion to forward the changes to Sec 10-2 of the code to add the requested changes. Motion passed

2. Consider and discuss using remaining building maintenance capital to purchase beds — Chief Martin
Use the remaining capital funds to purchase beds for the Fire Station from Fire Station Furniture Company.
Chief Martin is requesting to use the remaining capital funds to purchase beds for the Fire Department from Fire Station Furniture Company. These beds are

designed to hold up adults in a twin-size bed. He is requesting 9 half beds and 9 mattresses. The total for this purchase is \$8,459.82 plus the cost of shipping. Councilmen West made a motion to authorize the purchase of the beds and mattresses from Fire Station Furniture. Motion passed.

3. Staff Reports

Fire Department

Chief Martin gave a station update. No motions were needed.

Police Department

Chief Dininger gave a station update. No motions were needed.

5. **Adjournment**

Councilmen West made a motion to adjourn at 6:23pm