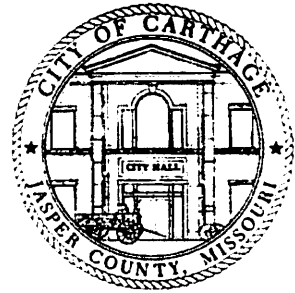


# PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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## July 7, 2026, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Juan Topete, Ray West, Jack Perkins, and Robin Harrison

Staff Members present: Josiah Bayless, Director of Public Works, Traci Cox, City Administrator and Rachel Sutherland, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Citizens Present: Bren Flanigan

Chairperson Juan Topete called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Robin Harrison made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2026, meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

### New Business:

1. Josiah presented information regarding an Overhead Electric Easement between The City of Carthage and CWEP for a feeder line at South Industrial Park. Ray West made a motion to forward the Agreement to City Council for an Ordinance. All Ayes, motion passed.
2. The Committee discussed the request by the developer to waive permit fees for The Villas at Myers Park. The developer is trying to acquire State Credits in order to receive funding for this project to build more Senior Housing for the growing list of people. If the City agrees to waive fees it adds to the number of points required to compete for State Credit. Ray West made a motion to forward to City Council and to provide a letter of support, contingent on the developer providing more information to The City regarding what is the dollar amount needed to be waived on fees in order to receive the maximum number of points. All Ayes, motion carried.
3. There are currently 24 properties in the City Limits of Carthage that have been deemed unfit to live in. Josiah would like this list made public in hopes that someone, such as investors, may want to purchase and refurbish these properties. Juan Topete would like this list to be posted in as many places as possible, such as The City's Website.
4. Josiah made a request to have the Agenda Amended to include an offer we have received regarding the Road Grader that the Street Dept currently has. CAT has another County that is wanting to purchase our Grader for \$190,000.00 and we would like to purchase a smaller, newer Grader with less hours for \$129,000.00, allowing us to put \$61,000.0 back into The City's budget. Juan Topete made a motion to amend the agenda, all ayes, motion carried. Robin Harrison made a motion to approve the sale of the current Road Grader and the purchase of a smaller Grader. All ayes, motion passed.

### Staff Reports:

Josiah reported:

- The Street Dept has gotten caught up on storm damage clean up
- The city is getting ready for Marion Days
- After our most recent hire, the Street Dept should be fully staffed
- The Jasper County Youth Fair will be starting soon

Juan Topete made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. All Ayes, motion carried.

## **City of Carthage - Public Works**

### **Unfit Structures**

1. 404 Case
2. 819 Cedar
3. 1003 Clinton (two on same parcel)
4. 400 S Fulton
5. 404 S Fulton
6. 708 High
7. 716 High
8. 904 Howard
9. 1306 James
10. 901 McGregor
11. 225 N Main
12. 231 N Main
13. 1725 S Main
14. 323 N Maple
15. 210 E Mound
16. 415 W Mound
17. 1009 Olive
18. 904 Olive
19. 623 Orner
20. 627 Orner
21. 523 Pine
22. 1011 Poplar
23. 728 Sycamore
24. 606 E 13th