

City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY COUNCIL

July 28, 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: Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. Council Member Juan Topete and Mariela Telles were absent. City Attorney Jon Gold and City Administrator Traci Cox were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Fire Chief Jason Martin, Public Works Director Josiah Bayless, and Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine, and City Clerk Miranda Deal. Police Chief Chad Dininger was absent.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

During Citizen Participation, Joel Terry, 2219 Alison, asked about code enforcement efforts and provided an address to Mr. Bayless.

Janna Conklin with the Boots Visitor Center, gave an update to the council on what they have seen and the visitors they have gotten this summer.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways and Means Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10th at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Wells reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this day and approved the claims. They discussed the changes to the probationary period for employees which appears under new business. They also discussed the employee health fair for this year and lab work that the city typically provides money for. This year, the insurance company is also providing money for employee wellness. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve \$135 for employee lab work. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to amend the motion to be \$135 city money as in the past and \$30 paid for by the insurance company, to be a total of \$165 for employee lab work. Motion carried to amend the motion. Amended original motion also carried. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Thorn reported that the Public Safety Committee met July 20th at 5:30 p.m. They heard from Lora Phelps with the McCune Brooks Hospital Foundation. They are planning a fundraising event at the Kolpin Pavilion and are requesting a street closure.

Mr. Thorn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to close 2nd street from Grant to the parking lot behind the Kolpin Pavilion on October 1 from 3-10 pm. Motion carried. The committee discussed the resolution for the donation of lights to the fire department. CW&EP asked for permission to put a crosswalk across Centennial from their building to their new parking lot. Mr. Thorn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to allow street striping from the new parking lot entrance to their building across Centennial Avenue. Motion carried. The committee also approved the MOU with the R-9 school district for the school resource officers. The city will provide 1 SRO and 2 reserve officers. Mr. Thorn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to allow the Mayor to sign this MOU for this school year. Motion carried. They also approved the Marian Days support resolution. They heard staff reports from the fire department on the remodel and new hires, the police department has one in training and one opening. The next meeting is scheduled for August 17th at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Kang reported that the Public Services Committee met July 21st at 5:30 p.m.. The primary reason for this meeting was to discuss the pool assessment that Landmark Aquatics proposed. The committee approved the proposal and it also included an electrical assessment. Money was budgeted for the fiscal year for \$25,000 to conduct the assessment. There is additional money needed to include the electrical with it. Mrs. Kang made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to approve moving forward with the pool and electrical assessment in the amount of \$29,400. Motion carried with Perkins casting a no vote. The committee heard reports of lots of park activity and the golf revenues are steady. The new Assistant Parks Director Roy Sawyer had started and next week the new Admin Assistant should start as well. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. West reported that the Public Works Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4th at 5:30 pm.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Perkins for the CW&EP Board, Mr. Wells for the Civil War Museum Board, Mr. Snow for the Ad-hoc hiring process committee, Mrs. Kang for Vision Carthage.

Mayor Flanigan reported on attending various meetings with the Special Road District, CW&EP Board, CEDC Board, Redevelopment Corporation, bridge committee, and meeting with the Mayor of Joplin. He attended the CRM Friendship dinner and met with the Fathers discussing the support and costs associated with it that the City provides. There was also a meeting with department heads to learn about GIS and how to use it throughout city departments.

During Remarks from Council Members, Mr. Thorn expressed his excitement for the solar cars coming through town this week. Mr. Snow thanked Mr. Bayless for his code enforcement efforts, he looks forward to seeing the pool assessment, and he attended the MoDOT stakeholders meeting regarding the 171 interchange project. Mrs. Kang said that the walkers with dogs at the fair acres track are getting excited to have a water fountain for dogs, and she hopes that everyone enjoys Marian Days. Mr. Wells is also

happy with the code enforcement efforts and he has received some complaints about flock cameras within town and they are not the city's and were not funded by the city in any way. Mrs. Reddy thanked Mr. Bayless for handling some complaints she had received. She also loved hearing the Boots Visitor Center update and encourages everyone to check it out if they haven't already.

Fire Chief Jason Martin reported that the remodel of station 1 is still ongoing. They are preparing for Marian Days. The autopulse machine has been received, but the guys have to go through training at the end of the week before they can put it in use. He also mentioned the painted hydrants and how he spoke with CWEP about the issues he had with it. The color of the tops and sides of the hydrants show the flow indicator of a hydrant which is in the fire code. He asked that they be notified of any future painting.

Public Works Director Josiah Bayless reported that the recent push for code enforcement efforts through the city has made his office reanalyze their processes and see where they can improve. He also reported that the new sidewalk project should be getting close to getting the plans finalized. He also reported that his crews are preparing for Marian Days.

Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine reported that his new Assistant Parks Director started today and the new Admin Assistant starts next week. The youth fair was a great success a couple weeks ago. The pool assessment will provide 3 options for the pool and how to fix it along with the prices.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$930,539.91, against the following funds: General Revenue \$188,755.79, Public Health \$168,816.71, Lodging \$2,500.00, Parks/Stormwater \$10,287.50, Golf \$30,072.31, Capital Improvements \$9,276.00, Parks and Recreation \$17.83, and Payroll \$520,813.77. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, C.B. 26-44 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 204 – Probationary Period of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to amend the agenda to include the Standing Committee appointments under Mayor's Appointments due to losing Mr. West and not having two committees with only 3 individuals following his departure from Council. Motion carried.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve the Mayor's Reappointment of Tymon Bay and Mike Zeiter to the Police and Fire Pension until July 2028. Motion carried.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve the Mayor's Standing Committee appointments as presented. Motion carried

Under Resolutions, Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve Resolution 2126 -- A Resolution providing for the acceptance of an anonymous donation of 60 1 x 4 flat-panel LED Lights, with an approximate valuation of \$3,649.80, to the Carthage Fire Department, by the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri pursuant to City Policy. Resolution 2126 was adopted after a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy.

Mrs. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Reddy, to approve Resolution 2127 -- A Resolution authorizing City support and permissions for several programs as part of the 47th Annual Marian Days Celebration in the City of Carthage, Missouri. Resolution 2127 was adopted after a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Robin Harrison, Ray West, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy.

During closing comments, well wishes were sent to Mr. West and everyone hopes there will be another time in the future that he can serve on Council. Mr. Snow reminded everyone that Marian Days events will begin this weekend with the roads being closed and the event being next weekend. Mrs. Harrison thanked all the workers who work out in the heat. Mr. West said it has been a pleasure to serve with the group that brought back order.

Mr. West made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.