



City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

August 10, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Old Business**
 1. Approval of July 13, 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 Acceptance of State Taxi Grant
 2. Consider and Discuss Budget Amendment for FY 25-26
 3. Consider and Discuss Tax Levy for 2026
 4. Staff Reports
- 5. Adjournment**

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City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Wells

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor David B. Flanigan

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Traci Cox, Administrative Assistant Dorothy Weber, IT Director Michael Keith, City Clerk Miranda Deal

Chair Alan Snow called the meeting to order at: 5:30 PM

2. Old Business

1. Approve June 8, 2026 Minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve June 8, 2026 minutes by Juan Topete
Motion passed with a 4:0

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

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 a budget adjustment resolution for FY 2025-2026
Ms. Cox stated that the budget adjustments were an end-of-year financial clean-up for Golf and the FD. Mrs. Deal stated that more budget adjustments may happen as the 2025-2026 FY is closed out. Mr. Snow spoke about the budget adjustments.

ACTION: Motion to forward budget adjustments to Council by Juan Topete
Motion passed with a 4:0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider and discuss priority based budgeting

Mrs. Cox stated that revenues are flat compared to expenditures that keep increasing and how it's important to look at different ways of budgeting. Ms. Cox stated that instead of looking at line items, which is how the budget is currently calculated, the city would look at services and goals and the outcomes for the individual departments' needs. Priority-based budgeting is based off of goods and services and that the city would prioritize community needs and wants. Mrs. Kang asked if other local communities used this method. Ms. Cox stated that it's currently not used by many, but it's becoming increasingly more popular. Ms. Cox listed different ways to decide priorities. Mrs. Kang asked about GFOA guidance. Mrs. Deal stated that it's mostly larger cities that use priority-based budgeting. Ms. Cox and Mr. Snow discussed plugging services into priorities and how all of the services will be aligned to score and rank. Mr. Topete asked about finding out a range for services. Mrs. Kang asked about which services would be listed and Ms. Cox stated that it would be up to the Council. Mayor Flanigan spoke about the challenges of using this budgeting model. Mrs. Kang asked about the approval process for this budget and Ms. Cox stated that she didn't believe that the city was ready to implement it just yet and that she wanted to get the conversation started. The Committee discussed having a special council meeting to discuss implementation of the priority-based budgeting model. Mr. Topete and Mr. Snow asked Mrs. Deal to find a list of priorities that other cities are using. The Committee reviewed sales tax covered by state statute. Mr. Topete asked for a list of things that other cities found that worked with priority-based budgeting and things that they thought were mistakes.

3. Staff Reports

Mr. Keith spoke about getting the city ready for Marian Days. Mr. Keith then updated the committee on the cellular switch over for PD. Ms. Cox stated that sales tax for July was up 2.49% from last year and that use tax is up 28% from last year. Mrs. Cox spoke about meetings with the FOP. Mrs. Kang explained that she had been discussing possible grants for FD and PD.

5. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 6:35 PM by Juan Topete
	Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Alan Snow, Beth Kang, David Thorn, Juan Topete
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

COUNCIL BILL NO.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Carthage and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Carthage and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects.

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

SECTION I. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Carthage and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Carthage and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects.

SECTION II. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances therefore enacted which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Budget Ways & Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO THE
GENERAL REVENUE FUND AND GOLF FUND, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

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 Fund and Golf Fund, and budgetary changes are necessary within these 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 August 10, 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 adjustment to Public Works Professional Fees line item for \$8,378.75 to record additional engineering expenses;

The City hereby also approves the implementation of a line-item adjustment to Taxi Gasoline line item for \$1,677.70, to record additional gasoline expenses.

The City hereby also approves the implementation of a line-item adjustment to the Fire Department Salaries Overtime line item for \$9,000.00 to record additional overtime expenses that accrued due to lack of full staffing at times during fiscal year.

The City hereby also approves the implementation of a line-item adjustment to the Civil War Museum Salaries for \$1,120.43, FICA for \$76.76, and Workers Comp for \$15.23, to record additional salary expenses due to training new personnel, along with a line item adjustment to the Building Maintenance line item for \$573.04, to record additional building maintenance expenses from HVAC repairs and cleaning supplies expenses.

The City hereby also approves the implementation of a line-item adjustment to the Golf Fund for an adjustment to Concession Sales Revenue for \$17,000, to record additional revenue generated by snack and drink sales, an adjustment to Pro Shop Sales Revenue for \$11,725.00, to record additional revenue from pro shop sales. An adjustment to Concession Purchases for \$10,250.00 for purchase of additional drinks and snacks, and an adjustment to Retail Inventory for \$25,375.00, for purchase of additional pro shop merchandise.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

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, GOLF FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TAX FUND, AND SOUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARK 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.) an amount not to exceed \$62,000 to the Grant Revenue line item for the McCune Brooks Hospital Trust Grant for the purchase of an auto pulse machine; and
- b.) the **Public Works Department**, is hereby amended to reflect a supplemental appropriation of funds not to exceed \$8,378.75 to the Professional Fees line item for additional engineering expenses; and
- c.) the **Taxi Department**, is hereby amended to reflect a supplemental appropriation of funds not to exceed \$1,677.70, to the Gasoline line item for additional gasoline expenses; and
- d.) the **Fire Department**, is hereby amended to reflect a supplemental appropriation of funds not to exceed \$9,000.00 to the Salaries Overtime line item, for the additional overtime expenses; and
- e.) the **Fire Department**, is hereby amended to reflect a supplemental appropriation of funds not to exceed \$62,182.69 to the Capital Outlay line item, for the purchase of an auto pulse machine; and
- f.) the **Civil War Museum Department**, is hereby amended to reflect a supplemental appropriation of funds not to exceed \$1,120.43 to the Salaries line item, \$76.76 to the FICA line item, and \$15.23 to the Workers Comp line item, for the additional salary expenses for new personnel; and
- g.) the **Civil War Museum Department**, is hereby amended to reflect a supplemental appropriation of funds not to exceed \$573.04 to the Building Maintenance line item, for the additional building expenses; and

SECTION II: The City of Carthage's 2025 - 2026 Annual Operating and Capital Budget 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 \$94,531.39 to the Lease Proceeds Revenue line item for the reimbursement of the pump house down payment, and an amount not to exceed \$94,531.39 to the Capital Outlay line item for the down payment of the pump house; and
- b) an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 to the Concession Sales Revenue line item, for additional revenue from food and drink sales, and an amount not to exceed \$11,725.00 to the Pro Shop Sales Revenue line item, for additional revenue from pro shop sales; and
- c) An amount not to exceed \$10,250.00 to the Concession Purchases line item for the

purchase of additional food and drinks, and an amount not to exceed \$25,375.00 to the Retail Inventory line item for the purchase of additional pro shop merchandise; and

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

- a) an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 to the Transfers to Others line item for the transfer to the South Economic Development Park Fund for survey expenses; and

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

- a) an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 to the Transfers Revenue line item for the transfer from Capital Improvement Tax Fund for survey expenses; and

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING GENERAL TAXES UPON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2026, FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AND OTHER PURPOSES, AND FIXING THE RATES THEREOF.

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

SECTION I: That a tax be and the same is hereby levied for the year 2026, upon all real property which is subject to taxation for municipal purposes under the statutes of the State of Missouri, within the corporate limits of the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri as follows:

First, for General Revenue purposes, 0.3072 cents per One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation.

Second, for the purpose of maintaining the Public Library for the City of Carthage, 0.1534 cents per One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation.

Third, for the purpose of maintaining Public Parks and Recreation within the City of Carthage, 0.1325 cents per One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation.

Fourth, for the purpose of maintaining the Public Health of the City of Carthage, 0.0698 cents per One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation.

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 the Budget Ways & Means Committee)

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Carthage, MO 64836
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Jasper County Clerk
Charlie Davis

Jasper County Courts Building
633 S. Pearl Ave. Room 198
Joplin, MO 64801
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NOTICE OF 2026 07/23/26
AGGREGATE ASSESSED VALUATION FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OTHER THAN SCHOOLS

As required by SECTION 137.245.3, I, CHARLIE DAVIS
County Clerk of Jasper County, State of Missouri, do hereby
certify that the following is the aggregate assessed valuation of
CAR CITY a political subdivision in Jasper County, for the year 2026
as shown on the assessment lists, plus railroad and utility
valuations as reported by the State Tax Commission.

Real Estate Valuations:

Residential	110,557,290
Agricultural	464,780
Commercial	64,239,680

TOTAL\$ 175,261,750

Local RR/Utility Valuations:

Residential	0
Agricultural	0
Commercial	1,858,890

TOTAL\$ 1,858,890

TOTAL REAL\$ 177,120,640

Personal Property Valuations:

Personal Property	70,977,266
Local RR/Utility	3,900

TOTAL\$ 70,981,166

State Assessed Railroad & Utility Valuations:

Real Estate	905,855
Personal Property	215,920

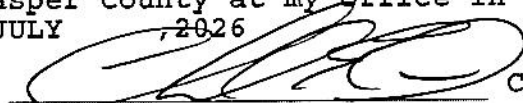
TOTAL\$ 1,121,775

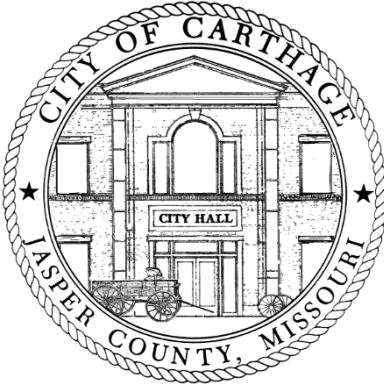
TOTAL CURRENT VALUATIONS \$ 249,223,581

NEW CONSTRUCTION..... \$ 2,704,550

This information is transmitted to assist you in complying with Section
67.110, RSMo, which requires that notice be given and public hearings held
before tax rates are set.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of
the County Commission of Jasper County at my office in
Carthage this 23 day of JULY, 2026

 Clerk



The City of Carthage

America's Maple Leaf City

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 25, 2026 in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 326 Grant Street Carthage, Missouri at which time Citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Carthage.

<u>Assessed Valuations</u>	<u>Current Year 2026</u>	<u>Prior Year 2025</u>		
Real Estate – Residential	110,557,290	108,229,660		
Real Estate – Agriculture	464,780	499,980		
Real Estate – Commercial	64,239,680	60,958,890		
<u>Local/State Assessed RR/Utilities</u>	<u>Current Year 2026</u>	<u>Prior Year 2025</u>		
Local Valuations	1,858,890	1,861,920		
State Valuations	905,855	1,021,926		
ASSESSED TOTALS	178,026,495	172,572,376		
<u>Funds</u>	<u>Prior Year Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Levy</u>	<u>Property Tax 2026</u>	
General Revenue Fund	0.3072	0.3072	\$546,897	
Public Health Fund	0.0698	0.0698	\$124,262	
Park & Recreation Fund	0.1325	0.1325	\$235,885	
Library Fund	0.1534	0.1534	\$273,093	
FUND TOTALS	0.6629	0.6629	\$1,180,137	

*This rate is subject to change due to the receipt of subsequent information or upon notice from the State Auditor's Office. A copy of the City of Carthage Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is available for public inspection at City Hall, 326 Grant Street Carthage, Missouri or on the City of Carthage website www.carthagemo.gov.

Traci Cox
City Administrator
City of Carthage

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