

# City of Carthage, Missouri

## CITY COUNCIL

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AUGUST 11, 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: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. Council Member Mariella Telles was absent. City Attorney Jon Gold and City Administrator Traci Cox were also present.

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

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2026 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

During Presentations, Mayor Flanigan presented former Council Member Ray West with an outgoing plaque and thanked him for his time serving on the Council.

During Citizen Participation, Jackie Boyer said that Mr. West was a wonderful liaison to the Kellogg Lake Board and she looks forward to meeting the new liaison.

Mr. Snow reported that the Budget Ways and Means Committee met August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. They discussed and approved acceptance of the taxi grant, the budget adjustment resolution for end of year, and the council bill to amend the previous budget to incorporate the changes from the two resolutions. They also discussed and approved the tax levy rate, the rates did not change for this year. The next meeting will be rescheduled due to the MML conference.

Mr. Wells reported that the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this day and approved the claims. The committee approved Council Bill 26-48 for overtime policy changes. They also approved the use of insurance funds to provide early detection screenings for employees. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve \$140 for employees to get the early detection screenings done. Motion carried. The money from insurance won't cover everyone, so there may be certain criteria that has to be met. The committee discussed and approved a CPFO contract for Miranda Deal. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Reddy, to approve the contract between the City and Miranda Deal to complete the CPFO training. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Thorn reported that the Public Safety Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Kang reported that the Public Services Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. West reported that the Public Works Committee is between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Thorn for the Library Board, Mrs. Kang for Vision Carthage, and Mrs. Harrison for the Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Flanigan reported on the work being done at Kellogg Lake, the recent election, Marian Days, Fire District meetings, and the vacant ward 2 position.

During Remarks from Council Members, Mr. Thorn reported that he attended the solar car event and Marian Days. Mr. Perkins thanked Jason Peterson with CW&EP for his hard work in keeping everyone safe with their internet. Mr. Snow thanked Chief Dininger for showing him around at Marian Days, and thanked the police and fire departments for all the work they put into the event. Mrs. Kang was sad to miss Marian Days, she also thinks downtown Carthage is one of the best downtowns she has seen. Mr. Wells reported he attended the solar car event the second day when they left town. Mrs. Reddy thought that everyone attending Marian Days and parking along the streets were very courteous and she appreciates the police and fire departments for their work. Mr. Topete missed Marian Days, but he heard it went well and he also missed the solar cars but was able to watch videos from others. Mrs. Harrison thanked all departments for their work with Marian Days, she also mentioned that there were plenty of electric scooters riding around town even without the City having the LIME scooters, she also thanked the police department for their diligent work that morning involving a stabbing case and she is grateful for the flock cameras that were able to help assist them in catching the person quickly before something else happened.

Fire Chief Jason Martin reported that Marian Days went well and that he will be on vacation the next week.

Police Chief Chad Dininger reported that they set up a traffic counter near the entrance of the grounds for Marian days and over the course of 8 days, there were 26,664 vehicles that went through the area. He also reported there were 393 CAD events that were entered into the system, 48 traffic stops, and 8 arrests. He typically judges the size of the event on the Saturday mass and how far the people go in the street across Grand, and he thinks this was the largest event in several years. Overall he thought this year went very smoothly.

Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine reported that the parks office is fully staffed now. He said his crews have been out working and staying hydrated, they have

altered their schedules for watering flowers to keep them alive. They have completed some parks playground maintenance and there was a press release issued on the pool assessment.

Public Works Director Josiah Bayless reported that he has been working on the Jasco Hazard Mitigation information. The old grader has been picked up and the new one will be delivered tomorrow. That will result in about a \$60,000 profit. He also said that the code enforcement efforts are still ongoing and will return to the original area to see how things are being kept up. Then the new area will continue down South Garrison Avenue.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,372,562.72 against the following funds: General Revenue \$125,647.75, Public Health \$169,092.19, Lodging \$3,150.43, Public Safety \$8.17, Parks/Stormwater \$51,209.76, Fire Protection Tax \$5,011.28, Golf \$26,408.46, Library \$80,000.00, Payroll \$312,034.68, and Carthage Water and Electric \$1,600,000.00. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old 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 second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 26-44.

Under New Business, C.B. 26-45 -- A An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to accept State financial assistance in the amount of \$5,271.05, 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, for Commission-approved transit projects was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 26-46 -- 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) was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 26-47 -- 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 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 26-48 -- An Ordinance to amend Section 307 – Overtime and Section 308 – Compensatory Time of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve Mariella Telles as the Kellogg Lake Board Liaison. Motion carried

Under Resolutions, Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve Resolution 2128 -- A Resolution authorizing a supplemental budget adjustment to the General Revenue Fund and Golf Fund, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Resolution 2128 was adopted after a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy.

During closing comments, Mayor Flanigan again thanked Ray West for his time serving on City Council. Mr. Topete thanked Chief Dininger for the report and statistics on Marian Days. Mr. Perkins appreciated when Mr. West would speak up about issues. Mr. Snow thanked Vision Carthage for the flowers and thanked Joplin Greenhouse for the donation of new baskets. Mrs. Kang said that Mr. West would be missed and she appreciates all departments stepping up and working in the hot weather. She also reported that there was a news article in the New York Times about Carthage and Route 66. Mr. Wells thanked the parks for working hard on keeping the flowers alive. He also said that he has mixed feelings on flock cameras and there are pros and cons to them. You basically have to choose between privacy or safety. He reported that 2 million criminals have been caught using flock cameras around America.

Mrs. Reddy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to close the meeting according to Section 610.021 (2), the agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor, followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. Motion carried at 7:31 p.m.

## CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 8:23 p.m. followed by a roll call 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, David Thorn, Jack Perkins, Alan Snow, Beth Kang, Ron Wells, and Susan Reddy. Motion carried.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.