
City of Carthage



Public Safety Committee – Minutes

Meeting Date November 15, 2021

Meeting Location: City Hall- Council Chambers

Call to Order: Chairman Barlow

Time Called to Order: 5:30pm

Attendance:

Chairman Barlow, Councilman Harrison, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Snow, Captain Hawkins, Chief Williams, Greg Dagnan, Deputy Chief Huntley, Abi Almandinger, Chanti Beckham

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Harrison made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Chanti Beckham discussed the 2021 Run Through the Lights. The runners will be running through the CRM on Thursday December 16th at around 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Runners will be starting at the Church of Nazarene just to the south of the lights (CRM), cross the street and run through the lights display. Some runners will continue onto the Square and back making it a 5K run. Beckham would like a patrol car to block traffic while runners cross Fairview for traffic control. This is the same as previous years. Councilman Snow made the motion to approve the 2021 Run Through the Lights event on Thursday December 16th with officer assistance to cross Fairview and the closure of Fairview from Grand to east of CRM grounds at 6:15pm to 7:30. Motion passed.
2. Abi Almandinger discussed blocking parking spots on the Square for Hometown Holiday Christmas. These spots would be reserved by Vision Carthage for specific food trucks. These specific trucks will be at these locations for the duration of the Hometown Holiday Christmas event. The Carthage Police Department will be advised which food truck will be assigned to be in the specific spots. Signs will be made to notify citizens that the specific spot are reserved. Councilman Harrison made a motion to block spots on the square for specific food trucks for the Hometown Holiday Christmas event.
3. There was no further discussion on street closures from Abi Almandinger. No motion was made.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill Hawkins spoke with the committee on the annual anonymous donation. The CPD received a check for \$10,000 from an anonymous donor. This is an annual donation that the CPD gets to use for unbudgeted items or what the CPD wants/feels necessary. It is not affiliated with the CPD budget. Councilman Snow made a motion to accept the annual donation for \$10,000. Motion passed.
2. Staff Reports:
 - Fire Department
 - Chief Williams spoke with the committee about the passing of Baxter Springs firefighter who died in the line of duty. The CFD will be helping with the standing of the guard till he is laid to rest. The CFD will try to get a truck to the procession.
 - Chief Williams spoke with the committee about getting the Baptist Church lot purchased this week.
 - Chief Williams spoke with Danny Ross about the land at Station 2
 - Chief Williams retirement and station update
 - Police Department
 - Captain Hawkins gave committee an update on upcoming promotions. Woody will be promoted to Assistant Chief, Dininger to Patrol Lt., Pennell to Training Lt., Wolf to Administrative Sgt., and testing for Sgt. for day shift supervisor.
 - Captain Hawkins spoke briefly about the December 9th hearing for dog complaint. It is ongoing.
 - The officer who had left the CPD in violation of his contract has paid his debt.
 - CPD would like to recognize a reserved officer for his service
 - Greg Dagnan
 - Reported on a meeting with Public Works and CWEP to plan for parking lot improvements at 6th/Main.
 - Spoke on inflation rate and raises. Plan for this will be put in place soon.
 - No new news on CVB.
 - Salvation Army building remodel is \$750,000

Councilman Harrison made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: December 20, 2021

Next Meeting Location: City Hall Council Chambers

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