
City of Carthage



Public Safety Committee – Minutes

Meeting Date: November 16, 2020

Meeting Location: City Hall

Call to Order: Chairman Harrison

Time Called to Order: 5:30pm

Attendance:

Chairman Harrison, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Snow, Chief Dagnan, Chief Williams, Morgan Housh, Tom Short, Craig Diggs, Abi Almandinger, Amie Riley

OLD BUSINESS

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Mark Spenaugle did not attend this meeting. Amie Riley spoke on his behalf. Amie spoke with the committee about the 48th Annual Christmas Parade, “Christmas Postcards”. The parade will be held on December 7, 2020 at 7:00pm. As in years past, the parade originates at the corner of Chestnut and Main Streets, proceeds North on Main Street, circling the Square, then back South on Grant, ending at Chestnut and Grant. They are requesting the street closures of Chestnut, 9th, 10th, 11th, and Main Street at 4:30pm as in years past. The Chamber will be providing insurance for the parade. Councilman Snow made the motion to approve the 48th Annual Christmas Parade with street closures same as years past. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The committee had a brief discussion on the current animal at large license/fines that are in place with the City of Carthage. Councilman Snow would like to see the dog at large fines increase with “repeat offenders” and look into the ordinance more in detail to see about helping the City decrease the issue. The city Animal Control Officer is picking up multiple dogs a day. After further discussion, the Committee decided the first step would be to look at the current ordinance and have the Animal Control Officer, the City Attorney, and the Police Department discuss the issues and ways to improve the ordinance. They would also like to speak with the Judges and see if there is anything, they could work with them on. Once all have discussed they will bring an updated ordinance draft back to the committee. No motion was taken.
2. The committee had a brief discussion on the traffic/safety issues with child pick up and drop off at the Jr. High on River and Centennial. Chief Dagnan stated that the traffic on River and Centennial moves very slowly and the kids are exiting their vehicles on the roadway of River. On Centennial, the parents are pulling on the side of the road in the yellow to drop off their children. The CPD assessed the situation. The parents are not disobeying any laws currently because there are no signs stopping them from dropping off or stopping in the roadways. Chief Dagnan has spoken with the school district on the issue and a possible solution and waiting to hear back from the School. The committee decided to work with the schools as a whole on the issue. No motion was taken.

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3. Staff reports

- Fire Department
 - The new fire engine is at Station. The CFD is working on finalizing details.
 - The CFD has a new hire on December 3, 2020.
 - Chief Williams is working on Capital Projects.
 - Chief Williams updated the committee on COVID protocols at the CFD and also the COVID numbers in the County.
- Police Department
 - Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee on the CPD vehicle budget. The CPD had requested two vehicles in the budget, one command vehicle and one patrol car. The CPD's request was denied and cut one of the vehicles. The command vehicle was already in production and was a special order so the patrol car was cut. Chief Dagnan would like to request the patrol car be added back to the budget. The committee discussed using lease/take home cars. Chief Dagnan will gather information on the lease program and bring back to the committee.
 - Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee briefly on the possible mask mandate. He would not like to see this be a criminal penalty if the state puts the mandate in place.
 - The City Taxi is back up and running.
 - Chief Dagnan spoke briefly about the non-operating/parked car policy in the City.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilman Snow made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: December 21, 2020

Next Meeting Location: City Hall

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