
City of Carthage



Public Safety Committee – Minutes

Meeting Date: December 21, 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, Jeff Pinnell, Craig Diggs, Abi Almandinger,

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Snow made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.
2. In the November meeting, the current animal at large license/fines was discussed. Chief Dagnan presented the committee with a proposal for revision of Dangerous Dog Ordinance. Chief briefly explained the new proposal. The few points that he hit over is that a Judge can order the animal to leave the City of Carthage and also the Animal Control Officer can deem an animal vicious on the spot and the Judge can appeal it. If an animal is deemed vicious and the owner would like to keep it in the City the restrictions are listed in the proposed ordinance. Attached is a copy of the Proposal. Chief Dagnan also discussed a few of the surrounding areas licensing fees that are comparable to the City of Carthage. Councilman Snow made a motion to forward the Proposal for Revision of Dangerous Dog Ordinance on to the City Attorney to review and draft a council bill to replace the current ordinance and bring it back to the committee. Motion passed.
3. Admin Sgt. Jeff Pinnell from the Police Department presented the committee with a Carthage Police Department Take-Home Vehicle Proposal. This proposal discussed the pros and cons of the CPD utilizing the Take-Home car policy. Pinnell discussed the implementation costs, plan of rotation, maintenance costs, and policies of the program. Pinnell contacted 13 comparable agencies to compare their stances and policies. Of the 13 that were contacted he received 11 responses and 6 of these agencies are utilizing the take-home program. A few benefits of the program are quicker response for call-out situations, response/money saving issues that occur during shift changes, moral of the station, and visibility of the Department. He also explained the annual maintenance costs per vehicle on the patrol more in detail with the committee. Attached is a draft policy for Vehicle take-home Program. The CPD would like to purchase 22 new vehicles from 2021 thru 2024. (6 in 2021, 7 in 2022, 5 in 2023, and 4 in 2024) Pinnell has briefly spoken with the banks on interest rates of the purchases of these cars. After a lengthy discussion between the committee on the pros/cons and the finances, the committee agreed to have the CPD look closer into the interest rates/financing and report back to the committee. No motion was taken.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No Citizens participation

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee on Reverend Fowler road closure request. Reverend is requesting the street closure of Lyon Street between 6th and 7th street on December 24th. The Church will be holding an outdoor worship at 5:00pm on Christmas Eve. The service will be held in the civilian's automobiles. The service should only last around an hour. The Church is not requesting any help of the CPD other than providing the barricades. Councilman Snow made a motion to close Lyon Street between 6th and 7th Street on December 24, 2020 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Motion passed.
2. Chief Roger Williams presented bids for a commercial mower for Station 2. Chief Williams sent out 3 bids to Race Brothers, S&H Farm Supply, and Spring River Services. He received 2 bids and Spring River did not submit a bid. Race Brothers came in with the lowest bid of \$7,880. Councilman Snow made a motion to approve the bid from Race Brothers for the new commercial mower for Station 2. Motion passed.
3. Chief Williams discussed with the committee the Steadley Grant. Chief applied for a Grant and was awarded \$45,026. This money will be used to purchase new extrication equipment/ Rescue Equipment for the new Engine. This includes 7 E-Tools. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Grant from the Steadley Memorial Trust. Motion approved.
4. Staff reports
 - Fire Department
 - Carthage Fire Department is finishing up getting the new Engine ready for use.
 - Chief Williams updated the committee on the COVID information.
 - Police Department
 - Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee briefly on the annual "Run Through the Lights". The run will be held different this year due to COVID. The event will be held on January 3rd, 2021 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The CPD will help with crossing of Fairview Street.
 - The CPD received the anonymous donation of \$10,000.
 - Updated the committee on CPD staff.

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

Next Meeting Date: January 18, 2021

Next Meeting Location: City Hall

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