
City of Carthage



Public Safety Committee – Minutes

Meeting Date September 20, 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, Captain Hawkins, Chief Williams, Greg Dagnan, Morgan Housh, Deputy Chief Huntley, Cherry Babcock, Abi Almandinger, Ceri Otero

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.
2. Councilman Thompson made a motion to amend the agenda to add a closed session at the conclusion of the meeting. Motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Cherry Babcock spoke with committee on a Harvest Party that she is holding on October 30, 2021. She is requesting Main street be closed from 3rd to 4th from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. They will be having a band performing on stage in the street. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close Main Street from 3rd to 4th on October 30th from 5:00pm to 10:00pm for the Harvest Party. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chief Williams spoke with the committee on the new FIT(Firefighter in Training) job description. Attached is a copy of the job description
2. . This position is a revised job description of the start out firefighter position. The CFD would like to add this position to the department in hopes of getting potential local new hire prospects. The CFD would screen the FIT trainees/ sponsor them while completing their Firefighter I and II requirements while working at the CFD as a full time Firefighter in Training. The Firefighter in Training position requires that the trainee attain Firefighter I and II (IFSAC approved) certification within one year of employment. Extensions may be at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Councilman Harrison made a motion to move the job description to the CIAC. Motion passed.

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Fire Department at 417-237-7100, or the Police Department at 417-237-7200
at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.***

3. Chief Williams spoke with the committee about the Tri-State Fire Alliance testing. The CFD has been involved with the Tri-State Alliance testing for a few years. This is a physical agility/written test that has been required before being able to be employed with the Carthage Fire Department. Chief Williams is asking to submit a resignation from the alliance due to the strains it has put on the Carthage Fire Department in hiring new firefighters. Most of these candidates on the alliance test are not local and live outside of the living requirements and not willing to move. The CFD would provide their own testing for potential incoming firefighters that would have to pass in order to be employed at the CFD. There was no motion needed.
4. Staff Reports:
 - a. Fire Department
 - Chief Williams spoke with the committee on the EMPG grant that had been awarded to the CFD for \$46,045.48. Councilman Harrison made a motion to accept the EMPG award of \$46,045.48. Motion passed.
 - b. Police Department
 - i. Captain Hawkins gave committee a department update on the SRO position.
 - c. Greg Dagnan spoke with the committee briefly on Halloween in Carthage.
 - d. Greg Dagnan updated the committee on the City of Carthage website.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: October 18, 2021

Next Meeting Location: City Hall Council Chambers

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