

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 20, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers
5:30 pm

Public Services Committee Members Present; Ceri Otero, Juan Topete, Seth Thompson

Members Absent; Mike Daugherty

Staff Present; Greg Dagnan, Mark Peterson, Kailey Williams

Non-Members; Abi Almandinger, Luis Rangel

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Old Business:

1. Consider and approve minutes from the previous meeting.
Mrs. Otero made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
Motion Passed.

Public Participation

Abi Almandinger, Vision Carthage Executive Director, provided information on Carthage Winterfest. They received a Steadily Grant that will provide funding for Winterfest. The event will be a 37-day event planned to open on Black Friday, lasting through January 1. With the 37-day event, bounce houses, Snowzilla, an ice skating rink, and other attractions will position south of the square. The skating rink will be a 50' x 60' area made from a synthetic spray. This should be a heavily attended new winter opportunity for Carthage and the area. The intent is to drive activity for business on the square. Participants will need to enter Winterfest from the square through the walkway and new light tunnel on the south side of the square.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider and Discuss Vision Carthage Light Tunnel.**
Due to this item being on the Public Safety Committee Agenda on 7/19/21, there was no discussion. However, this item was approved by the Public Safety Committee.
2. **Consider and Discuss a Request by Luis Rangel, Hispanic Connection, to use Central Park on September 25.**
Luis Rangel, representing Hispanic Connection, presented details about an event hosted on September 25, 2021, in Central Park. The event, Heritage Day, will showcase diverse Hispanic community culture. Groups will share details about their heritage and traditions. Among Carthage residents, we

have a diverse group making our Hispanic community. Mr. Rangel explained that live bands, food trucks, and different vendors would be set up at the Heritage Day event representing cultures from other countries. Logos and banners are in the process of being made for advertisement.

Mrs. Otero motioned to allow the Hispanic Connection group to use Central Park for the Hispanic Connection group event on September 25.

Motion Passed

3. Consider and Discuss Maple Leaf Car Show Agreement with Arrangements for Monster Truck Rides.

Mr. Peterson presented an additional component for the Maple Leaf Car Show event. Wheels of Freedom wants to bring a Monster Truck to Kellogg Lake to give rides to the public. The location of the rides would be in the southwest corner of Kellogg Lake Park. The Maple Leaf Car Show contract will need to be changed to add insurance requirements for the addition of Monster Truck Rides. The Maple Leaf Car Show contract will be updated and presented next month with additional information.

4. Consider and Discuss the Kellogg Lake Community Assistance Program Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Missouri Department of Conservation has an agreement with the City of Carthage that is up for renewal. The MDC helps with maintaining the lake and fish habitat.

Mrs. Otero made a motion to accept the agreement with The Missouri Department of Conservation and forward it to the council.

Motion Passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Conservation Department- Mr. Peterson reached out to Rick Horton about the idea of dredging Kellogg Lake or a portion of the lake. We are also looking into a partnership with the potential Precious Moments Park. Laura Ruman, the Fisheries Supervisor for the state, has reached out and will be giving thoughts very soon for both items.

Youth Softball/Youth Baseball- City Leagues have ended. However, Comp teams will be using the fields.

Lime- Rides have been going well. Total trips are up to 3,264 with 1,854 unique riders.

Griggs- Pickleball activity is continuing to increase without programming. Issues with the lights are being addressed.

Here4Carthage- Farmers Market has been doing well. Saturday, they had seven vendors.

Chanti Beckham is continuing to try and bring in more vendors. Community Gardens are at full occupancy. The gardens look great.

Golf Course- Good numbers for June. Rounds were up 16.5% for the fiscal year, with revenue up 13.5%.

Jasper County Youth Fair- The fair went great. A good crowd came out, not as busy as past years—no issues from our end or theirs.

Master Plan- Several items are being completed. Precious Moments Park can be publicly discussed now. We are waiting on a price for the property. Public Engagement meetings are being planned to take place in August. After those meetings, feedback will be evaluated, updates will be made, and a final document of recommendations will be presented to Public Services Committee and City Council. That is being planned for September. The last focus group is set for 7/26.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.