

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 15, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers
5:30 pm

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

Staff Present; Mark Peterson and Kailey Williams

Non-Members; Abi Almandinger

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Old Business:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider and discuss Vision Carthage Light Tunnel/ Pocket Park concept for Carthage Square.**
Abi Almandinger presented plans for a Light Tunnel / Pocket Park idea similar to the structure in place last year through the Christmas season. The light tunnel would be constructed out of 14 gauge tube steel that would strengthen the structure from weather. The structure will be in place from Maple Leaf through Christmas each year. The lights built onto the tunnel will be LED for less electricity to be used. Mrs. Almandinger is working with a specialist on the project. Pocket Park will create a place for residents to sit down facing the Court House with vegetation surrounding the area. More drawings are going to be presented with more in-depth details for the Light Tunnel / Pocket Park. Action will be taken at a later time after further details.
2. **Consider and discuss Beyond Baseball proposal for Carl Lewton Stadium.**
Beyond Baseball is excited to present a proposal for Carl Lewton Stadium. Mr. Peterson has been working with J.R Bond to work out details. The league will be made of eight to nine teams in the four state area. The potential final proposal would include the use of Carl Lewton Stadium for two years with Beyond Baseball. The stadium requires some cosmetic and structural repairs. Beyond Baseball would help fix and upgrade the stadium to presentable state for the games and events they wish to put on. Carthage High School Baseball will still

have priority access to the stadium during their season. More details will be provided. Action will happen at a later when a final proposal is submitted.

STAFF REPORTS

Lime- Scooters were delivered to each park on 6-15-2021. So far, we have had positive responses from the public with the scooters. The locations are limited as of now to where they can go. To activate the Lime, it's \$1.00 and \$0.35 per minute to ride. The cost is tracked by an app that you would download onto your phone. On the app, you can also see where you are allowed and not allowed to ride. This is pilot program and a work in progress. We will continually analyze positives and negative adapting the ride districts, parking areas and routes as needed.

Food Truck Friday- Great outcome with Food Truck Friday's. The new events have brought large crowds. Sales Tax is being addressed to make sure that it is properly handled and benefiting the city.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.