

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
April 12, 2022

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in the Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Ryan Huntley gave the invocation and Police Chief Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Ceri Otero, Alan Snow, Seth Thompson, Ed Barlow, Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, David Armstrong, and Mike Daugherty. City Administrator Greg Dagnan and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson, City Clerk Traci Cox and Deputy City Clerk Miranda Deal.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2022 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rife presented plaques for outgoing Council Members Juan Topete, Mike Daugherty, and Seth Thompson. He also presented a Proclamation for Arbor Day on April 12, 2022. Mark Peterson stated that he presented it at the Arbor Day festivities earlier in the day.

No citizens were present to speak during Citizen's Participation Period.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee met on April 11. Kim Bausinger from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau was present to ask for advanced grant money in the amount of \$89,009.00 with \$66,081.75 being reimbursed in August. This is a reimbursement grant that helps pay for advertisements of Carthage tourism events. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to appropriate lodging tax funds for their request. Motion carried. He also updated the Council on budget meetings, each department is asking for extra employees and they are looking at bringing the City Attorney on Full Time at City Hall. The budget revenue projections were approved; sales tax numbers are up, use tax numbers are above projections. The Committee declared all items in Resolution 1962 as surplus. The next budget meeting is scheduled for April 25.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. The job description for the Assistant City Administrator and the Tourism Director were also discussed, there were minor changes made to the descriptions, new copies were provided to Council. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve the Assistant City Administrator job description. Motion carried. Mr. Snow expressed concern over the Tourism Director position since there had

not been any adjustments to the budget. Ms. Otero stated that at first, the position would be funded by the lodging tax that the City receives. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve the Tourism Director job description. Motion carried.

Mr. Barlow reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for April 18.

Mr. Topete reported that the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for April 19.

Mr. Armstrong reported the Public Works Committee did not meet on April 5 due to lack of quorum. The items that would have been on the agenda were taken care of in other committees.

Special Committee and Board Liaison Reports were given by Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation District.

Mayor Rife reported that the last few weeks had been busy and that budget meetings were done last week with all of the department heads.

During reports of Council Members, Mr. Barlow stated that he was proud to have served with all of the Council Members despite the ups-and-downs in the time they were together. Mr. Snow thanked the outgoing Council Members for their time on Council and wished them luck in their future adventures. Mr. Armstrong thanked the outgoing Council Members, and thanked Juan and Mike for being a good example for the other Council Members.

Department Heads also thanked Mr. Topete, Mr. Daugherty, and Mr. Thompson for their service.

Police Chief Bill Hawkins reported that the Council had asked him to help find a solution to the parking around the square, and along with the help of Vision Carthage, they are making progress. He thanked Zeb Carney and his street crew for adding 11 more parking spaces around the square. He also reported that they sent out a parking lot survey to the downtown area and they are receiving great feedback from it.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney reported that after 14 months of planning with MoDOT they received approval for the I-49 Roundabout Interchange.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson gave an update on the skating rink attendance numbers that were requested by Council.

City Administrator Greg Dagnan reported on the following: budget meetings and current standings, meeting with two developers wanting to develop within Carthage, a potential billboard issue that may be the City's responsibility, future planning/training session for all of Council, and a Proclamation for a local Principal.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$911,838.06 against the following funds: General Revenue \$96,249.08, Public Health \$2,168.88, Public Safety \$6,002.36, Parks/Stormwater \$48,879.64, Fire Protection \$15.75, Golf \$10,153.15, Capital Improvements \$36,180.18, Parks & Recreation \$72.90, Myers Park \$6,910.00, Public Library \$25,000.00, and Payroll \$680,206.12. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 22-12 – An Ordinance rezoning certain property on Harrington Ave between West Macon Street and West Budlong Street in the City of Carthage from “A” First Dwellings to “B” Second Dwellings as requested by LE Home Builders LLC was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-13.

C.B. 22-13 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Carthage YMCA for Management of the Pool Facilities in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-14.

C.B. 22-14 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Jason and Pam Graff for continued use of the pavilion in Municipal Park as a skating rink for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2022 was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-15.

C.B. 22-15 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Carthage Youth Baseball League for non-exclusive use of the baseball fields at the Fair Acres Sports Complex from March 15, 2022 to July 15, 2022 was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-16.

C.B. 22-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Carthage Youth Softball League for non-exclusive use of the softball fields at the Fair Acres Sports Complex during the summer of 2022 in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-17.

C.B. 22-17 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Neutron Holdings, INC. d/b/a LIME for scooter rental in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-18.

C.B. 22-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Lightspeed Point of Sale Agreement for the Carthage Golf Course in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-19.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the April 5, 2022 municipal election results as follows:

Mayor:	Dan Rife – 503 votes David “Bren” Flanigan – 488 votes
Ward 1:	Brandi Ensor – 54 votes Maria Marroquin – 40 votes
Ward 2:	Trudy Blankenship – 43 votes
Ward 3:	Mike Daugherty – 46 votes Robin D. Blair – 128 votes
Ward 4:	Ed Hardesty – 266 votes Craig Diggs – 92 votes Aaron McDonald – 46 votes
Ward 5:	Shawn McGrew – 91 votes Mark Elliff – 144 votes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to adjourn the Old Council. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

There was a short recess.

City Clerk Traci Cox administered to Oath of Office to Mayor Dan Rife, and Council Members Brandi Ensor, Trudy Blankenship, Robin D. Blair, Ed Hardesty, and Mark Elliff.

Mayor Rife called the meeting to order. The following Council Members answered roll call: Robin Harrison, Brandi Ensor, David Armstrong, Trudy Blankenship, Ceri Otero, Robin D. Blair, Alan Snow, Ed Hardesty, Ed Barlow, and Mark Elliff.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to approve the Mayor’s Committee and Board Liaison Appointments. Motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hardesty, to elect Ms. Otero as Mayor Pro Tem. Ms. Otero was elected Mayor Pro Tem unanimously.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliff, to draft a Council Bill for the 353 Tax Credit Program to present to Council. Motion carried. The Tax Credit Program was discussed at the Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee meeting on April 4.

Under new business, C. B. 22-19 – An Ordinance adding certain property commonly known as the “Phelps House” to the Carthage Historic District in the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri as requested by the Carthage Historic Preservation INC was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to approve Resolution 1962 – A Resolution approving the declaration of certain materials and pieces of equipment as surplus to the City’s needs and authorizing their disposition. Resolution 1962 was adopted by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Blair, Blankenship, Elliff, Ensor, Hardesty, Harrison, Otero, and Snow.

During closing comments, current Council members welcomed the newly elected members. The new Council members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve. Mr. Snow stated he believes this set of Council members has made history being evenly split between men and women.

Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:27 P. M.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Miranda Deal, Deputy City Clerk