

Minutes Of The Meeting Of The City Council  
City Of Carthage, Missouri  
February 12, 2019

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Roger Williams gave the invocation and Police Chief Greg Dagnan led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: James Harrison, Juan Topete, David Armstrong, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty, Alan Snow, Darren Collier, Brady Beckham, and Kirby Newport. Council Member Ray West was absent. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Greg Dagnan, Fire Chief Roger Williams, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks Director Alan Bull and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

No citizens were present to speak during Citizens Participation Period.

Mr. Collier reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met on February 11. Bids for IT managed services were reviewed from Stronghold Data (\$107,925), Neotech (\$95,308), Pearson Kelly (\$89,224.87), and Oxen (\$81,588). Pearson Kelly is the only company that offers first point of contact services. They would handle daily problems, manage anti-virus and provide back-up solutions. Mr. Henady would be focusing on IT projects and problems the IT service had difficulty with. Current budget has \$56,000 allocated for additional staffing and this could be used toward the cost of IT managed services. Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to proceed with the contract with Pearson Kelly with the stipulations of reducing the contract term to two years and add an opt-out clause. Motion carried. Committee members approved C.B. 19-06 which addresses the annual process for partial expense reimbursement for the taxi program. The budget process is underway with the presentation of capital projects at the next meeting. Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the 2020 Budget Goals. Motion carried. Banking services will be going out to bid with implementation effective July 1.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit & Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims. Members continued discussions on changing the Parks Administrator job title to Parks & Recreation Director. This will show up as C.B. 19-07. A Lateral Recruitment Policy was reviewed. This policy will help with recruitment efforts by allowing flexibility to hire individuals with prior comparable employment experience at a rate higher than the initial step of the assigned range. Individuals can receive prior equivalent credited service at a rate of up to .5 years of credited service for every full time year of service provided to the former employer, up to a maximum of 10 years of credited service. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to accept the Lateral Recruitment Policy. Motion carried.

Renewal of the employee dental plan was discussed. This is fully paid by the employee. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the Delta Dental Plan with zero deductible for both the PPO and Premier networks and a two-year rate guarantee. Motion carried. The employee health fair will be April 16.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for February 21.

Mr. Beckham reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for February 19.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee met on February 5. Application for a TAP Grant was discussed and approved and is being presented in C.B. 19-08.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Kellogg Lake Board and Carthage Tree Board, Ms. Otero for the Carthage Humane Society and Harry S Truman Coordinating Council, Mr. Daugherty for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Mr. Snow for the Library Board.

City Attorney Nate Dally reported on information he had received from Spencer Fane regarding the railroad lawsuit. MNR operates on the Union Pacific lines and was willing to meet to discuss the condition of the railroads. Spencer Fane advised that discussions were not necessary until Union Pacific was willing to take responsibility.

Fire Chief Roger Williams gave an update on Fire Station #2. He informed Council members of a memorial service to be held February 18 for fallen firefighter Steve Fierro.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: renovations at Memorial Hall being done by the Street Department, IT offices are under construction, a Vision Carthage meeting, a walk-thru at Fire Station #2 to develop a punch list, a meeting at CWEP to discuss potential development, a United Way luncheon, sales tax update, 5-year capital budgets are due February 22, CWEP has been smoke testing, Region M grant application, and Eggs & Issues to be held February 15.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$1,840,180.07 against the following funds: General Revenue \$103,423.94, Public Health \$4,778.52, Parks Stormwater \$5,398.00, Golf Course \$13,131.96, Lodging \$8,500.00, Library \$25,000.00, Capital Improvements \$1,923.50, Payroll \$178,024.15, and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,500,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 19-05- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission Cost Apportionment Program Supplemental Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission providing for public improvements designated as Route 571 Intersection Improvements, for the construction of intersection improvements on Route 571 at Elk and Garrison Streets; Job No: 7P31871 was placed on second reading followed by a roll call

vote of 8 yeas and 1 nay. Ayes: Beckham, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, and Topete. Nay: Armstrong. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 19-07.

Under new business, C.B. 19-06- An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Carthage and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Carthage and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-07- An Ordinance to amend Division 8- Parks Administrator, Sections 2-211- Generally through 2-212-Duties; Section 16-24.- Traffic and motor vehicles in Kellogg Lake Park; and other references to the Parks Administrator's position in the Code of Carthage was placed on first reading with no action taken. Ms. Otero stated a correction will be made to Section 16-24 (c) prior to the next reading, changing Parks Administrator to Parks & Recreation Director.

C.B. 19-08- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission providing for a Transportation Alternatives Funds Program Agreement (TAP-1601 (703) for ADA compliant sidewalks, entrances and crosswalks along Central Avenue (MO 96), from Garrison Avenue to Route 66 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1861- A Resolution providing for the formal acceptance of a donation by the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri pursuant to city policy. Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Beckham, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, and Topete.

During closing remarks, Mr. Armstrong thanked Tom and the mayor for meeting with him and having a fruitful discussion. Mr. Snow stated he would be in favor of a work session as mentioned by Mr. Armstrong in an email, Mr. Beckham thanked the candidates that were present for attending the council meeting, and Mr. Newport encouraged council members to attend all budget meetings during the budget process.

Mr. Newport made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.