

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
March 10, 2020

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 P.M. 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: Ceri Otero, Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow, Juan Topete, James Harrison, Ray West, and David Armstrong. Councilman Mike Daugherty 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 & Recreation Director Mark Peterson and Deputy City Clerk Michael Miller.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met on March 9. The department heads discussed their Five-Year Capital Improvement Program items. The committee discussed the acceptance of a 2020 Jasper County Law Enforcement Sales Tax Grant in the amount of \$28,771 to be used by the police department for ODET fees, load bearing vests, and taser replacements. The committee approved the motion to forward the item to City Council for approval on Resolution 1896. Also discussed was an ordinance amending the 2019-2020 annual operating and capital budget for the City of Carthage. The committee approved a motion to forward this item on a council bill for City Council approval at the March 24 council meeting. City Administrator Tom Short discussed the March Sales Tax Report which is approximately 2% higher than this time last year.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims. Carthage Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director Niki Cloud was present to discuss the financials and reporting of the CVB. The City of Carthage Wellness Committee is focusing on stress management and depression this month and is currently planning the Health Fair for April 17. There is a small increase in the new worker's compensation rates and police and fire pension rates.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee is in between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March 30.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee is in between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March 17.

Ms. Otero reported the Public Works Committee met on March 3. The Committee approved a motion for a council bill to be forward to City Council for approval for an alley vacation between 1429 S. Clinton and 1500 S. Grand, North of Centennial. This item is being presented on C.B. 20-11. Also approved on a motion by the Committee is for approval of adopting the amendments and changes to the 2006 International Building Code Appendix H. This item is being presented on C.B. 20-08. The Committee approved a motion to accept a contract between the City of Carthage and CDL Electric for lighting improvements and upgrades at City Hall. This item is being presented on C.B. 20-07. Also discussed and approved on a motion was a contract between the City of Carthage and G&G Construction for road widening and stormwater improvements along the west side of River Street between George E. Phelps Boulevard and Fir Road. This item is being presented on C.B. 20-09. The Committee approved a motion to accept a contract between the City of Carthage and Sproul's Construction for various stormwater improvements. This item is being presented on C.B. 20-10.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Carthage Kellogg Lake Board and Carthage Tree Board, Mr. Armstrong for the Powers Museum Board, Mr. West for the Over 60 Center, and Ms. Otero for the Carthage Humane Society, Jasper County Commissioners, and Harry S Truman Coordinating Council.

During Report of the Mayor, Mayor Rife mentioned that it is a busy time of the year with the budget and a lot of meetings coming up.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Barlow reported that a Monday evening would be best for a City Council work day meeting and is looking forward to hearing from the other council members on how soon they would like to plan this meeting. Ms. Otero reported that she attended the Student Government Day luncheon and commended Mr. Newport and Mr. Barlow for their work with the students. Mr. Armstrong reported a possible need for an alternate plan for the Carthage Convention and Visitor's Bureau and noted that an in-house position to market Carthage would be an option. Mr. West echoed Ms. Otero in reference to Student Government Day and that it was very informative and the students were very good.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reported that he has attended several meetings for the coronavirus and that he has learned that it is in the containment stage.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson reported that the interviews with the Parks Master Plan consulting group are coming up.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: the governor's cost-share program, the budget adjustment council bill at the next council meeting, he attended a Region M board meeting, the 2021 budget is due Friday with revenue estimates, the Enhanced Enterprise Zone, the Schreiber's project, the recommended changes on the fireworks contract, he attended a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, he had a meeting with a Powers Museum member, the March sales tax revenue report, and the Walmart drug disposal kiosks.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,204,811.63 against the following funds: General Revenue \$114,816.32, Public Health \$7,960.18, Lodging \$8,500.00, Parks/Stormwater \$1,185.58, Fire Protection \$12,446.64, Golf \$10,782.67, Capital Improvements \$48,260.70, Parks & Recreation \$6,208.24, Library \$25,000.00, Payroll \$469,651.30, and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,500,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

There was no old business to conduct.

Under New Business, C.B. 20-07 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and CDL Electric of Pittsburg, Kansas for lighting improvements and upgrades at City Hall was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-08 – An Ordinance adopting and amending APPENDIX H (Signs) of the International Building Code/2006 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-09 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and G&G Construction Co. Inc., of Carthage, Missouri for the River Street Widening and Storm water Improvements project in an amount not to exceed \$241,016.14 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-10 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Sprouls Construction, Inc., of Lamar, Missouri for Storm water Improvement projects in an amount not to exceed \$207,240.00 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-11 – An Ordinance vacating a portion of an alley running North (from approximately 286 feet to 460 feet) off Centennial Street between Grand Avenue and Clinton Street, between 1429 S Clinton and 1500 Grand Avenue in Carthage Miscellaneous Addition, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1896 – A Resolution providing for the formal acceptance of a donation by the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri pursuant to City Policy passed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete and West.

During closing remarks, Mr. Newport stated that the City has an obligation to relay information to the public about the coronavirus. Mr. Barlow thanked the council members for their remarks in reference to his students. Mr. Armstrong stated that he was thankful for his opportunity to serve.