

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
July 9, 2019

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: Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow, Juan Topete, Ray West, David Armstrong and Ceri Otero. Council Member James Harrison and 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 City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Dagnan introduced new police officers to be sworn in that evening, Officer Maria Mojica and Officer Hayden Swinehart. After City Clerk Traci Cox administered the Oath of Office, the officers were each presented a certificate.

Chief Dagnan presented an Award of Appreciation to Officers Eric Miller, Elias Salinas, Maria Mojica, Keylee Burbridge and Wesley Eckols for their work in the multi-victim stabbing that occurred on March 24. Fire Chief Roger Williams presented an Award of Appreciation to Firemen Matt Fasano and Jonathan Roy for their work in the multi-victim stabbing that occurred on March 24.

During Citizens Participation Period: Abi Almandinger, 1220 S. Main, informed the council of the America in Bloom judges coming to Carthage July 15-16 to tour the community. She encouraged all council members to participate in the tour and dinner.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met July 8. A budget adjustment for FY 2020, which is being presented in Resolution 1874, was discussed and approved.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims. The committee discussed the Conflict of Interest Bill which appears as C.B. 19-32.

Mr. Collier reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for July 15.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for July 16.

Ms. Otero reported the Public Works Committee met on July 2. The committee agreed to accept the low bid from Blevins Asphalt for \$58.55 per ton for the annual contract paving, which is being presented in C.B. 19-34. The proposal to require that all electrical service upgrades and all new construction installs must provide an external disconnect was discussed and approved. It is being presented in C.B. 19-33.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Tree Board and Kellogg Lake Board, Mr. West for the Over 60 Center, Ms. Otero for the Jasper County Commissioners, and Mr. Snow for the Library Board.

Mayor Dan Rife reported he had the pleasure of starting the Red, White and Boom Race on the 4th of July. He also informed the council of the upcoming CMR dinner.

Police Chief Greg Dagnan thanked the council for allowing the forum to honor the First Responders. He also stated the roadblocks for Marian Days will begin on July 27.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reported they had their first response to a fire from Fire Station #2.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson discussed the recent fireworks event on July 4. He stated the event was a success and thanked all departments that helped. Rounds at the golf course were up for the month of June.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: a Taxi grant review with the MoDOT contract compliance analyst, a TAC Committee meeting, Vision Carthage is currently advertising for an Executive Director position, sales tax revenues, economic development report formats are being created, the Over 60 Center is requesting the City pay for waxing the floors, and the County is requesting use of the Council Chambers to hold Family Court during the renovation of the Courthouse.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$275,444.92 against the following funds: General Revenue \$58,042.48, Public Health \$610.00, Parks Stormwater \$208.04, Golf \$6,692.13, Fire Protection \$4,778.92, Capital Improvements \$1,887.27, and Payroll \$203,226.08. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, **C.B. 19-30** - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Bethesda Healthcare, Inc. for health services was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 19-32.

Under new business, **C.B. 19-31** - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Code of Carthage to

include medical marijuana related uses by adding language to permit medical marijuana facilities in certain districts was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-32- An Ordinance to establish a procedure to disclose potential Conflicts of Interest and substantial interest for certain municipal officials was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-33- An Ordinance to amend Article III, Electricity, Division 1, Section 6-39 Meters, of the Carthage Code to include a new section (c) requiring external disconnects was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-34- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Blevins Asphalt Construction Co., Inc. for the Annual Paving Contract for fiscal year 2019-2020 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Carrie Campbell, Peggie Ralston and Kevin Johnson to the Library Board until July 2022, the re-appointment of Kristi Montague, Bill Hawkins and Jeff Steffen to the Police & Fire Pension Committee until July 2021, and the re-appointment of Pat Goff and Neel Baucom to the Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board until July 2023. Motion carried 7-0 with Mr. Collier abstaining.

Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve Resolution 1874- a Resolution providing authorization of appropriation of funds from the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage, Missouri. Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. Resolution passed.

During closing remarks, Mr. Collier stated he would like to see the City and Council work with the County to encourage the Family Court to stay in Carthage, and he appreciated the staff's work on the medical marijuana ordinance. Mr. Snow congratulated staff on a successful 4th of July fireworks event. Mr. Barlow thanked First Responders for their work.

Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.