

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. 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: Seth Thompson, James Harrison, Juan Topete, Ray West, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty, Alan Snow, Craig Diggs, and Ed Barlow. Councilman David Armstrong was absent. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were also 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. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rife presented a proclamation designating the month of October 2020 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month and another proclamation designating the week of October 4-10 as Public Power Week.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Jason Shelfer who resides at 1628 S. Maple spoke in support of the Art Feed organization that provides trauma curriculum to schools. Funding to the Art Feed organization is being considered on Resolution 1912.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee met on September 14. The Committee considered and discussed perfection of the Fiscal 2021 Annual Operating & Capital Budget and approved the recommendation to Council for adoption. The budget adoption is being presented on C.B. 20-46. The Committee also considered and discussed a resolution reaffirming the authorization of an inter-fund loan. The recommendation for the resolution being forwarded to Council was approved and is being presented in Resolution 1914.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. The Committee considered and discussed changes to job descriptions resulting from the McGrath Compensation and Benefits Study for the departments under Parks and Recreation Director Mark Peterson and Police Chief Greg Dagnan. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, to remove the City Attorney's job description from the salary study and to pay the City Attorney the agreed upon salary. Motion carried 9-0. Ms. Otero reported on the auditor being at City Hall this week for the City's annual financial audit.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee met on September 21. The Committee discussed a one-way alley at 10th and Garrison. Mr. Harrison also reported

that Cherry Babcock attended the meeting to request a mini-parade on October 17 at 9:30 am. The parade would require six police officers and would have temporary road closures on Grand from 11th to Centennial. Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the Maple Leaf City Minibraton parade. Motion carried 6-3 with the nay votes being cast by Council Members Daugherty, Otero, and Topete. Todd Eriksen with Butterball was also in attendance to speak in support of the crosswalk at Butterball. The request is going back through the Committee for approval.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee met on September 15 via Zoom video conference. The Committee considered and discussed a request by John O. Phelps & Family to rename a street within the Phelps 9th Addition Plat filed with the city. The request was to rename Caroline Street to Harlow Street. After the meeting it was determined that this request had already been approved by Council therefore no further action is required. Also discussed was an agreement with the Maple Leaf Car Show Committee for the use of Kellogg Lake Park. This agreement was forwarded to Council for approval on C.B. 20-47.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee is in between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for October 6.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Ms.Otero for the Carthage Humane Society and HSTCC, and Mr. Snow for the Carthage Water and Electric Board.

Mayor Rife reported that the Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft was here at City Hall on Tuesday the 22nd as part of his voting options tour across the state.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Topete reported on an event this Saturday the 26th at 10:00 am in Central Park with Maria Rodriguez from the University of Missouri extension. They will be handing out masks and information regarding COVID-19.

City Attorney Nate Dally asked about the Carthage Humane Society financials and whether their quarterly financials had been provided. Ms. Otero confirmed they had.

Police Chief Greg Dagnan reported that the City Taxi is currently closed and the Animal Control Officer is only responding to emergencies from her residence at this time due to COVID-19.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reported that they have a new fire engine in production and that there are CARES Act funds available from the county.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney reported that the leaf collection program will begin in approximately three weeks.

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Peterson reported that the pickleball courts will be completed around the middle of October and the City of Joplin is moving forward with their Parks Master Plan so he hopes to brainstorm with them regarding our master plan as well.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: the Region M Board meeting, CARES Act funds, Humane Society financial statements, Committee on Insurance, Audits, and Claims discussion of job descriptions, call from the United Way regarding the building they reside in, and Halloween being discussed at the Public Safety meeting, City Hall not participating in the trick-or-treating on the Square, CID Tax, Butterball crosswalk contract, and the auditors are in town through Thursday for the financial audit.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$1,549,749,.43 against the following funds: General Revenue \$168,932.11, Public Health \$136,496.64, Parks/Stormwater \$51,127.83, Golf \$15,347.40, Payroll \$177,845.45, and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,000,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. No citizens were present for the public hearing. City Administrator Tom Short reported that notice was given for the Public Hearing in the paper.

Under Old Business, C.B. 20-44 – An Ordinance adjusting the solid waste collection rates in the City of Carthage pursuant to the contract agreement entered into the 1st day of October 1, 2019, and terminating September 30, 2024, by and between the City of Carthage, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Republic Services of Galena, Kansas was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-39.

C.B. 20-45 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Robert C. Yapp, President, Preservation Resources, Inc. (PR!), 521 Bird Street, Hannibal, Missouri 63401, for to conduct a hands-on workshop called “Passive Floor Restoration” on October 9, 10, and 11, 2020 at the Phelps House in Carthage was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-40.

Consider and Discuss reconsideration of Resolution 1912 – A Resolution approving the recommendation of the McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital Trust for the distribution of funds (\$20,575) from the Restricted Trust Fund to Art Feeds.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to take Resolution 1912 off of the table for approval. Motion carried 8-1 with the nay vote being cast by Councilman Diggs.

Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to approve Resolution 1912 – A Resolution approving the recommendation of the McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital Trust for the distribution of funds (\$20,575) from the Restricted Trust Fund to Art Feeds. Resolution 1912 was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete and West.

Under New Business, C.B. 20-46 – An Ordinance adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-47 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Maple Leaf Car Show Committee for use of Kellogg Lake Park on October 16 and 17, 2020, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison to follow emergency protocol and forward C.B. 20-47 to the second reading. Motion passed.

C.B. 20-47 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Maple Leaf Car Show Committee for use of Kellogg Lake Park on October 16 and 17, 2020, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-41.

C.B. 20-48 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for a Traffic Engineering Assistance Program Agreement for an Intersection study at River Street and Fir Road in the City of Carthage was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the Mayor's transitional appointment of Stephanie Howard to the Enhanced Enterprise Board. Motion carried 8-1 with Councilman Daugherty casting the nay vote.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barlow, to approve Resolution 1914 – A Resolution reaffirming the authorization of an inter-fund loan from the Landfill Closure Fund for the purpose of improvement or reconstruction of Route 571, extending generally at its intersection with Elm and Garrison Streets, to be repaid pursuant to the attached schedule from the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund. Resolution 1914 was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete and West.

During closing comments, Councilman Snow recognized the Carthage High School soccer team for being undefeated and being ranked 49th in the country.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Michael Miller, Deputy City Clerk