

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
September 24, 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: Ray West, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow and Juan Topete. Council Member James Harrison 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. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rife reported on a Proclamation for Public Power Week.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Mark Elliff, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Director, gave an economic update and also reported he is working on a marketing plan for Carthage. He will be contacting council members to discuss ideas for marketing Carthage. William Townsend, 1917 Forest, discussed a drainage problem in his area. Mr. Townsend requested council look at the problem to help resolve the issue.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget, Ways & Means Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for October 7.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit & Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims. Staff are currently working with Simmons Bank to implement new services, including Positive Pay.

Mr. Collier reported the Public Safety Committee met on September 19. Mr. Bonilla with the Iglesia Cristiana Hispanoamericana Church located at 122 Grant was present to request signage be installed to slow traffic down because they also utilize the building across the street at 137 Grant. Chief Dagnan stated the signage cannot be installed without a crosswalk, and this would need to be ADA approved. The Police Department will conduct a study to determine the number of pedestrians who would utilize the crosswalk and the costs involved. Todd Ericsson and Matt Duvall, employees of Butterball, were present to request changing the two crosswalks to one centralized crosswalk, and adding pedestrian crossing signage, a speed gun to display speeds and a speed bump on both sides of the centralized crosswalk. Butterball is willing to fund the changes. Chief Dagnan will be discussing the city rules, standards and requirements with Public Works Director Zeb Carney. The committee will continue to explore options to bring back to a

future Public Safety meeting. Mark Elliff and Trisha Swoveland were present to discuss street closures for Music In the Park, Music Under the Maples to be held on October 12. They are requesting street closures for 7th Street between Garrison and Lyon and Lyon between 7th Street and Chestnut from 2pm to 11pm. Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the street closures as requested. Motion carried. A Sheriff's Night Out will be held on October 11, 2019 to raise money for Shop with a Cop. They are requesting the closure of the roadway on the south side of the courthouse. Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newport, to approve the street closures as requested on October 11 from 4 pm to 11pm pending proper insurance. Motion carried. Margaret Stills has requested a stop sign be installed at 15th & James. It would either be a 2-way or a 3-way stop. The Police Department will conduct a study at this intersection to determine the need. Chief Dagnan discussed the need to install a school zone on Fairview in front of Fairview School. Chief Dagnan will be discussing this with Public Works Director Zeb Carney to devise a plan and bring back to the committee.

Mr. Barlow reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for September 17. Mark Elliff and Trisha Swoveland were present to request permission to use Central Park for the Concert Under the Maples on October 12 in conjunction with Maple Leaf Festival with food and merchandise vendors. Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to allow the use of Central Park for Concert Under the Maples on October 12. Motion carried. The Technical Center is wanting to donate benches to be used at various parks; however, Gage Tiller was unable to attend the meeting and discuss the benches, so no action was taken. Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson presented bids for a tractor/loader to be used at Fair Acres. Seven bids were received from four different companies. Staff has recommended purchasing the Kubota L3901 DT with attachments from Anderson Car & Tractor for \$22,289.00. The budgeted amount for this item is \$24,500.00. Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to accept the bid from Anderson Car & Tractor for \$22,289.00. Motion carried. Two bids were received for repairing the Carter Park Entrance. Baucom Masonry submitted a bid for \$11,800 and Hodkin Masonry submitted a bid for \$6,800. Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to accept the low bid of \$6800 from Hodkin Masonry. Motion carried. Committee also approved a 2001 Chevy Truck and a 2003 Ford Truck that were originally slated to be sold under sealed bid to now be sold at the surplus auction.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee Meeting is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for October 1. Mr. Daugherty informed Mr. Townsend that the drainage issues at his property will be discussed at the next meeting of the Public Works.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Collier for the Police & Fire Pension, Mr. Daugherty for the Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Otero for the Jasper County Commissioners, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council, and the Carthage Humane Society, Mr. Snow for the Library Board, and Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation.

Mayor Dan Rife reported he had spoken with Tom Nixon regarding Lakeview Estates. Mr. Nixon has requested a letter of support for construction of approximately 31 single family homes in Carthage that would qualify for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The City had submitted a letter of support with the Missouri Housing Development Commission last year as well. Mr.

Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the letter of support for Lakeview Estates. Motion carried.

Mayor Dan Rife reported on meeting with 2nd grade students from Mark Twain to discuss his role in local government and the Community of Carthage.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Collier questioned the cables on the streets. Mr. Short stated he thought MoDOT was doing a bi-annual traffic study. Mr. Snow thanked Mr. Peterson for the completion of the lighting project in Fair Acres, and Mr. West introduced a foreign exchange student from Palestine.

Police Chief Greg Dagnan discussed a new program, Handle With Care, in which they have partnered with the school. This program allows the police department to notify the school when a student who may have a difficult day due to circumstances at home to be handled with care.

Fire Chief Roger Williams gave an update on the operations at Station #2.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney gave an update on the Fairview Widening Project.

Parks Director Mark Peterson thanked CWEP for their work on lighting at Fair Acres and reported there are now 24 planters due to a collaborative effort between Vision Carthage, America in Bloom and the City.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: his attendance at the United Way luncheon, a meeting with the City Attorney to discuss contractual obligations with the CVB, meetings with Park Director Mark Peterson to discuss potential reorganization, a Region M board meeting, a TAC meeting, the economic development report included in the packet, Humane Society financials, and the MoDOT project at Fairview and Garrison.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,420,189.30 against the following funds: General Revenue \$110,951.64, Public Health \$126,903.84, Parks Stormwater \$47,317.02, Public Safety \$15,325.00, Golf \$17,069.25, Civic Enhancement \$301.74, Library \$25,000.00, Fire Protection \$3,675.46, Payroll \$173,645.35, and CWEP \$1,900,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 19-38- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Carthage and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office providing for prisoner housing for inmates with municipal charges was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 19-40.

C.B. 19-39- An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for fiscal year 2019-2020 for various funds was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 19-41.

C.B. 19-40- An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,501,000 principal amount of Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds (State of Missouri- Direct Loan Program) Series 2019 of the City of Carthage, Missouri, for the purpose of extending and improving the City's Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System; prescribing the form and details of the bonds and the agreements made by the City to facilitate and protect their payment; and prescribing other related matters was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. Abstain: Collier. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 19-42.

There was no new business to conduct.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1883- a Resolution endorsing and supporting a request from the Carthage Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Commission presented by Carthage Historic Preservation (CHP) and authorizing the City of Carthage to submit an application for the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program (HFP)- Planning and Outreach Grant- for a flooring restoration workshop in Carthage, Missouri. Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete and West.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve Resolution 1884- a Resolution approving the declaration of certain materials and pieces of equipment as surplus to the City's needs and authorizing their disposition. Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete and West.

During closing remarks, Mr. Armstrong commended former Council Member Tim Shields for his quick response to an incident at the Technical Center, Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Barlow thanked Mr. Townsend for coming to the meeting, and Mr. Barlow also thanked Chief Dagnan for implementing the Handle With Care program.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.