

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
October 8, 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 Captain Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

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

The following Department Heads were present: Police Captain Bill Hawkins, 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. Harrison, to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Captain Hawkins introduced a new police officer to be sworn in that evening, Officer Chris Haddock. After City Clerk Traci Cox administered the Oath of Office, the officer was presented a certificate.

Mayor Rife reported on a Proclamation declaring the month of October as Alpha Delta Kappa Month.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Della Croft, 1627 Devin Drive, was present to discuss the wording content of the City's building permits, "all projects require proper drainage control." According to Ms. Croft, there was flooding on her property created by construction on an adjacent property. She alleged the building permit requirements were not followed. She said she cared about the growth of Carthage and was concerned when the City isn't enforcing codes cited on the building permit.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met on October 7. At the meeting, there was open discussion about a possible use tax. The next budget meeting has been rescheduled to November 4, and its agenda will include a one-hour work session to discuss the need for a use tax. The committee also approved distribution of an RFQ for a compensation and benefit study.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims. A proposed agreement for training that would allow an employee with 5 or more years of service to attend the Missouri Police Chiefs Command College with expenses to be paid by the City was reviewed. The cost to the city is approximately \$9500. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for October 15.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee Meeting scheduled for October 1 was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Bids for equipment that had previously been declared obsolete were received. Bids received for the New Holland tractor were John Browder - \$3010 and Justin Lucas - \$2725. Bids received for the brush hog were John Browder - \$250 and Justin Lucas - \$301. Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to accept the highest bids of \$3010 for the New Holland tractor from John Browder and \$301 for the brush hog from Justin Lucas. Motion carried.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Kellogg Lake Board and Tree Board, Ms. Otero for the Jasper County Commissioners, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council, and the Carthage Humane Society, Mr. West for the Over Sixty Center, Mr. Collier for the Carthage Water and Electric Plant, and Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation.

Chuck Bryant, CWEP General Manager, gave a brief overview of results from recent well testing and steps that have been taken to resolve the issues found.

Mayor Dan Rife entertained a motion to move the second council meeting in December from Christmas Eve to December 19. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to move the December 24 council meeting to December 19, unless there is no old business to discuss, in which case the meeting would be cancelled. Mr. Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rife reported on an economic development meeting with the City Administrator and the Chamber of Commerce, a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the possible merger between the Chamber and CVB, and a meeting with Della Croft.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Snow encouraged all council members to attend the next Budget Committee meeting to participate in discussions on the use tax. Mr. Collier reported he had met with Bill Townsley who attended the previous council meeting. All issues at Mr. Townsley's residence had been resolved expeditiously.

City Attorney Nate Dally addressed the issues at Della Croft's property and noted the City has already done what they can do.

Fire Chief Roger Williams gave an update on the operations at Station #2, noting the station has been registered with the State Fire Marshal, and ISO has also been contacted.

Parks Director Mark Peterson reported he had been meeting with several groups to develop relationships in preparation of the upcoming Parks Master Plan. He attended a meeting with the Regional Aquatic Center Planning Committee. This committee will be meeting with the Public Services Committee soon. Repairs to the Carter Park entrance will begin soon. Mr. Peterson has also been working on a partnership with Chanti Beckham with HERE4CARTHAGE to construct pickle ball courts at a cost of approximately \$70,000.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$523,329.24 against the following funds: General Revenue \$110,129.97, Public Health \$766.94, Parks Stormwater \$10,661.80, Golf \$13,966.31, Lodging \$8,500.00, Fire Protection \$1,336.67, Capital Improvements \$36,158.80, and Payroll \$341,808.75. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

There was no old or new business to conduct.

During closing remarks, Mr. Dally reminded council members that any changes to the Chamber of Commerce or CVB would have to go to the Budget Committee for approval then to council due to the contracts.

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Traci Cox, City Clerk