

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
November 12, 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: Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow, Juan Topete, James Harrison, Ray West and David Armstrong. 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, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Mark Elliff, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Director, gave an update on Project Vacca. Ron Petersen, Jr., 1131 Grand, spoke against the proposed construction of a duplex at 11th and Grand that was approved by the Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee on November 7. Mr. Petersen urged the council to change the ordinances and check historic ordinances of other cities, seek guidance from the State Historic Preservation Office in Jefferson City or have a historic design consultant review construction plans prior to approval.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met on November 4. The possibility of putting a use tax on the election ballot was discussed. Ideas were presented by those in attendance for items that could be completed with the revenue from a use tax. An agreement between the Jasper County Circuit Clerk and the City of Carthage was discussed to lease basement space to the County for storage of office furniture in the basement of City Hall while the Courthouse is being remodeled. The committee discussed a proposed merger between the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barlow, to go to the Committee of the Whole to take under consideration the possible Chamber/CVB merger. Motion carried. Mr. Snow opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Armstrong stated it was not the city's responsibility to make a recommendation until a new contract is received. Ms. Otero pointed out that if the CVB has reason to believe it should be dissolved, then it goes back to the city to determine how to administer the tax. Mr. Daugherty said a merger would put more money towards promoting Carthage. Mr. Newport moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve renewing employee health insurance with Anthem Blue Access

with a 1.0% decrease from current rates. Motion passed. Also discussed was an amendment to an agreement between the City of Carthage and Pearson Kelly Technology to provide supplemental Information Technology Services due to the departure of the I.T. Manager, Amon Henady. The motion was approved unanimously and C.B. 19-44 was referred to Council for approval of an emergency ordinance. A job descriptions for PRN Officers was also discussed. This position mirrors that of a reserve officer but will be a paid position. Ms. Otero moved to approve the job description, seconded by Mr. Daugherty. Motion carried. There will be an employee flu shot clinic on November 22.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for November 25.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for November 19.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee met on November 5. The committee discussed an agreement with MODOT for sidewalk improvements and pedestrian traffic at Fairview and Garrison Avenues. This is being presented as C.B. 19-42.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Kellogg Lake Board and Tree Board, Mr. Daugherty for the Chamber and CVB, Ms. Otero for the Jasper County Commissioners, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council, and the Carthage Humane Society, Mr. West for the Over 60 Center, Mr. Collier for the Carthage Water & Electric Plant, Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation where a Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for 11th and Grand, and Mr. Snow for the Library Board.

Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newport, to amend the agenda to update C.B. 19-45 to its newest version. Motion carried.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Snow thanked all of the Veterans in attendance for their service, Mr. West reported he had discussed the possibility of a use tax at the Over 60 Center, Mr. Daugherty reminded the council that contracts for the Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau renew every year if the possible merger wasn't working, Mr. Collier discussed the need to revisit the purpose of the Planning & Zoning Committee, noting it is time for change.

City Attorney Nate Dally reported on his attendance at the Planning & Zoning Committee meeting and gave an update on the Chestnut railroad crossing repairs.

Police Chief Greg Dagnan thanked the council for approving the PRN job description.

Parks Director Mark Peterson reported on the installation of playground equipment at Fair Acres, the completion of the entrance at Carter Park, and a meeting with Joplin Trails Coalition to discuss Ruby Jack Trails.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: a new monthly report included in the packet, the IT Manager position is open with applications being taken until November 25, a presentation from the YMCA at the next Public Services meeting for the construction of an aquatic facility, the proposed reorganization of staff at the Parks Department, ISO paperwork for a rating review, leaf pick-up has begun, sales tax revenues, a Change Order for Fairview Widening project approved by the mayor, five proposals were received for a new compensation study, the possibility of a separate city auction, and bids for the HVAC work at the Fire Department and City Hall were opened.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,513,551.41 against the following funds: General Revenue \$93,116.42, Public Health \$2,453.49, Parks Stormwater \$54,137.78, Golf \$3,567.64, Lodging \$8,500.00, Library \$25,000.00, Fire Protection \$1,421.68, Capital Improvements \$30,478.75, Payroll \$494,875.65 and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,800,000.00. 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. 19-41 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Jasper County Circuit Clerk to lease non-specific/designated storage space located in the basement of City Hall to be used as storage space for storing personal property consisting of office furniture for 3 Judges, 1 Family Court Commissioner and the Circuit Court Clerk during the Jasper County Courts Building renovation project, not to exceed eighteen (18) months was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-42 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission providing for a Municipal and Cost Apportionment Agreement for improvements consisting of public improvements designated as Route 571, Jasper County, Job No. J7S3284 comprising sidewalk and pedestrian improvements at various locations from Route E (Fairview Avenue) to Route HH (Fir Road), specifically, sidewalk and pedestrian improvements at Fairview & Garrison Avenues in Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-43 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Butterball LLC., for installation of a recommended 5 foot wide crosswalk at 411 N Main St, Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-44 – An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment to Agreement between the City of Carthage and Pearson Kelly Technology, to provide supplemental Information Technology Services (Total Care Support Level, Onsite Support as needed and Monitored Monthly Service level) to the City of Carthage was placed on first reading. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to follow

the emergency protocol and advance the Council Bill to the second reading. Motion passed.

C.B. 19-44 – An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment to Agreement between the City of Carthage and Pearson Kelly Technology, to provide supplemental Information Technology Services (Total Care Support Level, Onsite Support as needed and Monitored Monthly Service level) to the City of Carthage was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 19-43.

C.B. 19-45 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri authorizing tax abatement for a project located in the Carthage Enhanced Enterprise Zone to be undertaken by Leggett & Platt, Incorporated was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1886 – 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 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete and West.

During closing remarks, Mr. Snow stated he felt there truly could be synergies of merging the Chamber and CVB. Mr. Harrison reminded everyone the Carthage High School will be playing for districts in football this week.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Traci Cox, City Clerk