

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
December 19, 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: Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow, Juan Topete, Ray West, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero and Darren Collier. Council Members Alan Snow, James Harrison and David Armstrong were 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. Collier, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

No citizens were present during Citizen's Participation Period.

Mr. Topete reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for January 13.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims. Rebecca Friedrich presented a detailed overview of the City's Financial Statements and commended the City Staff on an unmodified/clean audit with no deficiencies reported. Cash and investments increased \$263,000 over the previous year. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newport, to accept the audit. Motion carried.

Mr. Collier reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for January 27.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee met December 17. Waters Edge Aquatic Design presented their recommendations for a proposed aquatic center. The City will take their findings under advisement and discuss at the next Public Services Committee meeting.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for January 7.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Kellogg Lake Board and Carthage Tree Board, Mr. Daugherty for the Chamber and CVB, Mr. Collier for the Police & Fire Pension Fund and Carthage Water & Electric Plant, Ms. Otero for the Jasper County Commissioners, Harry S Truman Coordinating Council,

and the Carthage Humane Society, and Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation.

Mayor Rife reported on his attendance at the CRM Christmas Dinner and wished all a Merry Christmas.

During Reports of Council Members, Ms. Otero and Mr. West thanked the staff that worked on the audit.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reminded everyone of the retirement reception for Dave Myers on December 20.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney reported leaf collection is still under way.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson thanked all who attended the aquatic center presentation and discussed local grants given to organizations that will also benefit the Parks Department.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: reviewed the monthly Administrator's report, a TAC meeting, updates from MoDOT, his attendance at the Public Services meeting and Chamber of Commerce meeting, and a meeting with Mark Elliff to discuss economic development reporting.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$1,432,806.66 against the following funds: General Revenue \$64,529.65, Public Health \$130,799.64, Parks/Stormwater \$60,081.80, Fire Protection \$2,641.85, Golf \$2,933.32, Capital Improvements \$28.99, Payroll \$171,791.41, and 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.

Under Old Business, C.B. 19-47 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission providing for transportation improvements for the intersection of Missouri State Highway HH (West Fir Road) and the I-49 West Outer Road (Dr. Russell Smith Way), Commission's Project 7S3378 was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Topete and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 19-49.

C.B. 19-48 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and McGrath Human Resources Group, Inc. to review and upgrade the City's Compensation and Classification System, including job descriptions, and market analysis for full-time and part-time employees was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Topete, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 19-50.

Under New Business, C.B. 19-49 – An Ordinance to amend Section 23-160 (C) (6) of the Code of Carthage providing for the extension of a School zone within the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Morgan Housh to the Care Leave Committee until December 2021 and Ryan Huntley to the Police & Fire Pension Committee until December 2021. Motion carried.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1890 – A Resolution providing authorization of appropriation of funds from the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage, Missouri passed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Topete and West.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero to approve Resolution 1891 – A Resolution approving the recommendation of the McCune Brooks Regional Hospital Trust for the distribution of funds from the Restricted Trust Fund to the Carthage Public Library passed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Topete and West.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1892 – A Resolution repealing Resolution 1889 and calling for a Public Hearing to be held on the 14th day of January, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall in Carthage, Missouri, concerning annexation of property generally known as: Three Tracts of Land Northwest of the Intersection of W. George E. Phelps Blvd. & Hazel Ave. Containing 107 Acres, More or Less passed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Topete and West.

During closing remarks, Mr. Barlow thanked Mark Peterson for his responses during the aquatic center presentation, council members again thanked the staff for their work on the audit, and holiday wishes were extended by all.

Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Traci Cox, City Clerk