

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 11, 2020

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in the 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: Craig Diggs, Ed Barlow, Seth Thompson, James Harrison, Juan Topete, David Armstrong, Ray West, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty and Alan Snow. 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 City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

No citizens were present to speak during Citizen's Participation Period.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee met on August 10. The property tax levy was approved and is being presented in C.B. 20-39. Mr. Snow also reported there would not be a contract with the Chamber of Commerce for economic development.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. An updated COVID-19 Employee Leave Policy was reviewed. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the revised COVID-19 Employee Leave Policy. Motion carried.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for August 17.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for August 18.

Mr. Daugherty reported that the Public Works Committee met August 4 with no action taken.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Ms. Otero for the Carthage Humane Society and Mr. Thompson for the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Rife reported on budget meetings with department heads.

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Peterson reported the pickleball courts will be ready soon with a grand opening to be held on September 1. Food Truck Friday will resume on August 14.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: the distribution of masks by the task force, the Budget meeting to be held on August 19, Covid staff briefings are still being held three times a week, a meeting with the Parks & Recreation Director to discuss salary study placements, and sales tax revenues.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,006,284.28 against the following funds: General Revenue \$87,571.34, Public Health \$5,999.35, Golf \$2,496.01, Public Facilities \$84,824.52, Library \$25,000.00, Payroll \$300,393.06, and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,500,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held for the property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Carthage. No citizens were present to speak at the public hearing.

Under Old Business, C.B. 20-38 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Carthage Community Foundation, CWEP and Innovation Economy Partners for the Growth in the Regional Ozarks 3.0 Program for Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete and West. The council bill was approved and numbered 20-33.

Under New Business, C.B. 20-39 – An Ordinance levying general taxes upon real property located within the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri for the Year 2020 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-40 – An Ordinance authorizing utility rate changes for electric services as requested by the Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board was placed on first reading with no action taken.

During closing remarks, Mr. Snow wished the teachers on council good luck going back to school.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m..

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Dan Rife, Mayor

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Traci Cox, City Clerk