

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 15, 2020
Zoom Meeting
5:30 pm

Public Services Committee Members Present; Juan Topete, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty

Members Absent; James Harrison

Staff Present; Tom Short, Mark Peterson, and Kailey Williams

Non-Members Present: Lora Phelps

At 5:30 pm, Mr. Topete called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

1. Consider and approve minutes from the previous meeting.
Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and discuss a request by John O. Phelps & Family to rename a street within the Phelps 9th Addition Plat filed with the city.

Lora Phelps presented information requesting a name change for a street. John O. Phelps & Family respectfully requests to rename Caroline Street, which is part of a plat filed with the city for the Phelps 9th Addition. The family requests to rename the street Harlow Street. Mr. Phelps has developed several neighborhoods in the community, and the latest one they are working on is the 9th addition. There are three partially finished streets, Caroline Dr, Caroline Street, and Caroline Place. The farthest street to the west that is not finished, Caroline Street, is the requested street to rename Harlow Street. They hope that renaming the unfinished street will lessen confusion created by the three Caroline names.

Mr. Topete believed this had come up in a previous meeting. Mrs. Otero also indicated this request has come forward previously and a motion to change the name to Harlow Lane was passed by the City Council.

Ms. Phelps was in agreement with the committee that if that request happened and the name of the street was Harlow Lane that name would be appropriate and no other action requested.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the name change of Caroline Street to Harlow Street for the Phelps 9th Addition Plat if it is determined that this request is not the same as previously requested. Motion Passes.

It has been determined after this meeting that the request was made at a previous Public Services Committee meeting and brought forward at the April 23rd, 2019 City Council meeting. At that time Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to change Caroline Street to Harlow Lane as requested by Mr. Phelps. Motion carried. Therefore no further City action is required.

2. Consider and discuss an agreement with the Maple Leaf Car Show Committee for the use of Kellogg Lake Park.

Mr. Peterson noted that there has been a motion already approved for use of Kellogg Lake for the Maple Leaf Car Show. This agreement outlines all conditions for the event. It will detail responsibilities and of all parties and protections in place for the city. Mr. Daugherty pointed out that they have already approved the use of the park. Mr. Daugherty questioned the need for this to be approved. Mr. Short discussed the need to make sure liability insurance is in place for the user and the location to cover the city. Mr. Peterson indicated that Maple Leaf Car Show Committee Chairman, Larry Cleary, advised that their group is not part of the Maple Leaf Festival and operates under their own direction. Mr. Short indicated that the Mayor needs authorization from the Council to sign the contract.

Mr. Daugherty discussed the need to move this to a second reading since the event is approaching quickly. Mr. Short said they could move the contract to a second reading with an emergency clause put in place. Mr. Daugherty believes it's only fair to the Car Show committee. Mr. Peterson has spoken with Larry on multiple occasions. They are aware of everything in the agreement and have verbally acknowledged their willingness to handle all conditions of the agreement.

After discussion, Mr. Daugherty made a motion to accept the Agreement between the City of Carthage and the Maple Leaf Car Show Committee and include emergency language to advance the Agreement to a second reading for approval of the City Council at the September 22nd meeting. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director- Mark Peterson

Griggs Park- Chanti Beckham, who is in charge of the community gardens, has planted produce in the beds. The plan is for the produce harvested in the Fall to be given to those in need. This will be done in several ways using resources through Bright Future and also advertising a day when the produce can be picked. The Grand Opening for Community Garden is planned for the Spring. This would be the time beds would be available to rent. HERE4Carthage is also looking at two other opportunities for Griggs

Park. A small shelter is being looked at that would be placed on the west side of the gardens in an area that wouldn't take away from other amenities of the park. Specifications are being put together to be presented to the Public Service Committee and provided at an upcoming meeting. The replacement of playground equipment is also being considered. Mrs. Beckham is in contact with playground equipment providers that work with the parks Department.

The Pickleball courts are still delayed by concrete issues. Staff and contractors have found issues with the concrete. They have reviewed options that include patchwork and or full replacement of the affected areas. A patch was placed on some of the holes and allowed two days of cure. The next day Brian Bradley went out to see if it would hold up. It held up. Zeb Carney has been included in the process and believes that the patch would be the right solution. The concrete provider will be out 9-16-2020 to decide if they will tear up the concrete and replace it or patch the spots. Painting has been started on the north end of the courts unaffected by the concrete issues.

Civil War Museum- Numbers have been increasing since the reopening of the CWM. Souvenir sales in August increased significantly with double the sales in 2020 vs. 2019.

Golf Course- Rounds and revenue for the golf course were fantastic for August. Rounds were 1300 more than 2019 and 1000 more than historical averages. Revenue was just under \$80,000 surpassing recent years by over \$30,000. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Short both commented about the rounds and revenue noting this is mainly due to the changing habits of golfers. It is our hope that we can see this continue for some time. Mr. Peterson commented on the increase in rounds happening by traditionally infrequent golfers. Infrequent golfer are playing more. We aren't seeing new golfers. We are seeing golfers play more. Now is the time to provide the best service possible. As these golfers habits change we want to make sure they choose Carthage as their choice for golf in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.