

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in 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: Ed Barlow, Seth Thompson, Juan Topete, David Armstrong, Ray West, Ceri Otero, and Craig Diggs. Council Members James Harrison, Mike Daugherty and Alan Snow were absent. 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. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Renay Minshew, Teresa Smith, and Judy Parton, Carthage Humane Society, discussed changes in leadership and requested support of City leadership as they continue to improve operations. Jonathon Roberts, YMCA, explained the request being considered in Resolution 1913, noting the pool services more than just the members of the YMCA. Callie Myers was introduced as the new CVB Director. Ms. Myers introduced additional staff at CVB, gave an update on grant applications, and discussed marketing and events associated with CVB.

Mr. Topete reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for September 14.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the job titles and pay grades of the Administration, Court, Fire, Public Works, Street and Public Health as presented in updated job descriptions. Motion carried. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to implement the new salary scale beginning with the September 24 pay period, and any employee beginning September 24 or after would start on Step Temporary B. Motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Armstrong reported the Public Works Committee met on September 1. Tonya Niermann with Midcontinent Equity Holdings, LLC presented a proposed housing addition

that would be constructed just off of the Loop on the south side and would be subsidized by MHDC. A letter of support was included in the packet for review. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, to forward the letter to Missouri Housing Development Commission. The committee also approved the adjusted rate increase for Republic Services. This is being presented in C.B. 20-44.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Ms. Otero for the Carthage Humane Society and HSTCC, Mr. Diggs for the Carthage Tree Board and Kellogg Lake Board, Mr. West for the Jasper County Commissioners, and Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation.

Mayor Rife reported on speaking to Mr. Barlow's U.S. Government class.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Armstrong discussed his concerns with the request presented in Resolution 1912.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reported the fire engine is currently under production.

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Peterson reported Dr. David Penning and the MSSU Biology Club will host a Natural History Day at Kellogg Lake on September 26 that will showcase wildlife that can be found at Kellogg Lake.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: additional job descriptions will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Insurance, Audit & Claims Committee, one application has been submitted for CARES reimbursement, FY 2021 Budget will go to committee on August 14 for perfection, activities of the Covid Task Force, conversations with Wendi Douglas regarding the flooring workshop, meetings with Public Works Director Zeb Carney regarding solid waste rate increases, the letter of support for Midcontinent Equity Holdings and an upcoming Region M meeting.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,518,421.80 against the following funds: General Revenue \$52,109.91, Public Health \$10,302.95, Lodging \$5,350.17, Civic Enhancement \$73,429.30, Golf \$8,065.11, Library \$45,000.00, Payroll \$324,164.36, and Carthage Water & Electric \$2,000,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 20-41 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a Facilities Study and Environmental Documentation Agreement (Contract No. DE PM75-20SW00798) between the United States Department of Energy, Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA) and the City of Carthage, Missouri related to the addition of a transformer at Southwestern's Carthage Substation for use by the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Diggs, Otero, Thompson, Topete and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-37.

C.B. 20-42 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Carthage and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office providing for prisoner housing for inmates with municipal charges was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Diggs, Otero, Thompson, Topete and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-38.

Under New Business, C.B. 20-44 – An Ordinance adjusting the solid waste collection rates in the City of Carthage pursuant to the contract agreement entered into the 1st day of October 1, 2019, and terminating September 30, 2024, by and between the City of Carthage, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Republic Services of Galena, Kansas was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-45 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Robert C. Yapp, President, Preservation Resources, Inc. (PRI), 521 Bird Street, Hannibal, Missouri 63401, for to conduct a hands-on workshop called "Passive Floor Restoration" on October 9, 10, and 11, 2020 at the Phelps House in Carthage was placed on first reading with no action taken.

The Mayor's re-appointments of Tim Hill and Bill Hawkins to the Care Leave Committee until August 2022, the re-appointments of Sean Smith and Chuck Bryant to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board until August 2025, and the re-appointment of Larry Graham, Richard (Bud) Rogers, Jeff Neely, Chad Reed, Buddy Garner and Mark Simpson to the Carthage Affordable Housing Task Force until September 2024 were presented for approval. Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to remove the appointment of Sean Smith to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board. Motion carried. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the Mayor's appointments as amended. Motion carried.

Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve Resolution 1911 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Training and Uniform Reimbursement for Police Officers between the City of Carthage and Wesley Eckols. Resolution 1911 was adopted by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Diggs, Otero, Thompson, Topete and West.

Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, to approve Resolution 1912 – A Resolution approving the recommendation of the McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital Trust for the distribution of funds (\$20,575) from the Restricted Trust Fund to Art Feeds. Resolution 1912 failed by a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 3 nays and 1 abstention. Ayes: Otero, Thompson, and West. Nays: Armstrong, Diggs and Barlow. Mr. Topete abstained.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, to approve Resolution 1913 – A Resolution approving the recommendation of the McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital Trust for the distribution of funds (\$20,000) from the Restricted Trust Fund to Fair Acres

Family YMCA. Resolution 1913 was adopted by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays.
Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Diggs, Otero, Thompson, Topete and West.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Traci Cox, City Clerk