

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
April 14, 2020

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom video conference with Mayor Dan Rife presiding via video conference. The agenda was amended due to time constraints regarding passage of Resolution 1900.

The following Council Members answered roll call via Zoom video conference: Ray West, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow, and Juan Topete. Council Member James Harrison was absent. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were present.

The following Department Heads were present via Zoom video conference: 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 April 7, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Abi Almandinger, Vision Carthage Executive Director, via written correspondence sent to council members, explained the application for a Community Empowerment Grant focused on revitalization of the Downtown Historic District.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 11.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date via Zoom video conference and approved the claims. The Carthage Convention and Visitors Bureau is currently without a director. The CVB is currently establishing new committees and a marketing plan to continue services until a new director is hired.

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

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for April 21.

Mr. Daugherty reported that the Public Works Committee met on April 7 via Zoom video conference. The Committee discussed bids for the River Street Bridge replacement and a MOU with Schreibers. These items are being presented under New Business as C.B. 20-19 and 20-20.

During the Mayor's Report, he discussed daily briefings and adjustments that continue to be made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Barlow expressed their appreciation to the City employees. Council members discussed the economic impact the pandemic is creating, noting projects should be cut before employees. Mr. Snow discussed tabling C.B. 20-17 until June due to the economic impact and other uncertainties of the pandemic. Mr. Newport requested reinstating Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Chief Roger Williams gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson discussed the closure of the golf course to prioritize safety.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: financial reports, sales tax revenues, daily staff briefings, meeting regarding economic development, a budget memo, meetings with IT to schedule electronic meetings, discussions with State Representative Cody Smith, classifications of employees regarding leave policy, and budget impacts created by the pandemic.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$786,742.96 against the following funds: General Revenue \$164,563.36, Public Health \$1,285.17, Public Safety \$2,625.12, Parks/Stormwater \$38,783.98, Fire Protection \$2,200.00, Golf \$9,657.57, Capital Improvements \$19,523.76, Parks & Recreation \$124.56, Public Facilities \$37,436.95, Library \$25,000.00 and Payroll \$485,542.49. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newport, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 20-15 – An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for fiscal year 2019-2020 for various funds was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-15.

C.B. 20-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Dick Horton Consulting, 507 Norris, Pittsburg, KS 66762 for Parks and Recreation Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 was placed on second reading. Mr. Snow moved to table C.B. 20-16 until June 23, 2020. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C.B. 20-17 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Guaranty Bank for Banking Services was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-16.

Under New Business, C.B. 20-19 – An Ordinance to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with Schreiber Foods, Inc., for the completion of certain improvements to Hazel Street and cost share of a roundabout at Fir Road and Dr.

Russell Smith Way in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-20 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with JD Wallace Contracting, LLC., to commence and complete the construction of the River Street Bridge Replacement, in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1899 – A Resolution of Intent to Participate in Natural Hazard Mitigation and to work toward becoming a safer community passed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1900 – A Resolution of the City Council of Carthage endorsing Vision Carthage's participation in the Main Street Four-Point Approach® to revitalize the Downtown District as a partnership between Missouri Main Street Connection, the City, and the Private Sector passed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West.

During closing remarks, Mr. Armstrong thanked everyone for making the meetings happen and also thanked Police Chief Dagnan and Fire Chief Williams for their hard work. Mr. Collier reminded everyone to stay safe.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Traci Cox, City Clerk