

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI  
JULY 1, 2020

The Carthage City Council met in Special session on the above date at 2:00 P.M. via video conference 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 via Zoom video conference: Ray West, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty, Alan Snow, Craig Diggs, Ed Barlow, Seth Thompson, James Harrison, Juan Topete, and David Armstrong. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present via Zoom video conference: Police Chief Greg Dagnan, Fire Chief Roger Williams, Public Works Director Zeb Carney and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no old business to conduct.

Under New Business, Consider and discuss closing all public parks to any activity greater than 10 persons. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barlow, to form a task force comprised of business leaders, medical professionals, ministerial alliance, City department heads, and council members to develop a plan to guide our way through the pandemic. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to table the current motion until after consideration of C.B. 20-34. Motion carried by a vote of 9-1 with Mr. Snow casting the Nay vote.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to close city owned public parks of Carthage, MO to all events greater than ten persons. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to amend the motion to exclude the youth baseball and softball programs, July 4 fireworks, and Jasper County Youth Fair. Motion carried by a vote of 7-3 with Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Topete and Ms. Otero casting the Nay votes. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty to call the question. Motion carried. Motion as amended to close the city owned public parks to all events greater than ten persons excluding Jasper County Youth fair, July 4 fireworks and youth baseball and softball failed by a vote of 4-6. Nay votes were cast by Harrison, West, Otero, Snow, Diggs, and Barlow.

C.B. 20-33 – An Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri, enacting provisions and regulations on gathering to limit the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic within the City of Carthage, Missouri, and surrounding areas was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to follow the emergency protocol and advance Council Bill 20-33 to the second reading. Motion passed 8-2 with Mr. Barlow and Mr. Harrison casting the nay votes.

C.B. 20-33 – An Ordinance of the City of Carthage, Missouri, enacting provisions and regulations on gathering to limit the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic within the City of Carthage, Missouri, and surrounding areas was placed on second reading. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to amend C.B. 20-33 to include an expiration of July 31 unless extended by the council. Motion carried. As amended, C.B. 20-33 failed by a vote of 5 yeas and 5 nays with Mayor Rife casting the deciding nay vote. Ayes: Armstrong, Daugherty, Snow, Topete, and Otero. Nay: Barlow, Diggs, Harrison, Thompson, and West.

C.B. 20-34 – An Ordinance to require persons to wear facemasks that cover the nostrils and mouth to help restrict the spread of the COVID-19 virus, to establish reasonable exemptions, to set practical enforcement conditions; and containing an emergency clause was placed on first reading. Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to amend the order to include an expiration of August 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to follow the emergency protocol and advance Council Bill 20-34 as amended to the second reading. Motion carried.

As amended, C.B. 20-34 – An Ordinance to require persons to wear facemasks that cover the nostrils and mouth to help restrict the spread of the COVID-19 virus, to establish reasonable exemptions, to set practical enforcement conditions; and containing an emergency clause was placed on second reading. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to call the question. Motion carried. As amended, C.B. 20-34 failed by a roll call vote of 5 yeas and 5 nays with Mayor Rife breaking the tie and casting a nay vote. Ayes: Armstrong, Daugherty, Otero, Thompson and Topete. Nays: Barlow, Diggs, Harrison, Snow and West.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion failed.

Mr. Snow's motion to form a task force was brought off of the table for additional discussion. Mr. Daugherty moved to call the question but failed due to lack of a second. Motion to form a task force passed unanimously.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

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Traci Cox, City Clerk