

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI  
March 24, 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 teleconference.

The following Council Members answered roll call via Zoom video conference: Alan Snow, Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow, Juan Topete, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero and Darren Collier. Council members James Harrison and Ray west were 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. Newport made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barlow, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date via Zoom video conference and approved the claims. The Committee discussed Resolution 1898 related to property, liability and auto insurance. Staff had been notified renewal rates could increase up to 20%. Passage of the Resolution would allow staff time to research other options or negotiate renewal rates with MPR.

Mr. Harrison joined the meeting via Zoom video conferencing.

Mayor Dan Rife thanked staff for their work during the emergency declaration.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Newport asked if the Public Safety meeting would be rescheduled with use of the Zoom video conferencing. The Public Safety meeting is scheduled for March 30. Mr. Harrison thanked the city staff and governing body for their work during the emergency event.

Fire Chief Roger Williams stated the City is currently working in a state of emergency due to COVID-19.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson reported signs are being used at the park to discourage activity.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: staff is directing council members and the public to the city's webpage for updates on the emergency situation with changes being made regularly.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$2,862,651.82 against the following funds: General Revenue \$103,857.02, Public Health \$130,431.85, Closed Landfill \$830,576.15, Public Safety \$609.92, Parks/Stormwater \$58,638.87, Fire Protection \$381.99, Golf \$1,988.25, Capital Improvements \$77,359.00, Payroll \$158,808.77, and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,500,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newport, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 20-07 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and CDL Electric of Pittsburg, Kansas for lighting improvements and upgrades at City Hall 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, and Topete. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-09.

C.B. 20-08 – An Ordinance adopting and amending APPENDIX H (Signs) of the International Building Code/2006 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, and Topete. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-10.

C.B. 20-09 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and G&G Construction Co. Inc., of Carthage, Missouri for the River Street Widening and Storm water Improvements project in an amount not to exceed \$241,016.14 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, and Topete. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-11.

C.B. 20-10 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage, Missouri and Sprouls Construction, Inc., of Lamar, Missouri for Storm water Improvement projects in an amount not to exceed \$207,240.00 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, and Topete. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-12.

C.B. 20-11 – An Ordinance vacating a portion of an alley running North (from approximately 286 feet to 460 feet) off Centennial Street between Grand Avenue and Clinton Street, between 1429 S Clinton and 1500 Grand Avenue in Carthage Miscellaneous Addition, in the City of Carthage, Missouri 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, and Topete. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-13.

Under New 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 first reading with no action taken.

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 first reading with no action taken.

Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newport, to approve Resolution 1898 – A Resolution authorizing withdrawal of the City of Carthage’s participation from Midwest Public Risk of Missouri’s property and liability programs for the 2020-2021 policy year passed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, and Topete.

During closing remarks, council members thanked staff for their hard work during the recent COVID-19 emergency. Mr. Topete recommended use of “Reply” instead of “Reply All” to council emails that have been circulating.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

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Traci Cox, City Clerk