

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI  
April 28, 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 following Council Members answered roll call via Zoom video conference: Mike Daugherty, Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow, Juan Topete and James Harrison. Council Members David Armstrong, Ceri Otero 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. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

No emails were received from citizens wishing to address the council.

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

Mr. Newport reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date via Zoom video conference and approved the claims. The committee discussed potential return to operations after the Stay at Home Order is lifted.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee meeting is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 18.

Council Member Ms. Otero joined the meeting at 6:39 p.m. via video conference.

Mr. Daugherty reported that the Public Works Committee is in between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 5.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee met on April 21. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to approve the use of Fair Acres parking lot for a carnival to be held October 14-17. Motion carried. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to approve the use of Central Park for Music Under the Maples to be held October 10. Motion carried. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to approve the use of Central Park for Sunday in the Park to be held on October 11. Motion carried. Two bids were received for replacing the stage curtain at Memorial Hall. Associated Theatrical Contractors bid \$8,070.73 for a 25 oz curtain and A to Z Theatrical bid \$10,548.00 for the same weight curtain. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to accept the low bid of \$8,070.73 from Associated Theatrical Contractors. Motion carried. Contracts with Pam Graff for the roller skating

rink and YMCA for operation of the Municipal Pool were reviewed and discussed. They are being presented in C.B. 20-21 and 20-22. Only one bid was received for replacing the fencing at Fair Acres. Anchor Fence out of Springfield submitted a bid for \$33,870.00 for replacing the fence. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to accept the bid from Anchor Fence in the amount of \$33,870.00 for replacing the fence at Fair Acres.

Council Member Mr. Armstrong joined the meeting at 6:46 p.m. via video conference.

Mayor Rife reported on daily briefings and the possibility of a special council meeting on May 1 at noon.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reported on storms in the area with high winds causing sirens to be sounded.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: daily briefings discussing reopening following lifting of Stay at Home Order, budget impacts, and a meeting to discuss Region M grants.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$600,427.09 against the following funds: General Revenue \$47,894.19, Public Health \$2,750.00, Lodging \$8,500.00, Public Safety \$625.55, Parks/Stormwater \$177,744.93, Fire Protection (\$100.00), Golf \$2,596.53, Capital Improvements \$48,472.76, and Payroll \$311,943.13. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, C.B. 20-06 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Riverside Fireworks LLC for fireworks display for the July 4, 2020, July 4, 2021 and July 4, 2022 celebration in the amount not to exceed \$44,850.00 was placed on second reading. Mayor Rife discussed the increased expenditure when there is uncertainty of the financial impact of the pandemic. Mr. Topete reported that the fireworks will have to be paid for whether the celebration is held or not, but the fireworks would carry forward to the next July 4 celebration for a larger event. Council Bill was adopted by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 2 nays. Ayes: Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow and Topete. Nays: Armstrong and Newport. The council bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 20-17.

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 second reading. City Attorney Dally had reached out to Schreiber Foods to discuss the MOU but had not received a response. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to table C.B. 20-19 until May 12. Motion carried 5-3-1 with Barlow, Daugherty and Harrison casting the nay vote and Topete abstaining.

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 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 20-18.

Under New Business, C.B. 20-21 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Jason and Pam Graff for continued use of the pavilion in Municipal Park as a skating rink for a one year lease term was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-22 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Fair Acres Family YMCA, Inc., for Aquatic Facility Management at Municipal Park was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Ron Peterson, Sr. to the Hospital Board until May 2024, the re-appointment of Andy Cloud to the Jasper County Extension Center until May 2022, and the re-appointment of Robert Balek to the Carthage Tree Board until May 2023. Motion carried.

During closing remarks, council members thanked the staff for their hard work and expressed their appreciation for the daily updates. Mr. Snow discussed the need to continue projects by prioritizing, noting that future large projects could be paused if necessary.

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

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Traci Cox, City Clerk