

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
June 9, 2020

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 via video conference with Mayor Dan Rife presiding.

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

The following Department Heads were present via 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. Harrison, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dan Rife had plaques to present to outgoing Council Members Darren Collier and Kirby Newport.

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

Mr. Snow reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met on June 8. Agency contracts were reviewed. Most contracts were sent to council in draft form and will not be finalized until the second reading. A Resolution to amend the budget was also approved and is being presented as Resolution 1907.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims met on this date via video conference and approved the claims.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting schedule for June 15.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for June 16.

Ms. Otero reported the Public Works Committee met on June 2. The committee considered and discussed a Council Bill to amend Chapter 6 to adjust building valuations for the permitting process.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation, Mr. Topete for the Tree Board and Kellogg Lake Board, Mr. Armstrong for the Powers Museum, and Ms. Otero for the Carthage Humane Society and Harry S Truman Coordinating Council.

Mayor Dan Rife reported work on the budget continues.

During Reports of Council Members, Council Members thanked Mr. Collier for his service, wisdom and advice and Mr. Newport for his service and knowledge of parliamentary procedures.

Department Heads also thanked Mr. Collier and Mr. Newport for their service.

Fire Chief Roger Williams gave an update on COVID-19 cases in the city and county.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney reported the Recycling Center is open full time.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson reported he continues to monitor the pandemic and communicate with staff and organizations.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: an upcoming meeting with Powers Museum representatives, sales tax revenues, financial statements, a TAC meeting, meetings scheduled with McGrath regarding the salary study, a recent meeting with representatives from CVB, a conference call regarding railroad litigation, and an update on the budget calendar.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$1,400,694.01 against the following funds: General Revenue \$78,499.66, Public Health \$8,284.16, Lodging \$8,500.00, Public Safety \$6,138.00, Golf Course \$10,797.21, Capital Improvements \$67,314.07, Library \$25,000.00, Payroll \$271,272.02, and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,000,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Public Hearing to be held on the 9th day of June, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at City Hall in Carthage, Missouri, concerning annexation of property generally known as: All of the North One Half (N ½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE (1/4) of Section 20, Township 28, Range 31, Jasper County, Missouri. No citizens were present for the public hearing. Mr. Short reported the information for the annexation was presented to the Planning and Zoning, and it is being supported by both the Planning and Zoning and City of Carthage. Dan Mitchell, Jake Vaughn, and Abi Almandinger spoke in favor of the annexation.

Under Old Business, Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the June 2, 2020 municipal election results as follows:

Ward 1:	Juan Topete – 97 votes
Ward 2:	Raymond West – 55 votes
Ward 3:	Mary Schwab – 95 votes
	Mike Daugherty – 98 votes
	Dustin Edge – 19 votes
Ward 4:	Craig Diggs – 288 votes
	Daniel J. Beck – 246 votes

Ward 5:

Ron Bass – 65 votes

Seth Thompson – 181 votes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to adjourn the Old Council. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

There was a short recess.

City Clerk Traci Cox administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Juan Topete, Raymond West, Mike Daugherty, Craig Diggs, and Seth Thompson.

Mayor Rife called the meeting to order. The following Council Members answered roll call: James Harrison, Juan Topete, David Armstrong, Ray West, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty, Alan Snow, Craig Diggs, Ed Barlow, and Seth Thompson.

Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the Mayor's Committee and Board Appointments. Motion carried to approve the Mayor's Committee and Board Appointments. (See attached)*

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to elect Mr. Snow as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to appoint Mr. Topete as Mayor Pro Tem. On vote, Mr. Snow was elected Mayor Pro Tem by a vote of 8-2. The vote for Juan Topete as Mayor Pro Tem failed on a vote of 2-8.

Under New Business, C.B. 20-26 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage, Missouri and the Carthage Chamber of Commerce for services in the amount of \$113,000.00 was placed on first reading with no action taken. Mayor Rife stated he would be appointing a subcommittee to review the contract prior to the second reading. Mr. Armstrong expressed his concerns that the most recent proposal submitted by the Chamber of Commerce did not include the top three objectives for economic development. Mr. Snow stated measurable goals needed to be established.

C.B. 20-27 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage and the Carthage Convention and Visitors Bureau for services in the amount not to exceed \$102,000.00 was placed on first reading with no action taken. Ms. Otero and Mr. Barlow spoke in favor of recent changes made by the CVB stating they were moving in the right direction.

C.B. 20-28 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City of Carthage and the Carthage Over 60 Center for services in the amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 20-29 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Carthage and the Carthage Humane Society for animal control services for the

City of Carthage was placed on first reading with no action taken. Mr. Snow reported the Humane Society had increased their request from \$33,000 to \$36,000 due to an increase in minimum wage, but the Humane Society was willing to leave the contract at \$33,000. Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Topete, and Mr. Diggs spoke in favor of leaving the contract at \$33,000, while Ms. Otero and Mr. Daugherty felt the contract should be awarded with the increase.

C.B. 20-30 – An Ordinance annexing certain adjacent territory into the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri as requested by Jake Vaughn was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve Resolution 1907 - A Resolution providing authorization of appropriation of funds from the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage, Missouri. Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, Topete, and West.

During closing remarks, Mr. West stated he was proud of our police force and all they do, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Daugherty agreed that commentary made during council meetings is not personal, council members welcomed the newly elected members, and Mr. Diggs and Mr. Thompson appreciated the warm welcome.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Traci Cox, City Clerk