
City of Carthage



Public Safety Committee – Minutes

Meeting Date: August 17, 2020

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

Call to Order: Chairman Harrison

Time Called to Order: 5:30pm

Attendance:

Chairman Harrison, Councilman Barlow, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Snow, Chief Williams, Chief Dagnan, Morgan Housh, Tom Short, Craig Diggs, Abi Almandinger

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Snow made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chief Dagnan discussed with the committee the Speed View Analysis report on 13th & Clinton. This study was given to the committee last meeting for review. Chief Dagnan spoke with Zeb Carney and Tim Hill; agree that this is not a good intersection for a 4-way stop to be placed but feel that they could put up some more speed limit signs. Councilman Snow asked about putting up “Children at play” signs. The City of Carthage does not use these signs due to certain case laws. Chairman Harrison also suggested a rumble strip to get vehicles to slow down but after discussion decided that those would not be a good idea. Committee agreed that additional speed limit signs to slow the flow of traffic would be sufficient. No motion was needed.
2. Chief Dagnan discussed with the committee a concern that had been brought to the PD on the alley between 10th and Miller. The citizen is concerned with the alley being too narrow and making it difficult for traffic going both ways. She would like to make this a one-way alley. Chief Dagnan has not met with Public Works on this concern however; he agrees that this alley needs to be a one-way. Dagnan will bring this back to the committee. No motion was needed.
3. Chief Dagnan discussed with the committee how the Carthage Police Department has been working with the Jasper County Jail for a couple years on housing the City’s inmates. They are booked and finger printed at the Carthage Police Department and then transported to the County Jail. The prisoners at that point are totally in the care of the Jasper County staff until they are released and bonded. Chief Dagnan explained the cost formula. This year’s cost would be \$60,679.00, which is up from last year due to the cost of running the jail and citizens who are not paying their fines; average number of days held for the CPD. Chief Dagnan, is requesting permission for the MOU with the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office. Councilman Snow made a motion to forward the Jail MOU to full council. Motion passed.

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4. Staff reports

a. Fire Department

- CFD has a new engine still on order however, with COVID it has slowed down the production process. Chief Williams informed the committee that the engine has moved to the production line. The CFD is reviewing and making sure that all the equipment that is needed for the truck is in line.
- Chief Williams gave the committee a brief COVID update and also how the CFD is operating during these times.

b. Police Department

- Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee on the MSSU Police Academy. A full academy will be held this year. The CPD pays for some of their employees to go thru the academy in exchange of a 3 year contract with the CPD.
- Chief Dagnan spoke briefly on a few CPD events that have taken place in the last month.
- Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee on his staff and positions.
 1. The administrative position to be changed to a commissioned officer.
 2. The City Taxi has been opened back up on a limited basis and masks are required.
 3. A new ACO (Animal Control Officer) has been hired.
 4. The SRO (School Resource Officer) has not been filled at this time.
- Chief Dagnan briefly discussed the wage study and changes that may be made.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilman Snow made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2020

Next Meeting Location: TBD

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