

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI  
February 8, 2022

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date via Zoom video conference at 6:30 P.M. with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Ryan Huntley gave the invocation and Police Chief Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Juan Topete, Robin Harrison, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Craig Diggs, Alan Snow, Seth Thompson, and Ed Barlow. City Administrator Tom Short, Assistant City Administrator Greg Dagnan and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks and Recreation Director Mark Peterson and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to amend the agenda to add Resolution 1953. Motion carried.

No citizens were present during Citizen's Participation Period.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee met on February 7. Modules for Civic Plus were discussed and approved. This appears in Resolution 1953. A Council Bill authorizing the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance for the Taxi program was approved and appears as C.B. 22-05. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to approve the budget goals for FY 2023 Budget. Motion carried. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to commit to supporting the Battle of Carthage, Inc. for Civil War Re-enactment by appropriating \$25,000 to be funded as additional information is obtained. Motion carried. Sales and use tax revenues were reviewed.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve an Agreement for tuition and uniform reimbursement for Kendra Tackett. Motion carried.

Mr. Barlow reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for February 28.

Mr. Topete reported that the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for February 15.

Mr. Armstrong reported the Public Works Committee met on February 1. The committee had ongoing discussions regarding McGregor St. bridge, Baker Blvd., Garrison Street bridges, parking lot improvements, and the Comprehensive Plan. The committee also

approved to proceed with the purchase of a dump truck for \$155,930. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to purchase a traffic counter for \$5,034 with funds used from another project. Motion carried.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Armstrong for the Civil War Museum.

Mayor Rife reported on a conference call to begin the process of exploring funding options for repairing the Garrison Street bridges through state or federal funding.

Police Chief Bill Hawkins reported on the compilation of the parking Committee for downtown parking.

Fire Chief Ryan Huntley reported on interviews being conducted to fill vacant positions.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney reported on the recent snow event.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson is looking forward to working with the Battle of Carthage Committee.

Assistant City Administrator Greg Dagnan reported on employees working from home during the recent snow event and the passing of Chief Ellefsen.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: a lodging tax committee meeting, the Fair Acres lease and release of lien, a conference call with Paul Mouton regarding infrastructure funds, sales and use tax revenues, financial reports and the budget process.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$563,806.35 against the following funds: General Revenue \$44,724.84, Public Health \$138,643.00, Parks/Stormwater \$5,803.50, Fire Protection \$664.05, Golf \$436.76, Myers Park \$1,414.50, Library \$25,000.00, and Payroll \$347,119.70. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 22-02 – An Ordinance annexing certain adjacent territory consisting of approximately 4.97 acres at the corner of West Fir Road and South Chapel Road into the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri as requested by Peggy Kessinger, owner was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-04

C.B. 22-03 – An Ordinance rezoning certain property consisting of approximately 4.97 acres at the corner of West Fir Road and South Chapel Road in the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri from District "A", First Dwelling, to District "C", Apartment as requested by Peggy Kessinger, owner was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison,

Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-05.

Under new business, C.B. 22-05 – An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Carthage and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Carthage and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve Resolution 1953 – A Resolution of the Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri, stating its intent to fund through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) Civic Plus Software and authorizing the Mayor to sign Statements of Work for CivicReady, CivicRec, CivicClerk/CivicMedia and CivicSend modules (not to exceed \$18,292.80). Resolution 1953 was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow to close the meeting according to Section 610.021 (2) the Agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor followed by a roll call vote on the board of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson and Topete. Motion carried at 7:21 p.m.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 7:32 p.m. followed by a roll call vote of 9 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Harrison, Otero, Snow, Thompson and Topete. Motion carried.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

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Traci Cox, City Clerk